



WINTER EDITION

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SCHOOLS

Edmonton Catholic Schools

Greater Windermere has one catholic school in our community. **St. John XXIII Elementary/Junior High School** is located at 365 Windermere Rd NW and offers kindergarten to Grade 9 as well as French Immersion (K-8). For further information and the attendance area map visit www.stjohnxxiii.ecsd.net.

From your Edmonton Public School Board Trustee, Nathan Ip



Edmonton Public Schools

Our newsletter committee was able to catch up with Nathan Ip, our public school board trustee, and he has provided us with a very informative article explaining public school options for Greater Windermere residents.

While it is still early in 2018, preparations for a new school year is already upon us. The 2018-2019 pre-enrollment period for Edmonton Public Schools has begun. For many parents, the experience of sending their children to school for the first time can be full of mixed emotions. Choosing a school for your child, understanding how the registration process works, and how to navigate a new school system can seem overwhelming at first.

Luckily, friendly staff at any of our 213 schools are on-hand to help answer questions and welcome students into our schools. In this article, I hope to answer some frequently asked questions about the registration process and provide some helpful tips for the start of your child's educational journey. It is an honour to serve you and the many families of Southwest Edmonton as your public school trustee.

Can I enrol my child at any Edmonton Public School?

First, students are always guaranteed a spot at their designated school in the regular program. Each neighbourhood has a designated school. However, if you would like your child to attend a school other than the neighbourhood school, then there are a number of factors that you must keep in mind. Generally speaking, parents can choose to enrol their child at any Edmonton Public School as long as there is space and the school is accepting students from outside of its designated attendance area. However, due to space pressures, some schools have closed boundaries and can only accept students from within their designated areas. In some other instances, schools will only accept other outside students once students from within the attendance area have been accommodated. In the event that there are more students than there are spaces available, students from outside the attendance area will be accepted based on a random selection process. To find out whether a particular school can accept students outside of their attendance area, please contact the school directly or consult www.epsb.ca. Some alternative programs such as academic challenge also have additional eligibility requirements.



What is pre-enrolment period?

Each spring, families can enroll their child for the upcoming school year. The pre-enrollment period is particularly important as school administrators will use registration numbers to plan for classes and staffing for the upcoming year. Children must reach age 4 on or before March 1st, 2018 to be eligible for kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. Kindergarten and new to the district registrations will be accepted beginning February 1st, 2018. For returning students, pre-enrollment begins on SchoolZone on March 12th, 2018. The pre-enrolment deadline is April 16th, 2018 at 4 pm.

What are the attendance area boundaries for the Greater Windermere area?

Here are the designated schools for K to Grade 6 for the Greater Windermere Area. Please note that this list is only intended to serve as a general guide. Attendance areas may not always encompass entire neighbourhoods and depending on the exact address of your house, your designated school may be different. Please use the "Find a School Tool" found on epsb.ca to confirm your designated school and for a more complete list of designated schools from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Neighbourhood Designated Schools for Kindergarten to Grade 6

Ambleside – Dr. Margaret Ann Armour School

Keswick – Ormsby School

Glenridding – Dr. Margaret Ann Armour School

Upper Windermere – Constable Daniel Woodall School

South Windermere – McKee School (Secondary Designation to Constable Daniel Woodall School)

Langdale – Constable Daniel Woodall School



Can I change my school selection?

It is possible to change your school selection before the pre-enrolment deadline. However, once the pre-enrollment deadline has passed, it is generally not permissible to change schools for the upcoming school year. I would encourage parents to contact their local school or District Support Services to discuss their specific situation.

What is a secondary attendance area?

Students in South Windermere fall within the secondary attendance area of Constable Daniel Woodall School. This means that they are designated to McKee School, but may be able to go to Constable Daniel Woodall School if there is space after primary attendance area students have been accommodated.

Tips:

Go to a School Open House to learn more about a school's culture and philosophy, programming offerings and to connect with their parent community. All the information you need is on www.epsb.ca. Visit the District's website for information about registration, programs, dates and deadlines and more.

Resources:

District Support Services - 780.429.8030

Find a School Tool - <https://www.epsb.ca/schools/findaschool/fast/>

Registration Information: <https://www.epsb.ca/schools/register/>

GWCL EVENTS

Mark your calendars for the Greater Windermere Community League 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st from 10:00 am – 11:30 am at Ambleside Park. Come by for some family-friendly fun and hunt for eggs on the playground to claim a prize. Don't forget to bring your own basket to collect your eggs.

SOCCER

Outdoor Community Soccer Program

Online soccer registration for the May/June 2018 outdoor season is now open at <http://emsasouthwest.com/play/registration/>.

Once you have completed your online registration, you MUST bring the requested information and your postdated cheques to one of the 3 in-person registration sessions. There will be one in the Greater Windermere area on Saturday, February 10th, from 10:30am to 2:30pm at Dr. Margaret-Ann Armour Public School (3815 Allan Drive SW).

The outdoor community soccer program relies on parent volunteers to make the program a success and we encourage all of our community members to consider volunteering as a coach or assistant coach. Coach and assistant coach positions are often difficult to fill, however they are critical to ensure that teams can be formed to accommodate all of the children that register.



Game Days & Fees

- U5(U4 Group) (2014 born) - Play Saturday Morning – Fee \$80
- U5 (2013 born) - Play Saturday Morning – Fee \$80
- U7(U6 Group) (2012 born) - Play Tues & Thurs – Fee \$100
- U7 (2011 born) - Play Mon & Wed - Fee \$100
- U9 boys (U8B Group) (2010 born) - Play Mon & Wed – Fee \$140
- U9 boys (2009 born) - Play Tues & Thurs - Fee \$140
- U9 girls (2009/2010 born) - Play Tues & Thurs - Fee \$140
- U11 (2007/2008) - Play Mon & Wed – Fee \$160
- U13 (2005/2006 born) - Play Tues & Thurs - Fee \$180

GWCL PROGRAMMING

Sportball Program

The Greater Windermere Community League (GWCL) is pleased to be offering a 4 week Sportball Program to its members. The program will run on Friday nights from February 16th to March 9th, 2018. There will be two offerings of the program, one at 6pm and one at 7pm. And will be offered at the St. John XXIII Catholic School here in Windermere.

The class at 6:00pm-6:45pm will be geared towards children under the age of 5 who are not attending Kindergarten but are mobile (can walk and run with ease). The second class at 7:00pm-7:45pm will be geared towards younger school aged children. This program requires parental supervision and you are NOT allowed to leave your child(ren) unattended.

GWCL has contracted instructors from Sportball to host these classes and is able to offer them at a discount to our members. These classes normally cost \$64 from Sportball but we will be offering the classes for \$40 per child for the 4 weeks to our members. Please bring a cheque (made out to the Greater Windermere Community League) or cash to the first class on February 16th. Your child will not be allowed to participate until payment has been received.

At this time, we can only offer this program to Greater Windermere Community League Members and their children under 12 years of age (elementary school aged). However, the structure of the programming is geared towards younger children under the age of 8.

Please fill out this application form to register your child(ren): <https://gwclcommunications.wufoo.eu/forms/application-form-for-4-week-feb-sportball-program>

WHERE: St. John XXIII Catholic School
365 Windermere Rd NW

WHEN: Friday, February 16 to March 9, 2018 from 6:00pm – 6:45pm
Friday, February 16 to March 9, 2018 from
7:00pm – 7:45pm

WHY: The focus of the program will be on social interaction between children as well as improving gross and fine motor skills.

COST: \$40 per child and you must be a member of the Greater Windermere Community League.

OTHER: Please note that you must have indoor non marking sole shoes to use the gym and no food or drinks are permitted. However, there is a water fountain in the hallway just outside the gym.

Mommy Meetups

Please join us for our Mommy Meetup events, an opportunity for local parents and their young children to meet other parents with young families in the Greater Windermere Community. Please join us for some young children programming followed by refreshments and mingling time. This year (September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018), we are pleased to have Little Gym host our Mommy Meetup events at their facility. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for more details on registration dates.

WHERE: Little Gym of Edmonton 2nd floor, Unit 201, Windermere Gate Plaza
6271 Andrews Loop, SW

WHEN: Friday, March 23, 2018 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Monday, May 14, 2018 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am

WHY: A safe and fun environment for young children to play while parents visit.

COST: Free to residents of Greater Windermere.

OTHER: Refreshments and snacks provided by the Greater Windermere Community League.

CITY PROGRAMMING

Epl2go Literacy Vans

The Edmonton Public Library Literacy Vans offer outreach programming to the residents of Greater Windermere. The Sing, Sign, Laugh & Learn program and a Pop-Up Library are offered at the following locations:

- **Servus Credit Union in Windermere**

(1185 Windermere Way SW) at 10:00 am and 11:15 am every Wednesday

- **Little Gym (6271 Andrews Loop) at 10:15am every Tuesday**

Please check <https://www.epl.ca/epl2go/> for more information or program updates.



Drop-in Learn to Skate Program

Meet new friends and learn basic skating skills through fun games and activities. The Learn to Skate Program is a free drop in program targeted for children (ages 6-12) and their families, however all are welcome to attend.

The program runs on our rink in Windermere (Washburn Drive) from 4-7pm on Tuesdays from January 16 – February 20.

Participants must have their own skates. A CSA helmet is required, participants under the age of 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

The program will be cancelled at -25 degrees Celsius with wind-chill. Greater Windermere Community League membership is required to use the facility.

Please visit Edmonton.ca/playgrounds or call 311 for updates and further information.



13th Annual
TRAC Community Run
Sunday, May 27, 2018
www.tracspirit.ca

FEATURE ARTICLE

GWCL Community Ice Rink



The Greater Windermere Community League was thrilled to open its first ever public snowbank ice rink in November 2017. On January 6th, 2018, we held a party at the rink to celebrate the grand opening. We had sleigh rides sponsored by Regency Town Homes, the Canadian Maple Shack, marshmallow roasting, and skating. Thank you to all the families that attended and to Nathan Ip and Matt Jeneroux for their continued support.

The GWCL development committee began working on the snowbank rink project in summer of 2017 by researching necessary permits, searching for vendors, applying for grants and creating a workable budget. The process was definitely a learning experience however we are excited that we have been able to see our vision come to life.

The reaction from the community has been overwhelmingly positive and we are thrilled to see so many members of the community coming together and enjoying the rink every day. It has been very heart-warming as well to see members of the community coming forward and helping with the rink without even being asked. We appreciate this so very much. This is our rink and without the help and support of members of our community, it would not be possible. Thank you to all those who have helped cover up and re-fill holes in the ice, brought lights to allow people to skate in the evening and even constructed benches for people to rest on.

The warmer than average temperatures have been a blessing and a curse; fantastic skating weather but difficult to maintain an ice rink. We appreciate the community's patience with us as we learn the ins and outs of building and maintaining a snowbank rink. As with anything, it will take us some time to work the kinks out but eventually we hope to have everything leveled off without any big holes.

The rink is located at 1820 Washburn Drive SW and is open 7 days a week 8:00am to 11:00pm. Skate tags are required for all skaters. Please contact the Greater Windermere Community League for information or to obtain skate tags.

PLATINUM SPONSOR RECOGNITION

The Greater Windermere Community League would like to recognize the Alberta Treasury Branch in Windermere as a platinum sponsor for their continued support of our League's operations and events.



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WHO ARE WE?

The Greater Windermere Community League (GWCL) is a legal entity registered under the Societies Act as a not for profit community league. We are a member of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues servicing residents living in Ambleside, Windermere North, South Windermere, Upper Windermere, Windermere One, Langdale, Glenridding, Riverpointe, Keswick, Westpoint Estates and Windermere Drive. The league is bounded on the north side by Anthony Henday Drive, on the south by 41 Ave SW, on the east by Whitemud Creek, and on the west by the North Saskatchewan River.

Community programming relies on the support of members. Programs that your membership support:

- Indoor and outdoor community soccer require a community league membership in order to participate.
- Community pre-schools require a community league membership in order to register your child.
- Free use of the Terwilliger Recreation Centre every Saturday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm – Includes swimming, fitness center, indoor running track and, children's indoor playground.
- Free Skate Tags for use at any of the outdoor community league rinks in Edmonton. List on www.efcl.org
- Present your GWCL membership card at any of the City of Edmonton sports and fitness facilities and receive a 20% discount on a continuous monthly pass or an annual pass and 15% off multi use passes.
- If you would like a membership, you can purchase yours online at www.efcl.org or in person at the TRAC office in Terwilliger Recreation Center. \$45 for a family.

Want to Know More?

- Like us on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreaterWindermereCommunityLeague/>
- Check out our website: www.gwcl.ca