

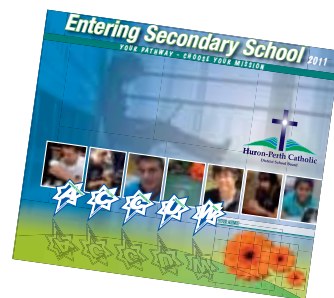
Secondary School:

Graduating from elementary school to secondary school is an exciting time. It is a time to broaden learning interests, meet new friends and gain independence.

The lead up to secondary school can be an anxious time for students. By providing answers to frequently-asked-questions and descriptions of commonly-used terms, our *Transitions Guide* helps make the process a smooth one.

The guide offers details on course selection, registration and information on the various pathways available to students as they make their way through secondary school and plan for the future. It gives students an idea of what will be expected of them at secondary level and offers helpful hints on attendance, homework assignments and time management in order to help students thrive in their new environment.

The Transitions Guide is available from your local school or can be ordered using the form provided in this brochure. It is also available on our board website, click on "Parents" and follow the link "Entering Secondary School".



"When weighing our options where to register our child, we were struck by the real sense of thankfulness we saw in the Catholic schools. Most of all, there is a sense that they are loved."
Leslie Hart - Mother of Two



"I apply the basic principles of love, compassion and charity to my reporting, putting myself in other people's shoes is a big part of the job, and being able to do that makes a huge difference; it's one of the things I've been taught since St. Boniface."
Alumni Gerard Creces - Sports Editor

Choosing a school is one of the most important decisions you will make in your child's early life. It is the place your child will spend most of his or her day, learning important skills, interacting with other children, and growing in so many ways.

In addition to the practical skills your child will learn at school, Catholic education provides students with the opportunity to learn and grow in spirit and faith. People often tell us that they witness something unique when they visit one of our schools – a close-knit community that is rooted in our Catholic faith.

That faith is lived out both in our schools and in the wider community. We believe it is important for Catholic values and beliefs to be practiced, whether at home, school or church. In other words, we want our students to develop a strong set of values they can carry out in their everyday lives.

There are a number of ways in which Catholic education is unique:

1. **It infuses faith into the curriculum and encourages students to celebrate their faith**
2. **It fosters a strong home-school-parish connection**
3. **It supports sacramental preparation**
4. **It helps students respond to adversity**
5. **It teaches Catholic morals, values and beliefs that students can practice everyday**



*Our Mission
is to serve our students,
working with the home,
parish and school community to:*

- *Nurture a Christ-Centred environment;*
- *Provide student-focused learning opportunities;*
- *Support the growth of the whole person.*

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Choosing the right school for your child



From The Director

Thank you for considering the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board as an education choice for your child. Our schools proudly maintain an ongoing reputation for academic excellence and integrate the teachings of Jesus Christ into all aspects of school life.

For our students, the Catholic school community serves as a foundation for understanding our faith tradition. Like a family, we support and care for all of our learners. Students are encouraged to achieve their full academic potential within a safe and caring environment that recognizes and responds to their unique talents and needs. Our Catholic schools nurture the development of the whole person: mind, body and spirit.

At the core of our school system is a unique framework for learners called the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations, which shape the entire Catholic school K-12 curriculum. It is our goal that through the achievement of these Expectations, your child will become a well rounded individual with solid life values that last a lifetime.

To assist you in preparation for your child's entry into either elementary or secondary school, we have prepared an information booklet. Please request your copy using the tear off slip on this brochure. If we can assist you in any way, please fill out and tear off the form on this brochure, or contact us through our website. Thank you.

Martha Dutrizac
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Director of Education



Kindergarten:

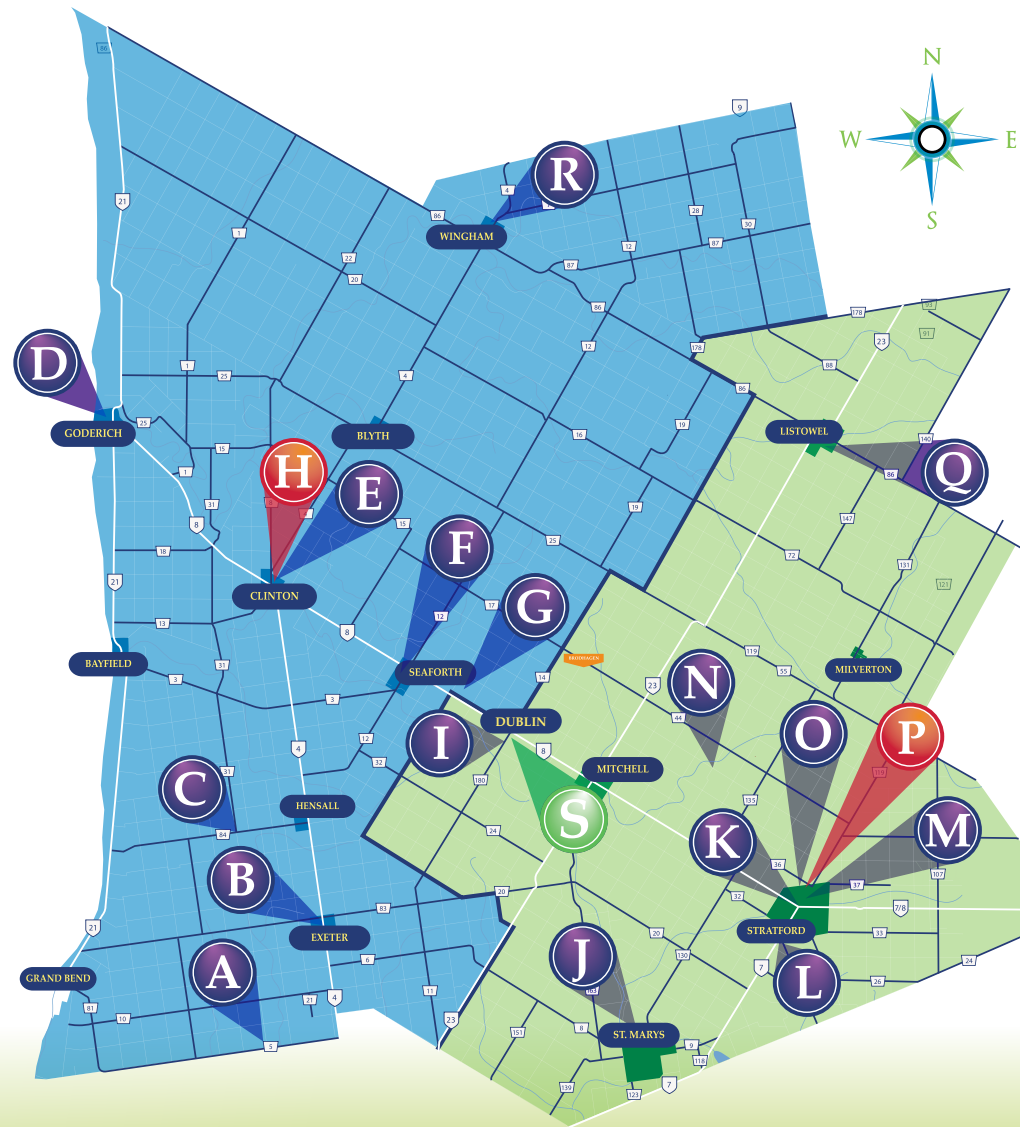
We recognize that starting kindergarten can be both an exciting and overwhelming time for children and parents alike. For many parents, the transition from the home environment to the school setting is made easier with the knowledge that their child is loved and cared for from the moment they enter our school until the time they return home. We take a holistic approach to education and believe that in order for students to flourish academically, their emotional, spiritual, and social needs must be nurtured as well.

In order to make the transition from home to school as trouble-free as possible, we have developed the *Getting Ready for Kindergarten* package which is available from your local school and can be ordered using the form provided in this brochure. It is also available on our board website, click on "Parents" and follow the link "Getting Ready for Kindergarten".



Elementary:

Grades 1 to 8 are formative years, in which your child will learn and grow in so many ways. Within a Christ-centred environment, your child will receive instruction in Language, Math, Religious Education, The Arts, French as a Second Language, Health & Physical Education, Science and Technology and Social Studies from teachers and educators who believe in the value of Catholic education.



Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools

- A. Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Dashwood
- B. Precious Blood School, Exeter
- C. St. Boniface School, Zurich
- D. St. Mary's School, Goderich *
- E. St. Joseph's School, Clinton
- F. St. James School, Seaforth
- G. St. Columban School, Dublin
- H. St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School, Clinton *
- I. St. Patrick's School, Dublin
- J. Holy Name of Mary School, St. Mary's
- K. St. Joseph's School, Stratford
- L. St. Ambrose School, Stratford
- M. Jeanne Sauve School, Stratford *
- N. St. Patrick's School, Kinkora
- O. St. Aloysius School, Stratford
- P. St. Michael Catholic Secondary School, Stratford *
- Q. St. Mary's School, Listowel
- R. Sacred Heart School, Wingham
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* French immersion schools

I would like more information

name: _____

address: _____

city: _____

postal code: _____

telephone: _____

email: _____

I would like to subscribe to the eNewsletter - email address as above

Please send me a *Getting Ready for Kindergarten* package

Please send me a *Transition Guide*

my child's name: _____

my child's age: _____

We look forward to serving your family.



"Incorporating faith into education gives the Catholic system an extra dimension for me. It taught me a lot about the people around me, and from my perspective, gave us all just a little more respect for each other."
Alumni Barry Noakes - Mold-Maker/CNC Programmer



"St. Anne's felt like a family because we were all very supportive of each other. Catholic teachings instilled in us a shared set of values and emphasized the importance of respecting others."
Alumni Ally Anderson - Promotions Director



"My teammates really worked on including me because they knew I could hit the outside shots. It was a great experience. I liked being able to play with my friends and participate, and look forward to playing again this year!"
Eric Voss - Wheelchair Athlete



"At Holy Name of Mary School, growing up in the Catholic system was definitely a benefit. When someone outlines the values to you as an impressionable kid, they become something you keep for life."
Alumni Tony Pook Co-Owner & Commercial Diver

