



Dear Parents/Guardians,

In Elk Island Catholic Schools, we believe that parents are the first teachers of their children.

In our Pre-Kindergarten program, your child will experience faith based, developmentally appropriate learning experiences, activities, and opportunities focusing on play, inquiry, creativity, problem solving, social interaction, and early literacy and numeracy development.

Children are eligible to attend Pre-Kindergarten programming the year prior to Kindergarten with the exception of children eligible for PUF funding who can attend up to two years prior to Kindergarten.

Our team includes Certified Teachers, Educational Assistants, Speech Language Pathologists and Speech Language Assistants as well as Physical Therapists, Behaviour Specialists, Psychologists and the Early Learning Consultant.

Children attend the program 4 days per week: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For children who are not funded through Alberta Education there is a monthly fee of \$200.00. For more information regarding Alberta Education and PUF funding please visit <https://education.alberta.ca/media/159758/ecs-sn-programming.pdf>

First month payment is required to reserve a spot.

Programs are currently available at:

St. John XXIII (Fort Saskatchewan)

Madonna (Sherwood Park)

St. Patrick (Camrose)

Holy Redeemer (Ardrossan)

École Père Kearns French Immersion (Sherwood Park)

Your child will participate in a developmental screen with the Speech Language Pathologist and Occupational Therapist by participating in a variety of play activities to help us get to know your child and to determine if he/she qualifies for an Alberta Education funded placement or a non-funded placement (parent pays a monthly fee).

We ask that you bring any assessments that may have already been completed with your child to the screening appointment. Parents of PUF eligible children can contact Marg Schimpf

directly (margs@eics.ab.ca).

Once you have applied to have your child in the Pre-Kindergarten program, we will contact you to set up a date and time to participate in one of our screenings in May. Your child is accepted into the program at the time of your application.

Thank you for your interest in our Pre-Kindergarten program.

With kindest regards,

Marg Schimpf
Early Learning Consultant
Elk Island Catholic Schools
margs@eics.ab.ca