



St. Christopher Catholic School / St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Boundary Change Meeting

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When will the new boundary change take effect?

A. Once approved by the Board of Trustees in the spring of 2019, the Boundary change will be in effect for September 2020, and will be phased in. Students in the affected area entering Kindergarten through Grade 4 that school year will move to St. Thomas Aquinas CS.

Q. When will the decision be made?

A. Once the public open houses have taken place, the Board of Trustees will receive a final boundary report containing all of the community feedback and any additional recommendations for the boundary change. The Board of Trustees can adopt the new boundaries as recommended, amend a portion of the boundary change or reach another decision altogether. Staff anticipates that the final report will be brought to the April 2019 Board meeting.

Q. Will both the English and French Immersion programs be moved with the boundary change?

A. Yes, both programs will be moved from St. Christopher CS to St. Thomas Aquinas CS within the identified boundary change area.

Q. What are the start and dismissal times for each school?

A. The start and dismissal times for each school are as follows:

- St. Christopher CS - Start time: 9:05 a.m. Dismissal 3:35 p.m.
- St. Thomas Aquinas CS - Start time: 9:05 a.m. Dismissal: 3:35 p.m.

Q. Will there be busing from the area of the boundary change to St. Thomas Aquinas CS?

A. Yes, All students that live in the identified boundary change area will receive student transportation to St. Thomas Aquinas CS for both the English and French Immersion Programs in accordance with the Student Transportation Policy PO429.

Q. What grades and programs will be moved in September 2020?

A. All students currently residing in the identified area of the boundary change, and who are entering Kindergarten to Grade 4 in the Regular Track program, or Grades 1 to 4 in the French Immersion program for September 2020, will move from St. Christopher CS to St. Thomas Aquinas CS.

Those students who are entering Grades 5 to 8 in either program will remain at St. Christopher CS until they complete Grade 8. If a parent wants to move

students in Grades 5-8 to St. Thomas Aquinas CS with a younger sibling impacted by the boundary change, they may do so.

Q. Will busing be provided to students in Grade 5 to 8 to St. Christopher CS in September 2020?

- A. Yes, those students currently in Grades 5 to 8 as of September 2020 will continue to receive busing to St. Christopher CS from the identified boundary change area in accordance with the Student Transportation Policy PO429.

Q. What will the impact be to students who reside within the current boundary for either school, but NOT in the identified boundary change area?

- A. There will be NO change to those students who live within the current boundary of either school that do NOT reside within the identified boundary change area.

Q. What school will students who reside in the identified boundary change area be attending after Grade 6?

- A. As the identified boundary change area will be a part of the boundary for St. Thomas Aquinas CS in September 2020, students moving to Grade 7 in the Regular Track English program will be directed to attend Monsignor John Pereyma Catholic Secondary School for the Grade 7/8 program at that school.

Students in the French Immersion program will remain at St. Thomas Aquinas CS until they complete Grade 8. After Grade 8, the French Immersion students may attend Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School for the French Immersion program or Monsignor John Pereyma Catholic Secondary School for the Regular Track program.