

International Education Study in Niagara



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

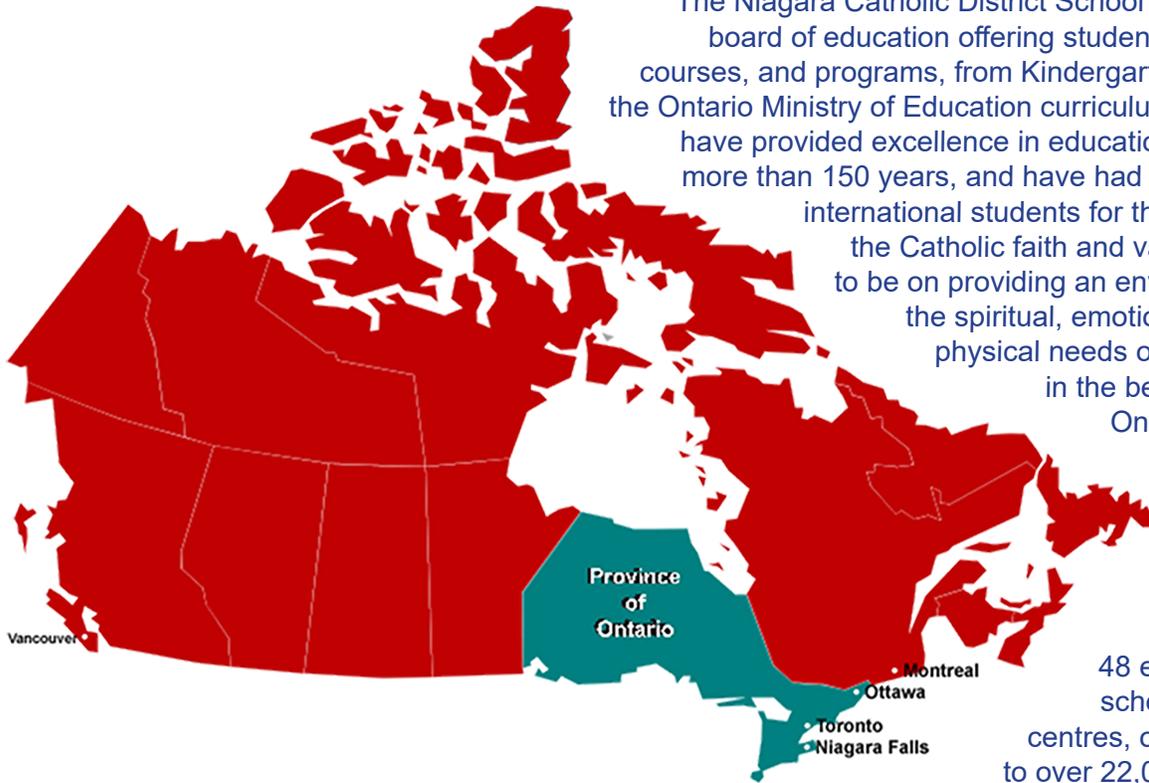
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WELCOME TO OUR NIAGARA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

YOUR PATH TO AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION

The Niagara Catholic District School Board is a publicly funded board of education offering students a wide range of grades, courses, and programs, from Kindergarten to Grade 12, based on the Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum guidelines. Our schools have provided excellence in education to our local students for more than 150 years, and have had the privilege of welcoming international students for the last 25 years. Rooted in the Catholic faith and values, our focus continues to be on providing an environment that will support the spiritual, emotional, academic, social and physical needs of all our students. Located in the beautiful Region of Niagara, Ontario, the Niagara Catholic District School Board is a leader in the delivery of Canadian and international education to primary, secondary and adult learners. With 48 elementary schools, 8 high schools and 4 adult education centres, our School District is home to over 22,000 students, Catholic and non-Catholic, including our international students who are valuable members of our family.



Join us for an exciting educational journey...

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Conseils Scolaires - International



NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Our International Education goal is to provide a superior English language education and cultural learning experience that enriches the minds and builds the souls of all of our students. We offer programs and activities to fit all needs, from intensive long-term academic to short-term integration experiences, which include athletic teams, clubs and the arts. From school to home, we provide a safe and nurturing environment to all students. Full homestay accommodation with English-speaking Canadian families is available for all programs, with continuous support from our homestay staff. Ongoing guidance and student support is available in all schools. Support in students' first language may be available to ensure all of our international students are personally cared for and safe at all times.

Our Beliefs:

- All learners are gifted by God and can learn
- Learning is an interactive process
- Learning is an enriching experience
- Learning is for eternity
- Learners are called by God to fulfill their potential

Our Values:

- Justice
- Compassion
- Stewardship
- Accountability
- Community
- Integrity
- Faithfulness

ONTARIO PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM

The Ontario Ministry of Education governs the public education system for the elementary and secondary school levels which encompasses Grades Kindergarten to 12 leading to the Ontario Secondary Diploma.

The Ontario Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities governs the public education system for post-secondary levels. These post-secondary levels include applied diploma and degree programs at the Colleges, and undergraduate and graduate degree programs at the Universities. Ontario is home to 24 public Colleges and 20 Universities.

The Ontario College of Teachers grants the professional designation of Ontario Certified Teacher (OCT) to qualified individuals.

Students in Ontario's elementary and secondary schools study a rigorous curriculum specified by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

Ontario Secondary School Diploma requirements
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/high-school-graduation-requirements>



WHAT NIAGARA CATHOLIC HAS TO OFFER

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDY

Elementary:

Kindergarten to Grade 8
Ages 4 to 13

School Year:

September to June
(start any time)

Students will study:

- English Language
- Math
- Science & Technology
- Social Studies
- The Arts
- French
- Health & Physical Education

SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDY

Secondary:

Grade 9 to Grade 12
Ages 14 to 18

School Year:

- September to June
- Semester 1: September to January
 - Semester 2: February to June

Course and Program offerings:

- Advanced Placement (AP) program
- Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Business, Technology & Computer Sciences
- History/Geography
- The Arts, Canadian Studies & Social Sciences
- ESL, French & International Languages
- Religious Education
- Health & Physical Education
- Cooperative Education

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

ESL services for academic studies and support are available to all international students in all schools at no extra cost.

Academic counselling services provide assistance in course selection, career counselling and application to post-secondary institutions. International students have a dedicated Guidance Counsellor to help them succeed.

Homestay services are offered through our team of experienced professionals who provide nurturing host families, in a warm and safe environment. Your home away from home!

Daily transportation is available at no extra cost for students who exceed the walking distance as determined by the district.



SECONDARY SCHOOL PROFILES

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

We are the “The Mustangs”. We offer programs from Grades 9 to 12. Our total enrollment is over 1,000 students. Our specialized learning include: Cosmetology, Construction, Culinary Arts, Communication and Transportation Technology Labs.

www.saintmichaelmustangs.com



SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

We are the “Patriots”. The students at Saint Paul are afforded many opportunities to participate in athletic or cultural extra-curricular activities. Our total enrollment is over 700 students. Each student brings his or her gifts of family, cultural heritage and personal experience to the school community.

www.spchs.ca



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

We are the “BT Thunder”. The school motto of “Wisdom, Mercy, Power” articulates attributes of the Blessed Trinity. Through the academic program at Blessed Trinity, students receive the knowledge needed to excel as members of society. Our total enrollment is over 1,000 students.

www.blessedtrinitycatholic.com



DENIS MORRIS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

We are “The Reds”. We offer programs for students in grade 9 through 12 in our warm and dynamic environment. Our total enrollment is over 850 students. We offer a variety of extra-curricular activities including sports, arts, science clubs, math clubs and much more. We have a fantastic group who facilitate our annual Pilgrimage to support those in need.

www.denismorris.ca



SECONDARY SCHOOL PROFILES

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

We are the Saint Francis “Phoenix”. Our school community is vibrant, friendly and caring, with total enrollment over 500 students. Our success stems from a solid academic program, while maintaining very competitive co-curricular activities and a diverse arts program.

www.stfrancisphoenix.com



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

We are “The Raiders”, offering programs from Grades 9 to 12. Our total enrollment is over 600 students. Our specialized learning centres include: Cosmetology, Construction, Culinary Arts, Communication and a Dance Studio.

www.holycrossraiders.com



NOTRE DAME COLLEGE SCHOOL

We are the “Irish”. Our mission is to offer secondary students an education rooted in the values, teachings and traditions of the Catholic faith. Our total enrollment is over 1,000 students. We strive to create an education community in which cognitive, moral, affective and spiritual growth is promoted.

www.notredamecollege.ca



LAKESHORE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

We are the “Gators”. At Lakeshore Catholic Secondary School, students will acquire the knowledge and skills they need in order to learn effectively, live and work co-operatively, and pursue education and career goals. Our total enrollment is over 650 students.

www.lakeshorecatholic.ca



ESL IN OUR SCHOOLS

All international students are assessed to determine if they need support as English Language Learners (ELL).

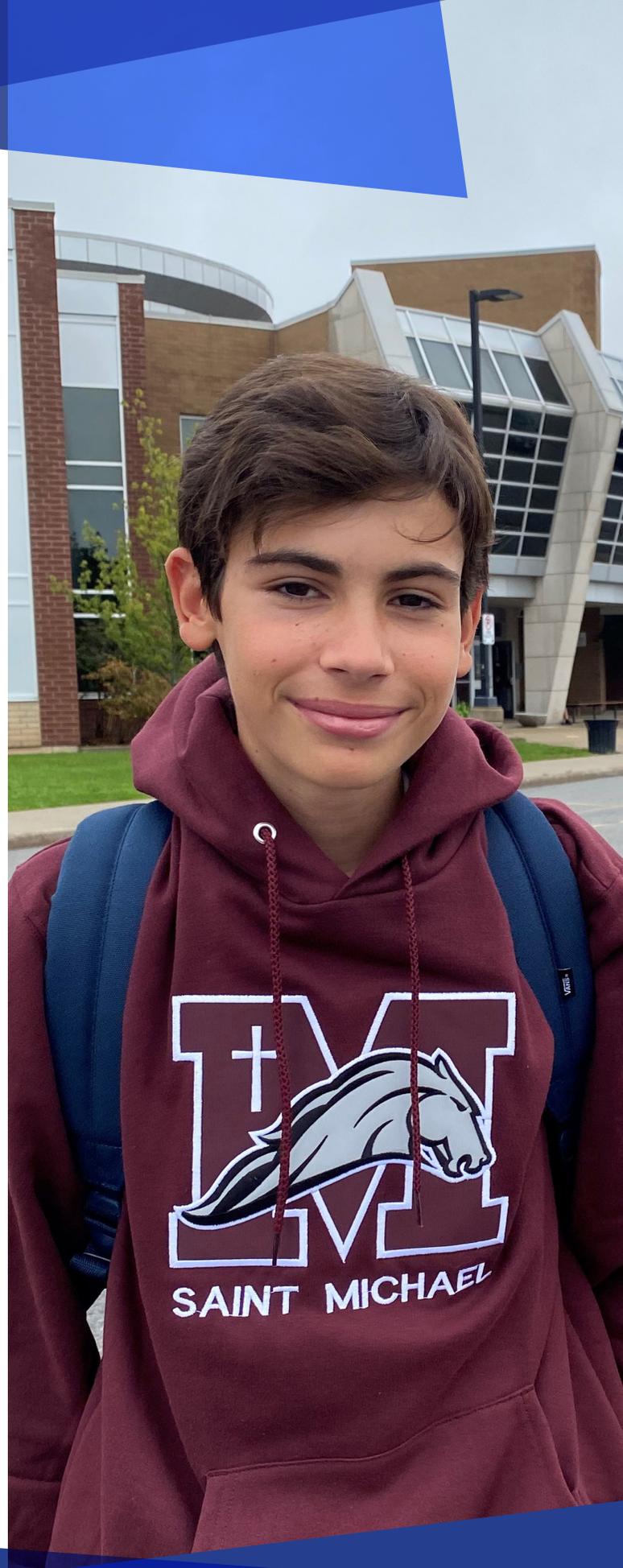
If the counsellor recommends that you take an English as a Second Language (ESL) course, look at this as a chance to develop your skills; a chance to prepare yourself for courses that will demand a greater knowledge of English. The school counsellor will include time for the ESL English class in your schedule.

If you are having difficulty understanding your homework assignments or you feel you are in a course where the level of English is too difficult for you, make an appointment with the guidance counsellor to discuss your options.

Ontario Graduation Requirements

Students intending to graduate must meet the same graduation requirements as local students. The Ontario high school program is based on a credit system. Students must earn a total of 30 credits (one for every 110-hour course successfully completed) to obtain a high school diploma, which is called the OSSD. There are 18 compulsory credits, earned in a specified number of courses from a list of subjects that every student must take. The remaining 12 credits are optional, earned in courses that the student may select from the full range of courses offered by the school. Students must also complete 40 hours of community involvement activities and must pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, which is normally taken in grade 10.

 **All of our high schools have ESL support for international students at no additional cost.**



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC STUDIES



STEPS & DOCUMENTS

STEP 1

Submit the *International Student Application* form, along with your front page of your passport and most recent school transcripts/report cards. Submit the Annual Application Fee (AAF) to the international office.

At the same time, submit your homestay application to the Homestay office so a family can be identified to welcome and host you during your time in Canada.

STEP 2

Receive the *Letter of Acceptance* (LOA) to apply for your Study Permit. Register online to your appointed school for assignment of Ontario Education Number (OEN) and transportation registration, if needed.

STEP 3

Using the *LOA* provided to you, apply for your Study Permit and gather all other documentation needed to submit to the International Student Office.

Documents needed **PRIOR** to arrival in Canada:

- Official transcripts/report cards in English
- Proof of healthcare insurance coverage for the period of study (not included in tuition fees)
- Up-to-date immunization records in English
- Notarized custodial documents in English for all students under 18 years of age if parent(s) are not in Canada with the student
- Birth certificate (ONLY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS)
- Tuition fees and any other remaining fees

Documents needed **AFTER** arrival in Canada but **BEFORE** period of study:

- Page in passport with date of entry stamp
- Proof of healthcare insurance coverage for the period of study (not included in tuition fees)

STEP 4

Complete your online Vital English test that was sent to you via email. This is needed **PRIOR** to choosing your courses in Canada.

STEP 5

Once in Canada, visit the international student office to select courses, complete registration and submit any remaining documents listed above to the International Student Office. You will then receive your *Student Package* to start your educational journey at your Niagara Catholic School!

For the most up-to-date student application packages and student fees, please visit us at:
www.niagaracatholicinternational.ca



SHORT-TERM INTEGRATION PROGRAM

The Niagara Catholic District School Board's School Integration Experience Program was developed to offer visiting students a valuable educational experience through intensive English as a Second Language (ESL) learning and integration within our elementary and secondary schools in Canada. International students from grades 5 to 11 (10 to 16 years old) are invited to take part in the program, which runs at various times throughout the year. Senior students from grades 11 and 12 are also welcome during specific times of the school year which do not coincide with mid-term or final exams.

The Integration Program offers students the opportunity to develop English language skills through formal ESL classes and cross-cultural awareness while interacting with Canadian students and teachers in our schools. In addition, students maximize their cultural experience by living with one of our carefully selected Canadian host families for the duration of the program.

Groups may choose the standard 3-week stay or an alternate customized program.

Please contact the International Student Office for more information about Short-Term Integration Programs at international@ncdsb.com.

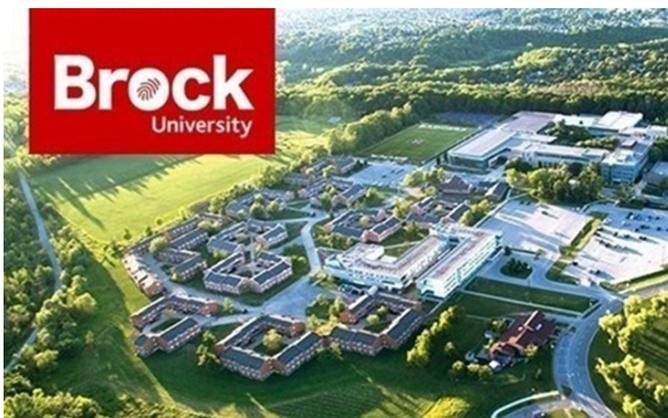


PATHWAYS TO LOCAL POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

If you are coming to graduate with us, the Niagara Region has two of its own post-secondary institutions centrally located within its borders. Brock University's main campus is located on the edge of St. Catharines and Thorold, with an additional campus in the heart of downtown St. Catharines. Niagara College also has two campuses; one located in Niagara-on-the-Lake and the other in Welland.

The Niagara Region is conveniently located within proximity of other post-secondary institutions, including the University of Toronto, the University of Waterloo, McMaster University, Western University, the University of Guelph, York University and others.

NIAGARA'S POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS



www.brocku.ca/international



www.international.niagaracollege.ca



EXPERIENCE THE NIAGARA REGION



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GREATEST NATURAL
WONDERS OF THE WORLD**



**VISIT TORONTO,
ONTARIO'S CAPITAL CITY
NEARBY**



LOCATION OF THE NIAGARA REGION

Niagara Catholic schools are located across the entire Niagara region, spanning from Grimsby to Niagara Falls to Fort Erie. Our 8 high schools and 48 elementary schools are centrally located in each part of the region to better serve our students. Our region offers great amenities for everyone to enjoy, including a world-class arts and entertainment centre, various malls, sports complexes, gyms, theatres, restaurants, cafes, and much more!

ATTRACTIONS OF THE WORLD

Visitors from all around the world come to visit the Niagara region for our many experiences. We are home to the magnificent Niagara Falls, one of the largest natural waterfalls in the world! We have many natural geographical beauties such as two of the Great Lakes and the Welland Canal system. The Niagara region offers many opportunities to experience the great outdoors with beautiful areas to hike nature trails, bike, camp, canoe, ice skate, ski and so much more! We are also only an hour drive away from Ontario's capital city of Toronto, home to many exciting and cultural attractions for everyone to experience.

CLIMATE OF THE NIAGARA REGION

The Niagara region experiences all four seasons in the year. The summers here are hot and perfect beach weather, the fall is cool with beautiful, colourful falling leaves, the winter is mild with beautiful white snowfall, and the spring can be warm and blooming. Expect all kinds of different weather transitions throughout the whole year!

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT NIAGARA

For more information about the Niagara region, please visit:

www.niagarafallstourism.com

www.infoniagara.com

www.niagararegion.ca

www.brocku.ca

www.niagaracollege.ca



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