

**St. Mary Immaculate CES  
FAQ's Regarding School Renovation & Relocation Plans**

**What is the scope of the St. Mary Immaculate (SMI) renovation project?**

The York Catholic District School Board has been successful in getting funds for school renovations at SMI. These funds will be used to rejuvenate and improve the north end of the school building, adjacent to the parking lot which houses SMI Grades 3 to 8 students and school library. Once completed, students will enjoy a larger library, better utilization of existing space, and a more advanced computer lab, capable of accommodating a full classroom of students.

During the construction period, SMI Grade 4 to 8 students (and possibly Grade 3 students) and staff will be temporarily relocated to nearby St. Charles Garnier CES. SMI students will still continue to be taught by SMI staff while they are at their temporary location. SMI Kindergarten to Grade 2 students will continue to remain in the south wing of St. Mary Immaculate.

**What is the projected school enrolment over the next 10 years?**

In the year 2020, predicted enrolment for SMI will be 405 students.

**What is the current status of the SMI renovation project?**

The project is currently in the design phase. Tenders are scheduled to be issued in mid-April and received May 13. The work is scheduled to begin in late June, once the school year is finished.

**What is the demolition plan?**

The plan is to have the demolition phase of the project completed during the summer months.

An environmental consultant has been engaged to locate any designated substances – particularly asbestos – at SMI, as asbestos was commonly used as an insulating material in the construction of all buildings prior to 1983. If any asbestos-containing materials are located, they will be removed according to the appropriate regulations. Additionally, if air monitoring is needed, it will also be performed by an environmental consultant.

It has been the Board's practice to share the results of any air monitoring with the school principal, who, in turn, shares this information with the school community.

**Will construction noise disrupt regular classroom activities?**

We expect there will be noise throughout the project. The initial demolition stage (during the summer months) will likely be the noisiest. However, during the construction phase, there will be noise from time to time. The contractor will work closely with the principal to minimize noise and any disruption to the instructional program.

**Will SMI be a safe environment for students/staff during the construction phase?**

The tender documents reflect that students and staff will be in the school during the construction phase of this project, and outline the required steps to ensure that the work area is separated from the student-occupied area.

The contractor will ensure that the school site remains a safe environment (clear of construction debris) and will keep construction activity within the designated areas. Health and safety is always a focus during school construction and discussed at all site meetings. During the school year, the principal will attend all site meetings.

The construction zone will also be fully enclosed. The construction area will not be accessible to SMI students and staff during the renovation.

A separate construction vehicle access route will also be created, with construction vehicles and deliveries restricted to the north parking area. A separate access will be made available on the south side of the school for parents, staff and students.

Throughout the entire construction process, great attention will be given to ensuring the safety of all students and staff, as well as to maintaining an ongoing healthy and rich learning environment

**What steps will be taken to ensure school security during construction?**

Contractor staff will comply with any directions from the principal, including wearing any required ID badges provided by the school.

As noted above, the construction area will enclosed (inaccessible to students).

**If my child/ren attends SMI as TCH19's (out of boundary for SMI) and among those students being temporarily relocated to St. Charles Garnier (SCG) CES, will they be entitled to school bussing over to SCG?**

These students should arrive at SMI as they normally would, and then they will be bussed over to SCG.

**Will the timing of school buses be co-ordinated? (I.e. students being bussed to SMI, then to SCG)?**

Yes. Students, who are normally bussed to SMI, will continue to be bussed to SMI. Those students who will be housed at SCG will then exit their buses and board a school bus to SCG. Students not eligible for transportation, who currently walk to SMI, will still walk to SMI and then board the school bus to SCG.

At the end of the day, the same process would occur, but be reversed.

**Will the entry and dismissal times be adjusted for the SMI students at SCG to accommodate the school bus schedule?**

Yes, the school day will be adjusted for SMI students at SCG to reflect the school bus schedule.

**How long will the bus ride be for SMI students travelling to/from SCG?**

The bus ride is approx. ten minutes.

**How will the transportation be coordinated for SMI students in the "Kids Can Doodle" program?**

There is no school bus service for this program specifically, however, SMI students will be returned from SCG to SMI at the end of the day and will be met by "Kids Can Doodle" program staff.