#### AM I ABLE TO MEET THE KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AND VISIT THE SCHOOL WITH MY CHILD BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS?

In the spring each school hosts a student and parent registration/orientation day. The schools will inform parents of the date and time.

#### HOW CAN I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Registration forms and parent information will be provided by the school office.

### WHAT INFORMATION WILL I NEED TO BRING TO REGISTER MY CHILD?

- Proof of age birth certificate or baptismal record
- Doctor's name and phone number
- Present health conditions any allergies or health concerns
- Your child's Saskatchewan Health Services number
- Child care information (if applicable)
- Emergency and contact information

#### DOES THE CHRIST THE TEACHER CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION OFFER A PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM?

Yes! Our pre-kindergarten programs are offered at St. Alphonsus, St. Henry's Jr. and St. Mary's School 4 days per week with designated Family Activity Days.

Pre-Kindergarten gives your child a valuable "head start" in preparing for school readiness.

Children age 3 and 4 are eligible for the program. For more information contact the division office at 783-8787.

# Please contact the Catholic School nearest you to register your child for kindergarten.

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#### **CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:**

Saint Alphonsus School 81 Henderson Street East Phone: 306-783-4121

Saint Henry's Junior School 840 Main Street, Melville Phone: 306-728-4758

Saint Mary's School 212 Independent Street Phone: 306-782-2889

**Saint Michael's School** 407 Darlington Street E. Phone: 306-782-4407

Saint Paul's School 487 Parkview Road Phone: 306-783-9212

Saint Theodore School Theodore Phone: 306-647-2762

"Let the little children come to me... for it is to such as these that the reign of God belongs." Luke 18:16



### Christ the Teacher CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



## Kindergarten

#### THE ADVENTURE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

Entering kindergarten is an exciting time and is an important first step in your child's education.

Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools are committed to providing young children with opportunities for discovery and development within a safe, caring, motivating, challenging, and supportive environment.

Our focus is on student success in school and learning for all.

Our staff is dedicated to nurturing and celebrating the hearts, minds, bodies and souls of our students.

#### PLAY-BASED LEARNING

We believe that purposeful purposeful, play-based, early learning sets the stage for future learning, health. and well-being. Play allows children to actively construct, challenge, and expand their own understandings and opens the door to new learning. Play is responsive to each child's unique learning style and capitalizes on his or her innate curiosity and creativity.

Teachers intentionally plan and create challenging, dynamic, play-based learning opportunities. Intentional teaching involves educators being deliberate and purposeful in creating play-based learning environments - because when children are playing, children are learning.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### CAN NON-CATHOLIC STUDENTS ATTEND CHRIST THE TEACHER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS?

Families of all faiths are welcome if parents express a sincere desire to have their children taught in an environment where the development of Christian values is an intrinsic element of everyday school life.

Catholic traditions and values are the essence of our schools and it is essential that they be respected and supported by all members of our school community. Our students participate in all aspects of religious instruction and liturgical celebrations.

#### HOW OLD DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO **BE TO START KINDERGARTEN?**

All students must be five years of age by December 31st of the current school year.

#### SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

A young child's way of being "religious" is to play, to be creative, to be curious, and to express wonderment. Through these natural childhood activities children come to know that God is present all around them as they grow, learn, and experience life.

Through their experiences in Kindergarten young children learn that we are all made in God's image. Soon they are able to experience Jesus as the perfect image and likeness of God.

#### SPECIAL NEEDS

Our Kindergarten program is based on the belief that all children can learn. In the kindergarten room, children with a variety of needs and skill levels work and learn together. The teacher ensures that all children are included in activities that help them build on their own level of learning. In our Catholic schools, all children are valued as unique members of God's family.

Families are encouraged to inform the school about their child's special learning needs at the time



Play expands intelligence, stimulates imagination. encourages creative problem solving, and helps develop confidence, self-esteem, and a positive attitude toward learning.

- Dr. Fraser Mustard

and often helping adults to see the world in new ways.

- BC Early Learning Framework, 2008

Play lies at the core of innovation and creativity. It provides opportunities for learning in a context in which children are at their most receptive.

- Ontario Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program, 2010