



Grade 8

Parent Night


January 11, 2024

Land Acknowledgement



We respectfully acknowledge that we, here in the Durham Region, are on the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island.

Notre Dame Community Prayer



O loving God,
Thank you for the many blessings and
unconditional love you have bestowed upon us.
Give us the strength to overcome temptation.
Inspire us to act as leaders in charity,
awaken our minds to your infinite wisdom,
and help us to work together in harmony.
Guide us to live for others before ourselves and
to serve others as you so greatly serve us.
Empower us to grow as individuals and
to unite as a community,
with the fire of your love in our hearts.
Notre Dame, Our Lady, pray for us.

Administration

S. Melim
Principal

Y. Hannelas
Vice Principal (A - L)

S. O'Connor
Vice Principal (M - Z)

Student Council

Trenyce De Gannes
President

Gabby Santos
Grade 9 Rep

Program Support

L. Collins
(A - J)

J. Pedro Neimann
(K - Z)

Program Support

monitor, support and connect with students on an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and/or requiring assistive technology (AT)

a resource space open to all students to access one-on-one support

*transition meetings will be arranged
for students requiring them in the spring*

Guidance

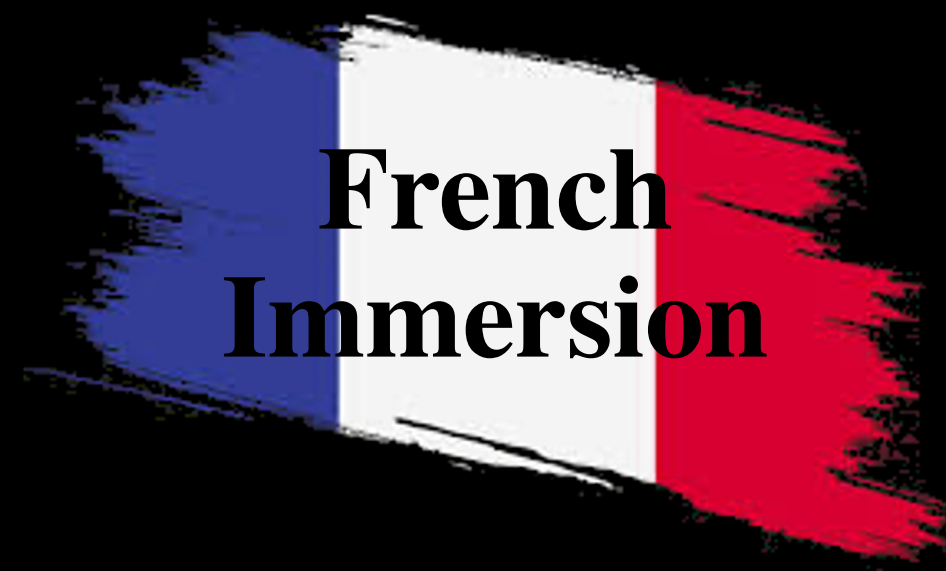
L. Najera
(A - G)

W. Manuel
(H - M)

D. Hodgkinson
(N - Z)

F. Marshall
Intermediate Guidance Counsellor

Specialty Programs





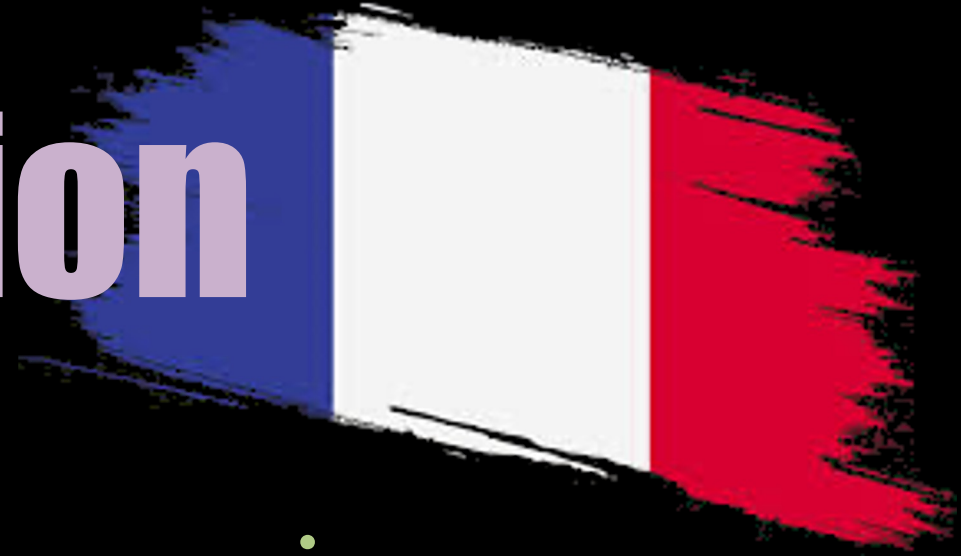
Advanced Placement

university-level curriculum incorporated into academic courses starting in grade 10 for **biology, chemistry, math, physics**, and grade 12 for **English**

completion of AP courses until grade 12 establishes eligibility for AP exams

successful scores on AP exams could earn university credits and demonstrate commitment to learning

French Immersion



To be eligible for **French Immersion**, students must have completed a minimum of **3800 hours** by the end of grade 8.

For these students, their French program began in Grade 1.

Students in the French Immersion program must complete **10 courses** in French throughout high school.



Specialist High Skills Major

Arts & Culture * Business * Construction* * Non-Profit * Sports

an experiential learning program starting in grade 11
which allows students to focus on their preferred career path
while meeting the requirements of their diploma

- choose course bundles
- take co-op
- reach ahead opportunities – trips & guest speakers
- mentoring by professionals in the community
- industry health and safety certifications

30 credits

19 Compulsory + 11 Elective

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- 3 credits in mathematics (1 in Grade 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in science
- 1 credit in Canadian history
- 1 credit in Canadian geography
- 1 credit in the arts
- 1 credit in health and physical education
- 1 credit in French as a second language
- 1 credit in grade 9 or 10 tech
- 0.5 credit in career studies
- 0.5 credit in civics
- 1 **Group 1 credit ~**

English, or French as a second language, or a Native/classical/international language, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education

1 **Group 2 credit ~**

Health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or French as a second language, or cooperative education

1 **Group 3 credit ~**

Science (Grade 11 or 12), or technological education, or French as a second language, or computer studies, or cooperative education

GRADE 11
RELIGION

GRAD REQUIREMENTS

community service

40 Hours

Must be completed between Grade 8 graduation and May 31st of Grade 12

literacy requirement

OSSLT or OLC

The Ontario Literacy Test with a minimum score of 300 OR the Grade 12 Ontario Literacy Course

eLearning

2 credits

Opt-out option is available

students MUST take

religion

in each of their four years
at Notre Dame

Choosing Courses

choose courses wisely - be informed

seek recommendations
from your Grade 8 teachers and IGT

make selections based on your
STRENGTHS & INTERESTS

Once submitted, course selections cannot be changed in myBlueprint.

Understanding Compulsory Courses

Grade 9

Religion

English

Math

Science

Geography

French

Grade 10

Religion

English

Math

Science

History

French

Civics & Careers

Grade 11

Religion – GROUP 1

English

Math

1 Science, Tech, French, or Co-op – GROUP 3

French

Grade 12

Religion

English

French

1 Phys Ed

1 Grade 9 or 10 Tech

1 Art

1 Business or Additional Phys Ed, Art, French, or Co-op – GROUP 2

- must be taken in the year specified
- in French for French Immersion
- can be taken in any year
- caution - may need prerequisites in some grades

Grade 9 Course Selection

English Stream

HRE1O1
open

ENG1L1 locally developed **OR** **ENL1W1** de-streamed

MAT1L1 locally developed **OR** **MTH1W1** de-streamed

SNC1L1 locally developed **OR** **SNC1W1** de-streamed

CGC1W1
de-streamed

FSF1D1
de-streamed

Religion

English

Math

Science

Geography

French

Elective

Elective

French Immersion

HRE1OF
open

ENL1W1 de-streamed **OR** **ENG1L1** locally developed

MTH1W1 de-streamed **OR** **MAT1L1** locally developed

SNC1W1 de-streamed **OR** **SNC1L1** locally developed

CGC1WF
de-streamed

FIF1DF
de-streamed

1 grade 9 or 10 TECH credit is required

TAS1OC - Communications & Computer Tech
TAS1OS - Green Industries & Health Care
TAS1OT - Construction & Design Tech

1 ART credit is required and recommended in grade 9 or 10

ADA1O1 - Drama
AMI1O1 - Instrumental Music
AMV1O1 - Vocal Music
AVI1O1 - Visual Arts

1 PHYS ED credit is required and recommended in grade 9 or 10

PPL1O1 - Phys Ed - Male
PPL1O2 - Phys Ed - Female
PPL1OF - Phys Ed - Co-ed FI

Other

GLE1O1 – Learning Strategies

Grade 9 Course Selection

English Stream

HRE1O1
open

ENG1L1 locally developed OR ENL1W1 de-streamed

MAT1L1 locally developed OR MTH1W1 de-streamed

SNC1L1 locally developed OR SNC1W1 de-streamed

CGC1W1 de-streamed

FSF1D1 de-streamed

- Religion
- English
- Math
- Science
- Geography
- French
- Elective
- Elective

French Immersion

HRE1OF
open

ENL1W1 de-streamed OR ENG1L1 locally developed

MTH1W1 de-streamed OR MAT1L1 locally developed

SNC1W1 de-streamed OR SNC1L1 locally developed

CGC1WF de-streamed

FIF1DF de-streamed

ART

ADA1O1
Drama

AMI1O1
Instrumental Music

AMV1O1
Vocal Music

AVI1O1
Visual Arts

PHYS ED

PPL1O1
Phys Ed (Male)

PPL1O2
Phys Ed (Female)

PPL1OF
Phys Ed (Co-ed)
French Immersion

TECH

TAS1OC
Communications &
Computer Tech

TAS1OS
Green Industries &
Health Care

TAS1OT
Construction &
Design Tech

OTHER

GLE1O1
Learning Strategies

Grade 10 Course Selection

English Stream

HRE2O1
open

ENG2L1 locally developed OR ENG2P1 applied OR ENG2D1 academic

MAT2L1 locally developed OR MFM2P1 applied OR MPM2D1 academic

SNC2L1 locally developed OR SNC2P1 applied OR SNC2D1 academic

CHC2P1 applied OR CHC2D1 academic

CHV2O1 & GLC2O1
open

French Immersion

HRE2OF OR HRE2OG
open

ENG2D1 academic OR ENG2P1 applied OR ENG2L1 locally developed

MPM2D1 academic OR MPM2P1 applied OR MAT2L1 locally developed

SNC2D1 academic OR SNC2P1 applied OR SNC2L1 locally developed

CHC2DF OR CHC2PF
academic applied

CHV2OF & GLC2OF
open

FIF2DF OR FIF2PF
de-streamed de-streamed

ART

ADA2O1
Drama

AMG2O1
Guitar

AMI2O1
Instrumental Music

AMV2O1
Vocal Music

ASM2O1
Media Arts

AVI2O1
Visual Arts

AWC2O1
Ceramics

PHYS ED

PAF2O1
Weight Training –
Male

PAF2O2
Weight Training –
Female

PPL2O1
Phys Ed - Male

PPL2O2
Phys Ed - Female

TECH

TAS2OC
Communications &
Computer Tech

TAS1OS
Green Industries &
Health Care

TAS2OT
Construction &
Design Tech

OTHER

BEP2O1
Launching & Leading a Business

ELS2O1
Literacy Skills

FSF2D1
Core French

GLE2O1
Learning Strategies

HFN2O1
Food & Nutrition

LWIBD1 Italian

LWSBD1 Spanish

AP courses
are available in
Math (MPM2D2) &
Science (SNC2D2)

Course Selection Planning Tool

available on our website and the Edsby transition page

The image displays four overlapping 'Course Selection Planning Tool' forms for Grades 9 & 10. The forms are for the English Stream, French Immersion, and French Immersion. Each form is organized into columns for Grade 9, Grade 10, Grade 11, and Grade 12. The rows represent different subject areas: Religion, English, Math, Science, Geography, French, and Electives. Each cell contains a list of course options with checkboxes. For example, in the English Stream Grade 9 English row, options include ENG1L1, ENG2D1, and ENG2P1. The French Immersion forms have similar structures but with French language courses. The forms also include a 'Summer School Reach Ahead ~ Optional' section at the bottom. The forms are overlapping, with the English Stream form at the top left, followed by French Immersion, and then another French Immersion form at the bottom right.

Summer School Reach Ahead

available through Archbishop Anthony Meagher Catholic Continuing Education Centre

<https://www.con-ed.ca/en/high-school-credit-courses/grade-8-reach-ahead-program.aspx>

Program Information:

- high school credit
- eLearning format (6 hours/day)
- 4-week courses in July
- orientation provided

Sample Course Offerings:

- Intro to Business
- Exploring Family Studies
- UP (Ultimate Potential Math)

** Summer 2024 options will be available soon.*

Access Resources on the ND Website

The screenshot shows the main navigation menu of the Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School website. The 'STUDENTS' link is circled in purple, and a purple arrow points from it to the 'Guidance' link, which is also circled in purple. Another purple arrow points from the 'Guidance' link to a separate screenshot of the Guidance page. The URL at the bottom of the screenshot is <https://notredame.dcdsb.ca/en/students/Students.aspx>.

Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School

OUR SCHOOL **STUDENTS** **PARENTS** **PROGRAMS & SERVICES** **I'D LIKE TO**

[View our Students page](#)

21st Century Learning
Black Excellence, Celebration, History
Calendar
Catholic Graduate Expectations
Code of Conduct
Community Involvement Hours
Consent for Information Sharing - Students 18+

Daily Announcements
Edsby
Extra and Co-Curricular Activities
Guidance
Indigenous Education
LaunchPad Learning Portal Login
Mental Health

myBlueprint
Pathways to Student Success

Guidance
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Welcome to Guidance at Notre Dame!
We look forward to helping you navigate your years at ND.

Office Hours
Monday to Friday
7:30 am to 3:00 pm

Please Contact Us

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Students

- Guidance
- Alternative Education
- Community Involvement Hours
- Continuing Education for High School Students
- Cooperative Education
- Experiential Learning
- Grade 12 Information
- Graduation Requirements
- Job Search
- NCAA Information
- Post-Secondary Pathway Planning
- Scholarships and Financial Aid
- Secondary Pathway Planning
- Student Success
- Student Support Services
- Transitioning to Grade 9
- Transitions and Pathways



www.notredamecss.dcdsb.ca

Important Dates

January Course selection presentations for associate schools by IGT and Guidance Counsellors to explain the course selection process.

February 12 Grade 8 Course Selection Deadline

- course selection submission in myBlueprint AND electronic parental approval
- \$75 activity fee payable through School Cash Online



retreats
yearbook
guest speakers
school council
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STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING A NOTRE DAME ASSOCIATE SCHOOL



- Visit the Notre Dame website.
- Locate **REGISTER FOR SCHOOL** on the homepage.
- Create an account to complete the Online Student Application.
- Print the pre-admission application package and email it with the required accompanying documents to the Notre Dame Guidance Department by **February 12, 2024**.

French Immersion students must contact the guidance office to get a registration package; online applications are not available at this time.

Prepare for Grade 9

Head Start

2nd Last Week of August

9:00 am - 1:30 pm (to be confirmed)

Find out more and register at con-ed.ca

A high school preparation program for Grade 8 students moving into Grade 9. This program is intended to prepare new Grade 9 students by focusing on mathematics, English, leadership, and learning skills. It also allows students the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the school and their Grade 9 peers prior to the first day.

Parent Council

G. Roopansingh
A. Ramos
Co-Presidents

thank you for coming

SEE YOU IN

September