

*Early Learning Excellence
In a Catholic Environment*



Christ the Teacher
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Believe...Belong...Become

*Pre-Kindergarten Programming
In Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools*

Pre-Kindergarten programs are offered at the following schools:

Melville

St. Henry's Jr. School 728-4758

Yorkton

St. Alphonsus School 783-4121
St. Mary's School 783-2889

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*Nurturing Each Child in
Body, Mind, and Spirit*

Joining Us For Your Child's Learning Journey

Pre-Kindergarten is just the beginning of a wonderful and exciting learning experience. We sincerely look forward to you and your child joining our Catholic community for that journey.

We believe in our schools, in the gift of Catholic education, and in our promise of exceptional learning. By choosing a faith-filled education, we know you will share those beliefs with us.

Introducing You to Pre-Kindergarten

Time goes by quickly. Your child has grown and developed so much already, and now it is time for you to consider whether he or she will attend Pre-Kindergarten.

You have an important decision to make, and we are here to help. Pre-Kindergarten is a significant milestone and the beginning of a lifelong, faith-filled learning journey. Your child has a promising future ahead and we hope you will give us the opportunity to nurture his or her social, physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth.

At Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools, we believe that there is something unique and truly special about an education that is rooted in faith. Part of our distinctiveness is our commitment to fostering a strong relationship between your home, our school, and your parish.

There is also a wonderful sense of community in our Catholic schools – one that is bound together by faith, nurtured by a tremendously caring environment, and is dedicated to exceptional learning.



Parental Involvement

Our schools value parents as partners. We know that parents are the first and best teachers of their children. We look forward to fostering a positive relationship with you so that together we can achieve excellence in education for your child. Family involvement is an extremely important and valued part of our Pre-Kindergarten program. Parents are invited to participate in a selection of activities offered throughout the school year. Open communication between home and school is valued, and a home visit may be scheduled to discuss your child's needs.





We Believe:

- All children are made in the image of God.
- Children should be encouraged to explore and develop their gifts.
- Children need a safe, welcoming, and engaging learning environment.
- Children direct their own learning through curiosity.

At Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools, we know that children learn through play!

Play enables children to:

- Make sense of their world.
- Expand social and cultural understanding.
- Express personal thoughts and feelings.
- Practice flexible and divergent thinking.
- Encounter and solve real problems.
- Learn to consider other people's perspectives.

**Play and Exploration: Early Learning Program Guide
Saskatchewan Ministry of Education, 2008**

In Christ the Teacher Pre-Kindergarten programs, teachers create *Essential Learning Experiences* that provide milestones for young children's development and learning in four domains:

Social Emotional

Physical

Intellectual

Spiritual

Through play, children continue to develop as holistic learners in our high-quality learning environment.



Pre-Kindergarten at Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools

- A Catholic Pre-Kindergarten offers high quality early childhood education in a nurturing Christian environment.
- This combination of excellent teaching, program, and school environment all contribute to the development of your child's social, thinking, communication, and physical skills.
- The earlier your child receives support in developing these aspects in a play-centered Christian environment, the easier it will be for him or her to make the transition to Kindergarten and grades beyond.
- Research proves that children who receive developmentally appropriate opportunities and supports at an early age have a greater chance of succeeding at school. Pre-Kindergarten gives your child valuable preparation for school.



Eligibility

Three and four year old children are eligible to attend the Pre-Kindergarten program.

Pre-Kindergarten Is:

- Comprehensive, integrated program within a prepared environment
- Child-centered, self-directed choice focused on development of whole child – physical, social, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual
- Meaningful family involvement
- Integrated health, social services, and educational supports
- Cultural affirmation for all
- Mixed age groupings
- Intensive exposure – minimum 12 hours per week
- Professional teaching staff with a focus in early childhood education.

