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THE TRANSITION FROM GRADE 8 TO 9



Part A

Secondary Program

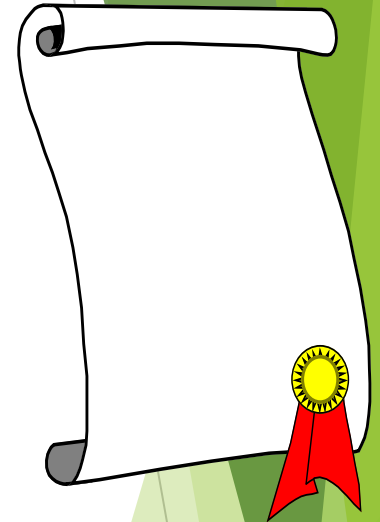


DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

30 credits:

- ▶ **18** compulsory
- ▶ **12** optional

- ▶ **40** hours community involvement
- ▶ Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
- ▶ 2 online e-learning credits
- ▶ Coming soon: grade 9 or 10 tech credit



OSSD - ACADEMIC PLANNER

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5 (optional)
1	RELIGION	RELIGION	RELIGION	RELIGION	
2	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	
3	MATHEMATICS	MATHEMATICS	MATHEMATICS		
4	SCIENCE	SCIENCE			
5	GEOGRAPHY	HISTORY			
6	FRENCH	CIVICS/CAREERS			
7					
8					
	TOTAL = 8	TOTAL = 8	TOTAL = 8	TOTAL =	TOTAL = 30

In addition to the above, the following compulsory requirements must be taken in order to receive an OSSD:

- 1 Arts
- 1 Health and Physical Education
- 1 of English additional Language, social Science or Canadian World Studies or Career Education or Co-op Education
- 1 of Health and Physical Education, Music, Art, Drama, Dance or Business/Entrepreneurial Studies or Co-op Education
- 1 of Science (Grade 11 or 12) or Technology or Co-op Education



COMPULSORY CREDITS (page 1)

- ▶ 4 English- one credit per grade
- ▶ 1 French as a second language
- ▶ 3 Mathematics - at least one in Grade 11 or 12
- ▶ 2 Science
- ▶ 1 Canadian History
- ▶ 1 Canadian Geography
- ▶ 1 Arts (Visual, Music, Drama or Media Arts)



COMPULSORY CREDITS (page 2)

- ▶ 1 Physical and Health Education
- ▶ 1 Civics and Career Studies (.5 civics and .5 career studies)
- ▶ 1 additional English or FSL or a Native, Classical or International language or a Social Science, a Canadian and World Studies, a Guidance course, or a Co-op credit (**Group 1**)
- ▶ 1 of Physical Education, Business Studies, Art, Music, Drama, or FSL or a Co-op credit (**Group 2**)
- ▶ 1 of Grade 11 or 12 Science, a Technology, Computers, FSL or Co-op credit (**Group 3**)





STEAM

SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | ART | MATHEMATICS

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Grade 9 S.T.E.A.M. Program: Starting September 2024

STEAM is a holistic approach to learning that interconnects multiple subject areas: Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics. In the **2024/2025 school year**, Notre Dame is offering a STEAM Interdisciplinary Program for grade 9 students only.

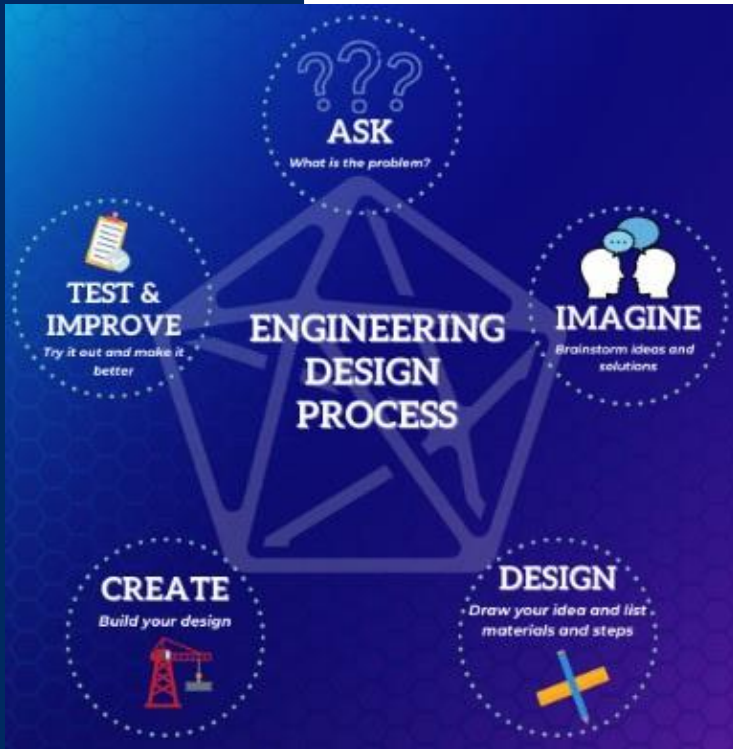
Grade 8 students looking to enter the program will be asked a short series of questions. These questions will be connected to each students' Individual Pathways Plan to ensure the Notre Dame STEAM program is the most effective programming option available to them.

[Read the FAQ](#)

[Complete the Application Form](#)



[www.https://secondary.hcdsb.org/notredame](https://secondary.hcdsb.org/notredame)



Notre Dame CSS STEAM Program

- Science Technology, Engineering, Art and Math
- Interdisciplinary Project - Based Learning (PBL)
- Design Process/Thinking
- Inquiry Based

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Grade 9 STEAM Schedule

- Grade 9 students in the Notre Dame CSS STEAM Program, will take the following STEAM courses:
 - Science
 - Technological Design
 - Math
 - English
- These four bundled STEAM courses will run full-year in the morning in cohort groupings
- Students will also take the following non-STEAM courses Religion, French, Geography and one elective (e.g. Art, Business or Phys Ed)
- Non-STEAM courses will run in a standard semester format in the afternoon (including French Immersion and Extended French)



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NOTRE DAME CSS STEAM PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

All Grade 8 students are eligible to apply to the NEW Notre Dame CSS STEAM Program.

PBL is hands on and connected to school, local and global issues.

Acceptance into the STEAM Program will not be based on grades!

The Notre Dame STEAM Application form can be found on our school website.





NOTRE DAME CSS

**STEAM PROGRAM APPLICATIONS
DUE BY:
DEC 8TH**



**Join us for our
Notre Dame CSS
STEAM Information Night
on Tuesday, November 21st
from 6 - 8:00pm**



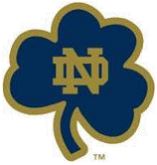
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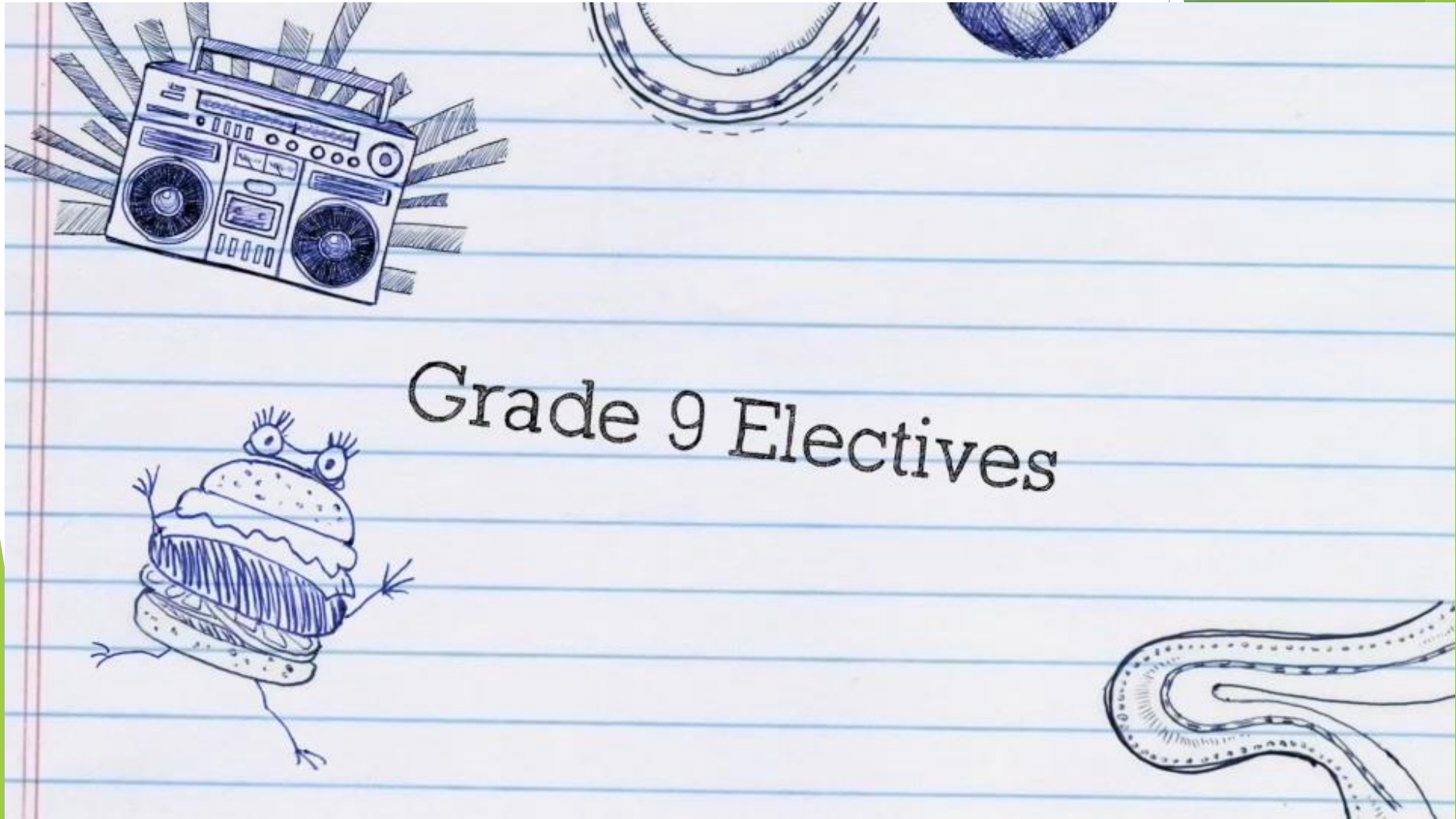
STEAM Beyond the Classroom at ND

- ▶ STEAM Club
- ▶ First Robotics
- ▶ E sports
- ▶ STEAM Innovation Showcase
- ▶ And more....





GRADE 9 ELECTIVES





MAKING YOUR CHOICES: DE-STREAMED COURSES

De-streamed courses are offered in Grade 9 for the following:

- MATH - MTH1W1
- SCIENCE - SNC1W1
- ENGLISH - ENL1W1
- GEOGRAPHY - CGC1D1
- FRENCH - FSF1D1

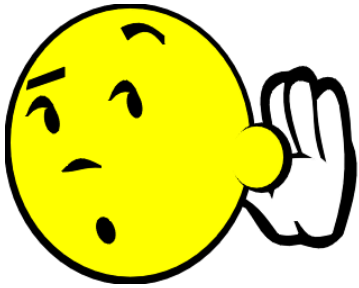


LOCALLY DEVELOPED CREDIT COURSES

- ▶ These locally developed courses are for students working below grade level.
- ▶ They are offered in English, Math, and Science.
- ▶ The English, Math and Science are counted as compulsory in grade 9 & 10.
- ▶ These courses lead to the workplace stream in grade 11 and 12.

**Less than 55 % coming from grade 8
Progressing with Difficulty**





LISTEN TO YOUR TEACHERS

- ▶ Based on individual strengths and post secondary destinations, students may choose to take a combination of applied and academic courses in their grade 10 year.
- ▶ Will the student find greater success in a Practical (Applied) or Theory based (Academic) program?





LEARNING SKILLS ARE THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN ALL PATHWAYS

- ▶ Do you use class time appropriately ?
- ▶ Do you complete and submit class work and homework on time?
- ▶ Do you establish priorities and manage time to achieve success in school?
- ▶ Do you persevere and make an effort when faced with a challenge?



WHAT IS AN OPEN COURSE?

Open

Open courses have one set of expectations for the subject being taken.

These courses are not specific to destinations and are appropriate for all students.





SELECTING ACADEMIC AND/OR APPLIED COURSES FOR GRADE 10

- ▶ Your Grade 9 achievement in the de-streamed class will help determine which grade 10 pathway might be best for you
- ▶ Students will select either some APPLIED or ACADEMIC courses in Grade 10
- ▶ Grade 10 Academic courses tend to be pre-requisites for Grade 11 and 12 University pathway courses.
- ▶ Grade 10 Applied courses tend to be pre-requisites for Grade 11 and 12 College pathway courses.



MAKING YOUR CHOICES (simplified)

Students must select 1 of the 4 bundles (program choices) below.

	De-Streamed	STEAM	Extended French	French Immersion
ENGLISH	ENL1W1	ENL1WS	ENL1W1	ENL1W1
MATH	MTH1W1	MAT1WS	MTH1W1	MTH1W1
SCIENCE	SNC1W1	SNC1WS	SNC1W1	SNC1W1
GEOGRAPHY	CGC1D1	CGC1D1	CGC1DF	CGC1DM
FRENCH	FSF1D1	FSF1D1	FEF1DF	FIF1DM
RELIGION	HRE1O1	HRE1O1	HRE1O1	HRE1OM
ELECTIVE 1		TDJ1OS		
ELECTIVE 2				



Students in the De-Streamed, Extended French, and French Immersion programs will be able to select 2 Electives.

STEAM students will have to select **TDJ1OS** as one of their electives plus one other.



GRADE 9 COURSE SELECTION GUIDE

Students will select 2 elective courses from the list below as well as 2 alternate course selections.

HEALTH & PHYS.ED

PPL10F (female)*

PPL10M (male)*

ARTS

NAC101 (Expressing Indigenous Cultures)

AMU101

BUSINESS

BTT101

EXPLORING TECHNOLOGIES

TDJ10S/ STEAM** exploring computer technology (3D printing, robotics, coding)

TIJ10T /Engineering Fundamentals (Auto/Manufacturing/Green Industry)

TIJ10N / Health & Culture (Hairstyling & Aesthetics/Hospitality/TBD)

*Students must purchase a gym uniform from the classroom teacher during the first week of class.

**Students must be enrolled in the STEAM program to take this course.



GRADE 9 STUDENTS with IEP's

- ▶ IF you have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) a teacher from the Notre Dame special education department will contact you to review your course selection and next steps.
- ▶ The Learning Strategies course GLE 101 may be used as a substitution for grade 9 French.

Please note: A student who is working below grade level in English, Math, and/or Science will be directed toward the Locally Developed credit in that particular subject area. These courses are intended to elevate skills so that the student can be successful in further secondary school programs.

ENG1L1 (Locally Developed English)

MAT1L1 (Locally Developed Math)

SNC1L1 (Locally Developed Science)



Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

Myblueprint

- ▶ Students currently enrolled in the HCDSB will complete course selections via myblueprint under the direction of school staff. Course selection will be enabled in myBlueprint from **Nov. 13th - Dec. 8th, 2023.**
- ▶ Grade 8 students must have their courses selected into myblueprint by **December 8th, 2023.**



Myblueprint



Grade 9 Registration HCDSB Students



myBlueprint



STEP 6: Click **Send Approval Email**

Submission Details

 Email your parent/guardian so that they may confirm your selections

1 Step 1
Add Courses

2 Step 2
Review Courses

3 Step 3
Submit Courses

Send Approval Email



Success

Your course selections have been submitted to your Counsellor for review. Please print the Sign-Off Sheet and return the signed copy to your school.

Note: Speak to your Counsellor to discuss any changes that you wish to make to your Course Selections

[Back to High School](#)



Myblueprint

STEP 6: Enter Parent/Guardian Email

Submission Details

! Email your parent/guardian so that they may confirm your selections.

1 Step 1
Add Courses

Send Approval Email

Success

Your course selections have been saved.

Note: Speak to your Counselor.

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Parent/Guardian Approval

Please add a parent or guardian email below for us to share your course selection.
Your parent/guardian will be asked to approve your course selections.

Parent/Guardian Email


Send Approval Email



Myblueprint

STEP 6: Parent/Guardian can **Approve or Reject**

THIS IS AN AUTOMATED MESSAGE. PLEASE DO NOT REPLY!

 myBlueprint

Course Selections approval request

Hi,

First102 Last102 has requested you approve their Course Selections.

To approve these choices, you must review the information below and click 'Approve Course Selections'.

Name: First102 Last102
School: Demo High School 2

Courses Submitted:

- English (ENG4C1)
- Chemistry (SCH4CC)
- Interdisciplinary Studies (IDC4U1)
- Visual Arts (AVI2O1)
- Introduction to Business (BBI2O1)

Alternate Courses Submitted:

- Guitar Music (AMG2O1)

[Approve Course Selections](#)

Don't approve of these Course Selections? [Reject Request](#). If you reject this request, please follow up with your school's guidance counsellor about next steps.



GRADE 10 COURSES

- ▶ Grade 10 courses are not de-streamed. Students will consider future goals when selecting courses for Grade 10.
- ▶ Some Grade 10 courses will be prerequisites for specific Grade 11 courses.
- ▶ Map out your future course selections on www.myBlueprint.ca/hcdsb to see your post secondary options.

Future
Goals



GRADES 11 AND 12 PROGRAMS

▶ Courses in Grades 11 and 12 will prepare students for the following post-secondary destinations:

- ▶ Workplace
- ▶ University/College
- ▶ College
- ▶ University



KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- ▶ De-streamed courses allow students to select a proper pathway for courses offered in Grade 10
- ▶ 4-year program
- ▶ Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
- ▶ 40 hours of community involvement
- ▶ 2 online e-learning credits



Part B

Specific School Information



THE SEMESTER SYSTEM

- ▶ N.D. Secondary School is organized on a semester system. The first semester is from September to January. The second Semester is from February to June.
- ▶ Classes in periods are 75 minutes in length.
- ▶ The lunch periods are divided into 40 minute periods. Grade 9s and 11s share a common lunch.



A REGULAR GRADE 9 DAY

- ▶ Period 1 8:20-9:40
- ▶ Period 2 9:45-11:00
- ▶ Period 3a 11:05-12:20
- ▶ Lunch 3b 12:20-1:00
- ▶ Period 4 1:05-2:20



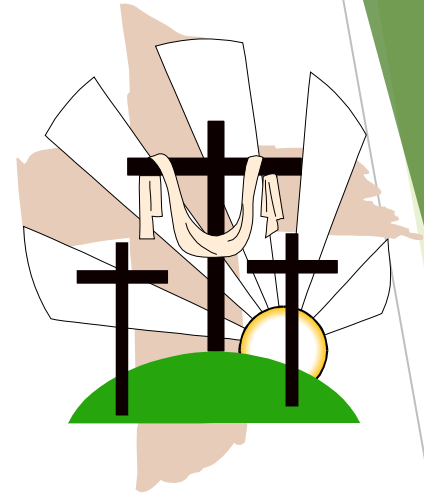
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ▶ Beginning **Nov. 13th, 2023** students will be able to make their course selections in myBlueprint. You will be supported by your Pathways Itinerant.
- ▶ MyBlueprint course selection must be completed by **Dec. 8th, 2023.**
- ▶ Parent/Guardian must approve course selections electronically in order to complete the process. (students you must know your parent/guardian email)
- ▶ \$65 Activity fee can be paid online at <https://hcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>



THE CATHOLIC DIMENSION

- ▶ Religion credit courses
- ▶ Chaplain and School Chapel
- ▶ Retreat program
- ▶ Masses and liturgies
- ▶ Community outreach/service programs
- ▶ Food drives/Christmas baskets/Missions
- ▶ Irish Cares
- ▶ Daily prayer/reflections




EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Badminton
- ▶ Ultimate Frisbee
- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Cross-country running
- ▶ Curling
- ▶ Football
- ▶ Field Hockey
- ▶ Baseball
- ▶ Ice Hockey
- ▶ Jazz Band
- ▶ Board Game Club
- ▶ French Club

- ▶ School band
- ▶ Social Justice
- ▶ School Reach
- ▶ Soccer
- ▶ Lacrosse
- ▶ Student Council
- ▶ Tennis
- ▶ Track and Field
- ▶ Volleyball
- ▶ Drama Club
- ▶ STEAM club
- ▶ Prefects
- ▶ E-sports




STEPS TO GRADE 9 REGISTRATION





Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School

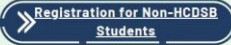
GRADE 8 INFORMATION PACKAGE


This information guide features collection of interactive links that will help guide you and your student through important information regarding the transition to Notre Dame.
Click on the icons to learn more about each topic!
























CHECKLIST-


- COURSE SELECTIONS ON MYBLUEPRINT FOR HCDSB STUDENTS
- COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM FOR NON-HCDSB STUDENTS
- PAY ACTIVITY FEE ON SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

GRADE 8 TO GRADE 9


TRANSITION TIMELINE




Explore the links below to learn more about programs, clubs, sports and SHSM opportunities here at Notre Dame




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Mentorship
All grade 9's are paired with a prefect for mentorship and community building.




French Programs
Notre Dame is the only Catholic Secondary School in Burlington to offer the Extended French Certificate Program and French Immersion.



Sports Teams



SHSM
SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR
Click to explore our SHSM Programs



Activities & Clubs



ANY QUESTIONS?

