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## Our Junior-Senior Boundary is Changing!

On October 24, the Grande Prairie & District Catholic Schools Board of Trustees announced a new proposed boundary change, due to the delay in tender and awarding of tender of St. John Paul II Junior-Senior Catholic School. Phase 1 of the school will be complete by October 31, 2017. To ensure that we have sufficient time to move into our new home, St. John Paul II will open to Grade 8-9 English and Immersion students on January 31, 2018, then gradually open up to Grades 10, 11, and 12 over the following years.

### Proposed School Grade Configuration Change

School	2016-2017	2017-18 Sept – Jan 31 (Semester 1)	2017-18 Feb 1-June 30 (Semester 2)	2018-19	2019-20
St. Gerard	PreK – 6	PreK-7	PreK-7	PreK-7	PreK-7
St. Gerard @ St. Catherine	7-9	8-9	n/a		
St. Catherine	PreK-8	PreK-9 (including north MT)	PreK-7	PreK-7	PreK-7
Holy Cross	PreK-8	PreK-7	PreK-7	PreK-7	PreK-7
St. Clement	PreK-8	PreK-7	PreK-7		
Mother Teresa (north of Woody Creek)	PreK-8	PreK-7*	PreK-7	PreK-7	PreK-7
Mother Teresa (south of Woody Creek)	PreK-8	PreK-8*	PreK-8	PreK-7	PreK-7
St. Kateri	PreK-8	PreK-8	PreK-8	PreK-7	PreK-7
St. Patrick	PreK-8	PreK-8	PreK-8	PreK-7	PreK-7
St. Joe's	9-12	9-12 Eng 10-12 Imm	9-12 Eng 10-12 Imm	8-12 Eng 11-12 Imm	8-12 Eng 12 Imm
St. John Paul II			8-9 Eng 8-9 Imm	8-10 Eng 8-10 Imm	8-11 Eng 8-11 Imm

- In 2017-18, students in Grade 8 in Mother Teresa who live north of Woody Creek will be directed to St. Catherine and then St. John Paul II.
- In 2017-18, students in Grade 8 in Mother Teresa who live south of Woody Creek will remain at Mother Teresa and then move to St. Joe's in 2018-19.

The purpose of a gradual phase-in of Junior/Senior grades is to ensure that we provide the best possible experience for our families, as well as 2 great high school options. By gradually moving grade levels into the new high school, we will be able to create a strong community. This solution also allows for the smooth 3-year transition of Junior/Senior French Immersion from St. Joe's to St. John Paul II, as the current Grade 9 Immersion students will remain at St. Joe's until they graduate in 2020.

For a more in-depth discussion,  
Community Consultation dates will be  
announced soon. Stay tuned!

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