



Island Lakes Community School FAQ

Below is an aggregate of the many questions asked on the evening of Thursday, April 29. If you have any further questions, email communications@lrsd.net.

When will we know about Island Lakes Community School (ILCS) daycare and before-and-after care in order to plan for next year?

The Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) is collaborating with our daycare partners to coordinate and plan for their services. We will provide daycare availability information as soon as possible. A link to a survey from the YMCA/YWCA was sent to all families in ILCS and incoming families from Shamrock School.

As a new family moving into Bonavista or North Island Lakes, do we need to register at ILCS?

New families moving to Bonavista or North Island Lakes should register their child at ILCS. Families who have already registered at Shamrock do not need to re-register. Shamrock will pass along your registration information to ILCS.

What if young siblings want to attend French Immersion and the older kid wants to be at the same school given that all kids live in Island Lakes?

The French Immersion catchment for the area is École Van Belleghem. Families wishing to enroll their children in French Immersion can do so at their catchment French Immersion school.

Can parents in North Island Lakes and Bonavista keep their kindergarten children moving into grade 1 in Shamrock School?

Families will be asked to decide on having their children attend either ILCS or Shamrock. Once their decision is made, it will be a final decision. Families with students entering kindergarten in the 2021-2022 school year must enroll their children in ILCS.

How will these changes impact J.H. Bruns Collegiate in a few years?

Students from ILCS and Shamrock all feed into J. H. Bruns Collegiate. We do not foresee any changes to the current high school catchment for ILCS. The division is tracking the impact of any changes on the populations for high schools.

Will you provide busing for kids living in Island Lakes going to J.H. Bruns Collegiate?

In Manitoba, transportation is provided to students in kindergarten to Grade 6 that live more than 1.6 km from their catchment school. Bussing is not provided to high school students. Winnipeg Transit runs extra charters in Island Lakes that service J.H. Bruns Collegiate. We continue to work with Winnipeg Transit to establish additional charters.

How will the increased traffic be addressed?

The LRSD Transportation Department and ILCS have and continue to consult and work with the City of Winnipeg, the Winnipeg Police Service, and the Green Action Centre about our traffic



issues. We encourage families to use active transportation to reduce the number of vehicles on our roads. The school's bus loop is a provincially regulated area and for school bus use only during the day. We are fortunate to have a drop off loop that parents can use to drop students off in the morning.

Will transportation still be provided if we decide to stay at Shamrock School?

Yes, we will provide transportation for existing families. Please call the LRSD Transportation Department if you have any questions.

Does Bill 64 affect this plan?

The Manitoba Government has already authorized LRSD to purchase land for a new school in Sage Creek and has designated it as one of 20 new schools to be constructed. Minister of Education Cliff Cullen has suggested that construction will be sped up, with projects being completed within the next five years. The need for a school in the community will not change regardless of whether Bill 64 is passed into law. It is expected that construction would proceed despite any potential governance and organizational changes because of Bill 64. The LRSD board office staff play a key role in advocating and supporting the 40 schools in St. Boniface and St. Vital. We regularly engage with the community at the local level to navigate challenges like the demographic pressures and changes we're experiencing in LRSD.

Staff members in LRSD are asking many questions and building their collective knowledge about Bill 64 and its four-pillar strategy.

Will these changes impact the ability of ILCS to host all the new students? Will they all fit?

On Monday, May 17, we met with families of children entering kindergarten who live in North Island Lakes and Bonavista. We are now scheduling meetings with families who have students entering grades 1, 2 and 3 to establish the new cohort of students starting at ILCS in Sept. 2021. We are taking this measured approach to ensure ILCS has the capacity to welcome students in 2021 and into the future.

What are the plans for returning the community room back for the community to use?

Throughout the pandemic, the City of Winnipeg and other groups that use the space were unable to run programming and we have been able to use the room to accommodate students from École Van Belleghem. Post-pandemic, the room will continue to be used as a community space.