



## **Welcome To Junior Kindergarten — 2026-2027**

We are excited to welcome your child to our Junior Kindergarten Program! Our focus is on play-based, experiential learning that nurtures social, emotional, and cognitive growth, preparing children for kindergarten in a safe, engaging, and supportive environment.

### **Admission & Eligibility**

Eligibility:

- Must be 4 years old by December 31.
- Must be toilet trained.
- Must reside within the Lloydminster Catholic School Division zone and with the intent to register in one of our Kindergarten Programs.

Priority:

- Spaces are first allocated to the children on the Pre-Kindergarten waitlist, then to applications received in order.

Locations:

- Father Gorman, St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, and École St. Thomas Schools.
- Junior Kindergarten programs operate in kindergarten classrooms or learning spaces that ensure comfort and familiarity to grow future Kindergarten skills.

### **Registration and Tuition 2026-2027**

Junior Kindergarten operates as a self-supporting educational program.

Registration Fees:

- \$50.00 non refundable fee to secure your child's spot; if you choose not to attend our program, you will forfeit your \$50.00.
- Paid via School Cash online <https://lcsd.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Index>.

Tuition Fee: \$1,050.00 per student for the full program

Payment Options:

- Full payment of \$1,050 paid by September 1, 2026.
- Partial payment of 2 payments: \$525 due September 1, 2026 & January 1, 2027.
- Monthly payments: 10 monthly payments of \$105.00, due the first of each month September to June (10 post dated cheques to be submitted to the school by September 1, 2026)
- There will be a \$25.00 charge on all NSF cheques.

We strive for a *minimum of 10 registrations* for each Junior Kindergarten Program. If the minimum is not reached, the program will be reviewed for sustainability prior to the first September date. If we are not able to run the program, we will review with you for your registration to be considered at one of the other programs or funds to be returned to you.

### **Program Overview**

Children develop an understanding of the world around them through a wide range of experiences. In Junior Kindergarten, learning occurs through intentional, play-based centers designed to support social, emotional, and cognitive development. Programming is thoughtfully planned and delivered by trained staff who engage with children daily and monitor their progress and development. While ongoing communication with families is encouraged, formal report cards will not be issued, and there will be no scheduled parent–staff interview days.

Junior Kindergarten students attending École St. Thomas will receive instruction in English, as the program focuses on early experiential learning; however, students will hear French spoken regularly in the school environment.

**Please note:** Junior Kindergarten follows the Lloydminster Catholic School Division calendar. Afternoon classes will not be affected by early dismissals. Wednesday programming will remain consistent and will continue from 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

### **Holidays include:**

Remembrance Day/ Mid Term Break  
Easter Vacation

Christmas Vacation  
Spring/February Break

Exemplary Service  
Teachers Convention

### **Daily Schedule**

9:00 am/12:15 pm/12:45 pm	Welcome / Prayer / Attendance / Song
9:15 am/12:30 pm/1:00 pm	Center Time (puzzles, lacing, playdough, building blocks)
10:15 am/1:30 pm/2:00 pm	Clean Up
10:20 am/1:35 pm/2:05pm	Gym Time
10:40 am/2:00 pm/2:30 pm	Story Time
10:45 am/2:05 pm/2:35 pm	Snack Time & Independent Book Time
11:00 am/2:15 pm/2:45 pm	Craft and / or Activity
11:15 am/2:30 pm/3:00 pm	Circle Time
11:30 am/2:45 pm/3:15 pm	Good Bye / Home Time

### **Drop-Off and Pick Up**

Junior Kindergarten students do not qualify for the school division bussing program. Parents/guardians are responsible for dropping off and picking up their child on all scheduled class days.

### **Drop-Off**

Please arrive no more than five (5) minutes before class start times (9:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., or 12:45 p.m.). Children must not be left unattended, as adult supervision is not available prior to class time.

### **Pick-up**

Children will only be released to a parent/guardian or an adult designated by the parent/guardian. If someone other than a parent or designated adult will be picking up your child, a written note or a phone call to the school office is required.

Please ensure prompt pick-up. Children must be picked up within five (5) minutes of class dismissal. A late pick-up fee of **\$1.00 per minute** will apply. Ongoing late pick-ups may result in withdrawal from the program.

### **Parking and Entry by School**

- **Father Gorman Community School:** Parking is available along 47 Avenue after morning buses for drop-off and pick-up. If needed, the south parking lot may be used.
- **St. Joseph School:** Parking is available along 27 Street after morning buses for drop-off and pick-up. If needed, the east parking lot may be used.
- **St. Mary's School:** Parents/guardians may use the east parking lot for drop-off and pick-up.
- **École St. Thomas:** Parents/guardians may park in the staff parking lot and enter through the east doors for drop-off and pick-up.

### **Outdoor Play**

Weather permitting, students may spend time outdoors during class. Outdoor play allows children to run, jump, hop, and explore their environment. Please ensure your child comes dressed for the weather, including appropriate outerwear, footwear, sunscreen, and seasonal gear.

### **Clothing & Personal Items**

Please dress your child in durable, washable play clothing. Aprons are provided for painting and water play. For health and safety reasons, children are required to wear clean shoes or non-slip slippers indoors.

Please send:

- A pair of non-marking indoor footwear to remain at school
- A complete change of clothes in your child's backpack

\*All clothing and footwear must be clearly labeled with your child's name.

### **Nutritious Snacks**

Good nutrition supports learning and helps children remain focused and energized throughout the day. Each child will bring their own snack and drink; please ensure lunch kits are labeled.

Parents/guardians are asked to provide nutritious snacks and drinks aligned with Canada's Food Guide, including items from two food groups.

Examples of healthy snacks include:

- Ham Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread
- Milk & Apple
- Strawberries & Yogurt
- Hard boiled Egg & Milk

We strive to maintain a nut-free environment. Peanut butter and all nuts are **not** permitted.

\*Please inform staff of any dietary needs or food restrictions.

### **Parent Helpers**

Parent helpers are scheduled based on interest in volunteering. This is a wonderful opportunity to support classroom learning and share in your child's Junior Kindergarten experience. Parents who express interest will receive a volunteer schedule and contact information for coordination.

### **Absences**

Parents/guardians are asked to notify the school office prior to class time if their child will be absent. Refunds are not provided for missed classes.

### **Withdrawal**

Junior Kindergarten tuition fees are based on enrollment capacity. A minimum of one month's written notice is required to withdraw from the program. Full tuition fees apply during the one-month notice period.

### **Illness & Medication**

Children who are ill or have a communicable condition should remain at home. This includes, but is not limited to: pink eye, stomach flu, strep throat, impetigo, measles, lice, and chickenpox. Children with a fever or other significant illness should not attend class. Please follow guidance from your healthcare provider or public health nurse regarding return to school.

If a child becomes ill during class, staff will ensure the child's comfort and contact parents or emergency contacts for prompt pick-up.

Staff do not administer medication. If your child requires emergency medication (e.g., for severe allergies), please notify staff, complete the required documentation, and provide the medication in its original container with clear instructions.

## **Contact Information**

For additional information about the Junior Kindergarten Program, please contact:

- **Father Gorman Community School:** 306-825-4600
- **St. Joseph School:** 780-875-2442
- **St. Mary's School:** 780-808-8600
- **École St. Thomas:** 780-875-5366