



**Waterloo Catholic
District School Board**
Quality, Inclusive, Faith Based Education

Welcome to
Kindergarten

St. Agnes



St. Agnes
Catholic Elementary School

Welcome to Kindergarten at -school name-!

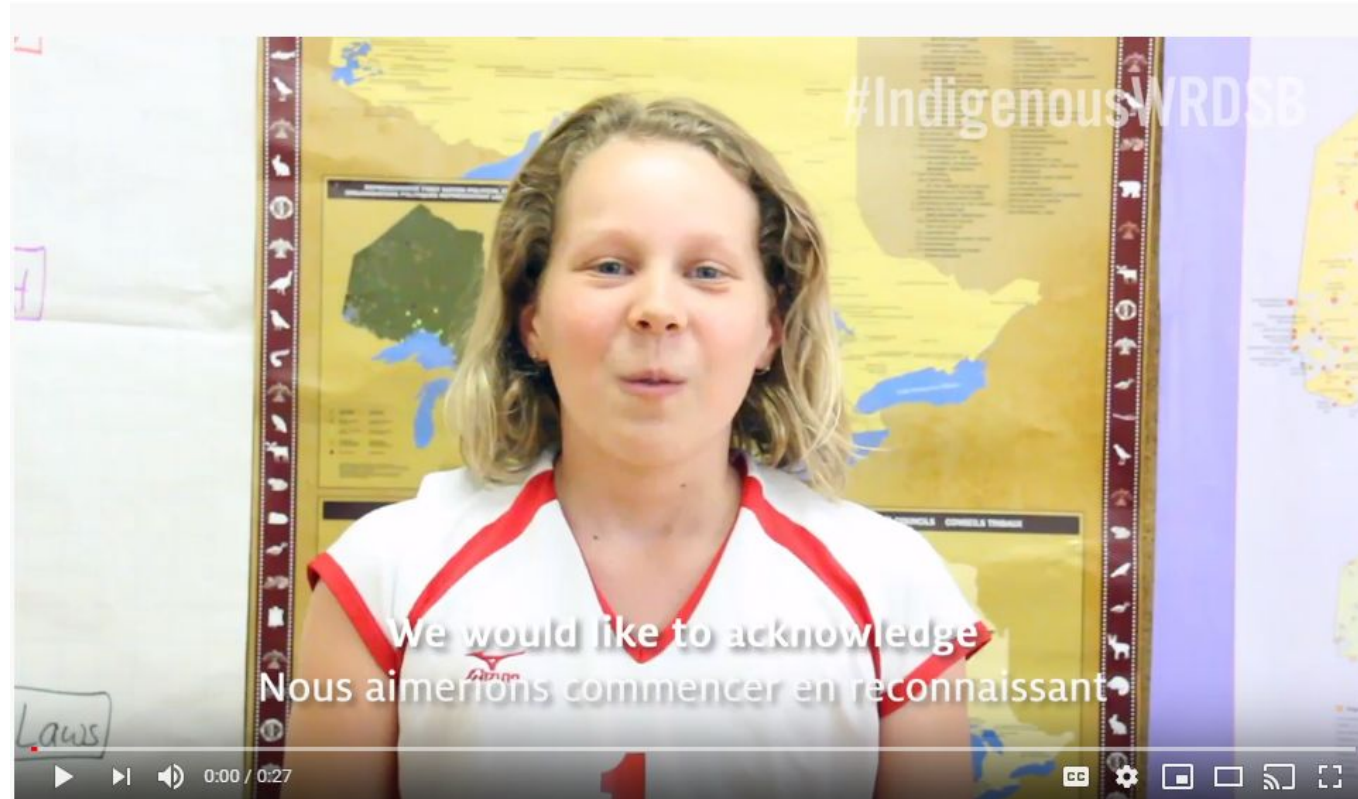
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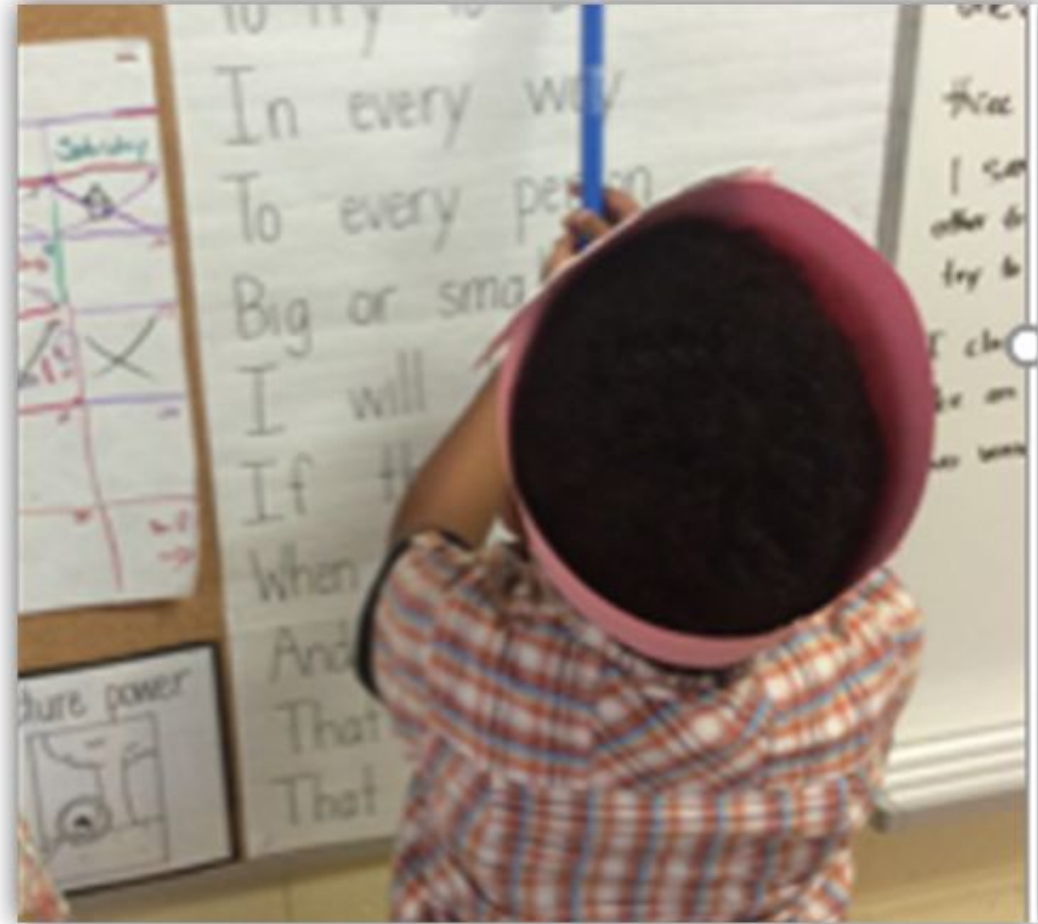
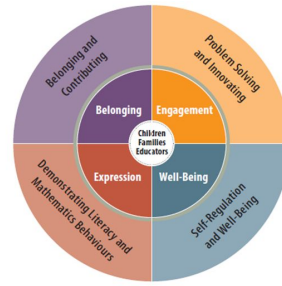
God of all beginnings and endings,
Today we give thanks for the promise and possibilities that await
us this school year.
Be with us as we journey together as a community of faith.
It is through the love of our families, our friends, and our school
and parish communities, that You reveal Your love for us.
Give us the wisdom to discern the plans You have for us and the
courage to see them through.
Remind us of the strength we can provide to one another in
challenging times along the way.
Inspire us to be sources of light to all those we encounter and fill
us with the joy that comes from knowing that with You, all
things are possible.
We make this prayer through Jesus, our Lord and teacher.
Amen.



WRDSB Land Acknowledgement



Playing, Learning and Growing in Kindergarten!



Meet our St. Agnes Kindergarten Team

Classroom Teachers



Ms. Kirby



Ms. Howitt



Ms. Diemart



Mrs. Pawelko

Meet our St. Agnes Kindergarten Team

Registered Early Childhood Educators



Mrs. Voelzing



Mrs. MacIntosh



Mrs. Waterowski



Mrs. Bhanji



Mrs. Watchorn

Staggered Entry

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 5 Labour Day	Sept 6 Scheduled school visits for Year 1 (JK) students and parent	Sept 7 <u>All Year 2 (SK) students attend all day</u>	Sept 8 <u>All Year 2 (SK) students attend all day</u> <u>Group A:</u> Year 1 (JK) students attend all day	Sept 9 <u>All Year 2 (SK) students attend all day</u> <u>Group B:</u> Year 1 (JK) students attend all day
Sept 12 All Kindergarten Students attend all day	Sept 13 All Kindergarten Students attend all day	Sept 14 All Kindergarten Students attend all day	Sept 15 All Kindergarten Students attend all day	Sept 16 All Kindergarten Students attend all day

What Will My Child Need When School Starts?

- Big School Backpack
- Lunch Box with snacks and lunch (reusable containers)
- Reusable container for beverages
- Comfortable clothing for indoor and outdoor play & learning
- Indoor shoes for gym
- Change of clothes-Just in case!

Label
Everything



Consider taking some time at home to learn how to use these materials. Your child will feel **so proud** when they can open and close their own containers and pack their own bag!

Medical Conditions

Ensuring the health and safety of children with medical conditions is essential to promoting well-being!

If your child has **any** health concerns or critical medical information including, asthma; anaphylaxis; diabetes; or epilepsy; please inform the school Principal & our Kindergarten Team as early as possible. For more information, click [HERE](#).

In order to keep our children safe, no nut products are permitted at school. If there are any other food allergies in your child's classroom the educators will let you know. Please refer to: [Sabrina's Law](#) for more information on anaphylaxis.



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When we start back at school,
we will have lots of routines to
keep your child safe!

Safe Arrival

- Children gather safely in designated area.
- Parents must stay with your child until supervision begins
- Children enter classroom when the bell rings.
- Extended Day students must be signed in by parent/ guardian upon drop off to the program
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Safe Dismissal

- Bus Students – Children are picked up from their classroom by an adult staff member and together they walk to the buses.
- Walking Students – Parents/Guardians/Siblings will wait outside of the gated area or classroom for the educator to dismiss the walkers.
- Extended Day Students – an educator will escort children to the extended day classroom.



Kindergarten Riders and Walkers

Want to know if you live in a walk or bus zone?



visit www.stswr.ca



Walkers

- Parents are responsible for supervising young children
- Walking information is available at stswr.ca
- Ask STSWR about School Travel Planning for walking groups and other supports like the Walking School Bus
- If you opt out of busing to try walking, you can opt back in any time as long as you live in the bus zone



Riders

- No registration: bused students will be assigned automatically
- Transportation information for kindergarten students will be mailed out the last week of August
- First Rider Program held if social distancing requirements and group gathering limitations allow
- If families choose not to ride the bus, please contact the school to fill out a "Do Not Ride" form to prevent your child from being put on the bus at the end of the day

Look for our Kindergarten Orientation flyer for more information.



Extended Day Programs at WCDSB!

- Operate from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Full time or part time schedules are available that follow a weekly recurring set of days
- Operate most PA Days, March Break and Christmas Break
- Fees are prorated based on school bell times
- Region of Waterloo Child Care Subsidy: Click [HERE](#)
- Registration, program information and fees: Click [HERE](#)
- For more information email: extended.day@wcdsb.ca





Monitoring My Child's Development

The Looksee Checklist is a simple, easy-to-use developmental tool designed to help monitor a child's development from 1 month to 6 years of age, featuring a short list of "yes" or "no" questions about your child's abilities. **If you have any concerns, please contact your family physician.**



To access this website, click [HERE](#).

FamilyCompassWR.ca is your first step to finding community-based services and supports for parents, youth and children in Waterloo Region.

Click on the picture and open the link to learn more about Family Compass Waterloo Region or click [HERE](#) to visit their website.



**Family Compass
Waterloo Region**

Guiding you to services for children and youth



SEARCH FOR SERVICES

Search for local health, social and recreational services for children and youth in Waterloo Region.



I HAVE A CONCERN

A tool to help you find a local organization that can help address developmental concerns in a child or youth.



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Link to Parenting Now – a website that offers resources for parents to learn, find support and connect with other parents.

Toilet Training

- If your child is not toilet trained when they start school in the fall, you can let us know on our [School Entry Questionnaire](#).
- If you are looking for information to support you and your child with toilet training, please visit [My Toilet Training Guide](http://www.durham.ca) (www.durham.ca)
- When to seek medical assistance:
 - If your child has not learned or refuses to toilet train after several months
 - or if your child is older than 4 years of age





Visit EyeSeeEyeLearn.ca
For more information



Funded in part by the Government of Ontario.

Getting an Eye
Exam is
Important
Before You
Start School!

Click on the picture and
open the link to learn more
about Eye See...Eye Learn!

You can also visit the
website directly by clicking
[HERE](#).

Cuddle Up and Read!



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