

# French Immersion Information Session

**NEW Principal** to be announced next week!  
**NEW School name** to be announced March 6th

**SAVE THE DATE:**

NEW School Information Night –  
Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

# BIENVENUE!

**Kathy Lott - SJAM Principal**

**Tara Wagg - SJAM Vice-Principal**

**Roxane Tapp - Grade 1 FI Teacher**

**Dori Koutlemanis - Grade 1 FI Teacher**

- **Superintendent – Peter Tse**
- **School Trustee – Billy Pang**
- **New School Principal – TBA next week**

# Today's Meeting

- Program Overview
- French Immersion: Considerations
- FSL Review/Accommodations
- Registration
- Transportation
- About School Name
- Feeder Schools

# French as a Second Language Programs

YRDSB offers two quality French as a Second Language programs:

- French Immersion, which starts in Grade 1 and is an optional program
- Core French, which starts in Grade 4 and is mandatory

# Program Overview

- Opportunity to learn language
- Designed for students whose first language is not French
- Long-term commitment
- Classes taught by teachers trained in second language instruction

# Program Overview - Curriculum

- Standard French is taught
- Grades 1 - 3 taught entirely in French
- Mid-year most Grade 1 students are able to express themselves in French
- Grade 4 – 8: 50% English instruction begins; Mathematics taught in English

# French Immersion: Considerations

- In French Immersion, students learn French and also learn IN French.
- It is important that they acquire strong French oral skills in order to learn to read, write and learn Science, Mathematics, etc. in French.
- For the first few months of Grade 1, the children do not acquire skills identical to those learned by children in an English program as the focus is on building French literacy skills to support their learning in French.



# French as a Second Language Review

*Goal: To achieve high quality, sustainable French language instruction in YRDSB*

**Outcomes:**

- *Toolkit to address need for FI spaces and enable long-term accommodation plan*
- *Consistency of programming*

Please visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) for more information



# FI Accommodation Plan

FI program offered in a variety of settings

Single Track

Dual Track

Primary Dual Track

Grade(s): 1, 1 – 2, 1 – 3

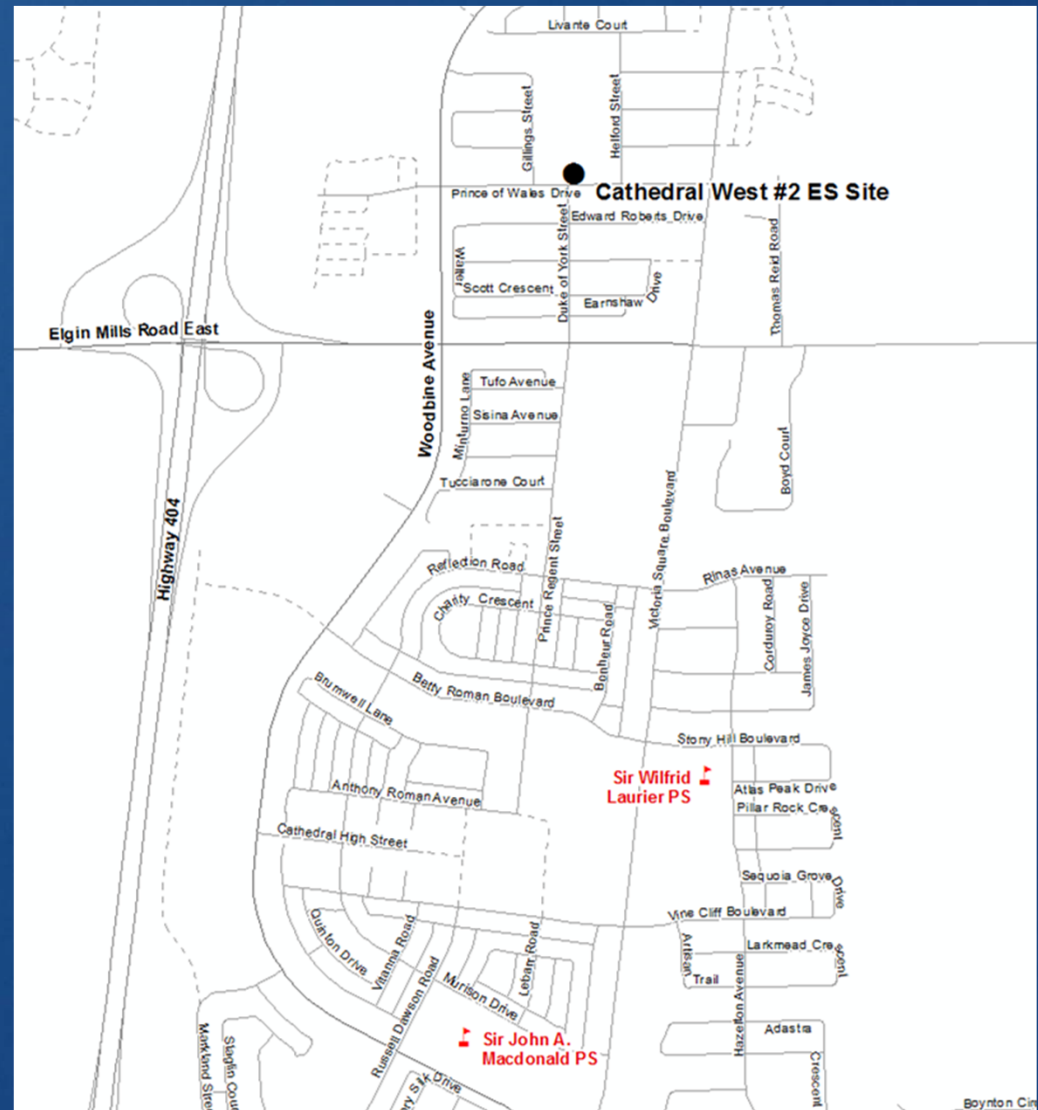
- Allowing the flexibility needed to address local needs across region

# Accommodation Plan for Sir Wilfrid Laurier PS

- New Cathedraltown school will open in September 2018
- Primary dual track FI program will move from Sir John A. Macdonald PS to the new school for incoming Grade 1s in 2018
- Grade 1 students will remain at the new Cathedraltown school for Grade 2 in 2019 and return to Sir Wilfrid Laurier PS for Grades 3-8



# Location of the New Cathedraltown School



# Accommodation Plan for Sir Wilfrid Laurier PS

## *Feeder Listing:*

Ashton Meadows PS	Parkview PS (North of Hwy 7)
Beckett Farm PS	Sir John A. Macdonald PS
Buttonville PS	Stonebridge PS
Castlemore PS	Unionville PS (West of Kennedy Rd)
Coledale PS	Whitchurch Highlands PS (South of Bloomington Rd)
Lincoln Alexander PS	William Berczy PS

# Registration

- FI registration will begin TOMORROW January 19th from 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- Registration is not first come, first served
- Registration is between January 19 and February 9, 2018.

## Current YRDSB SK Students

- Parents /guardians can visit or call their home school office and request an **Office Index Card - short version**. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school.
- Bring this form, along with one piece of identification showing address to register between January 19 and February 9, 2018 to the Grade 1 program FI school

## Non-YRDSB Students

- Families registering students who do not currently attend a YRDSB school will need to complete full registration paperwork here at SJAM for the new school (Jan 19 – Feb 9)
- Information required for registration is outlined on the YRDSB website.



# Late Registrations

- Late registrations are those submitted after February 9, 2018.
- Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

# Transportation

- Transportation provided according to Board Policy #680.00 (see Board website).
- Bus stops located **centrally**.
- Visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) for bus information
- Students may be required to walk a few blocks to their bus stop.
- Pick-up times may be earlier or later than students in other schools.

# About School Name

- The name of a school is carefully chosen to provide an inspiration for learning. It should reflect the environment in which students will learn and develop, and be a positive influence for all members of the school community as they work collaboratively to create and deliver programs which inspire learning.
- Our Trustee, Billy Pang, is currently leading the process of determining a name for the new school

# School Transition Plan

- As a new school, there will be transition activities for the whole school.
- More information will be available at the Information Night on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- **NEW Principal to be announced next week!**  
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# Additional Questions?

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