



**NOTRE DAME CSS**

**Grade 8 Information Evening**

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# Chaplaincy-Chaplain Dunn

## Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement

### Chaplaincy at Notre Dame CSS

#### Faith in Action: Build Community & Celebrate Faith

- Shamrock 🍀 Council : Clubs
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pjJ2Jdl-wyurx3QCH1adWmRASG21WnpNhFEedh330pM/edit?tab=t.0>
- Irish Cares –Social Justice Outreach
- Chaplaincy Team – Faith Team
- Irish Sings- Choir



# Principal M. Freeman

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Vice Principal V. Aquilina

Vice Principal N. Cook



**NOTRE DAME CSS**  
**A PLACE FOR EVERYONE**



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# Notre Dame CSS Catholic School Council

"Parental Involvement is one of the most significant factors contributing to a child's success in school. When parents are involved in their children's education, the level of student achievement increases. Students attend school more regularly; they complete more homework in a consistent manner; and demonstrate more positive attitudes towards school. They are also more likely to complete high school."



# We All Belong

## AFFIRMING SPACES FOR ALL

- All students are welcome and included at Notre Dame CSS
- Notre Dame CSS is a safe space
- Students can access a gender inclusive washroom in the attendance office
- Students are also welcome to use this space as a change room for gym class
- We also have an Open Door Club which is our school GSA. Mrs. Pietroiusti our CYC is the staff advisor for the club



# Religious & Cultural Accommodations

- Notre Dame CSS is a vibrant community comprised of many different faith traditions and cultures
- If you require a religious accommodation, IE: Prayer space, holiday observance, etc, or cultural accommodation, please reach out to your Vice Principal for support
- Information regarding religious accommodations can be found on the Notre Dame CSS website



# Notre Dame CSS



**McCARTHY**  
UNIFORMS

**Polo Shirts** (Short Sleeve/Long Sleeve)



**Rugby Shirt**



**Hoodie Sweatshirt**



**Pants**



**Shorts**



## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Notre Dame CSS is a uniformed high school. Students can wear Notre Dame CSS pants, shorts, polo shirts and hoodie sweatshirt. Students can also wear any form of shoe excluding slides, crocs and sandals

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# Student Experience



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# NOTRE DAME CSS STUDENT SERVICES

Educational Pathways  
Course Selections  
Career Plans

Mrs. Beltrano (Head of Student Services)  
Mrs. Saliba  
Mr. Montesi  
Mrs. McManus - Secretary



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## PATHWAYS - MAKING CHOICES FOR YOUR FUTURE



### Individual Pathway Plan (IPP) through MyBlueprint

- **Grade 8 Teacher**
- **Elementary Pathways Itinerant**
- **High School Guidance Counsellors**





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# FRENCH LANGUAGE AT NOTRE DAME CSS

Certificat de langue française





# Extended French

1260 instructional hours (or equivalent) required to register

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
FEF 1DF	FEF 2DF	FEF 3UF	FEF 4UF
CGC 1WF	CHC 2DF	HRT 3MF	

Completion of 7 French Language Courses





# French Immersion

3000 instructional hours (or equivalent) required to register

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
FIF 1DM	FIF 2DM	FIF 3UM	FIF 4UM
HRE 1OM	HRE 2OM	HRT 3MM	HRE 4MM
CGC 1WM	CHC 2DM		<div>DELF DIPLOME D'ETUDES EN LANGUE FRANÇAISE</div>

Option to  
write AP  
exam

Completion of 10 French Language Courses



# **SPECIAL EDUCATION AT NOTRE DAME CSS**





- **Transition Meetings with feeder schools Nov/Dec**
- **Review IEP and student profile to determine best pathway fit for course selection**
- **Students take part in transitional events Gr 9 Day (May/June), Gr 9 Orientation (End of Aug), transition visits (June/End of August)**





- **Students who are on A4 curriculum, not working on Ontario curriculum, will meet to discuss the Life Skills program**
- **Two placement options in Life Skills – determined based on student profile and in consultation with Special Education staff**





**Since 2024, students entering Grade 9 now require:**

- ✓ 17 Compulsory Credits
- ✓ 13 Optional Credits



**Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test**

- ✓ Compulsory provincial literacy test in English Comprehension
- ✓ Held twice a year – Fall and Spring
- ✓ Unsuccessful students – OLC40 Literacy Course



**40 Hours Community Service**

- ✓ Community involvement activities
- ✓ Students involved in non-paid social activities



**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

**2 Online Credits**  
**Financial Literacy – Grade 10 Math**



# OSSD Academic Planner - Compulsory Courses



**1 ART**  
**1 Phys. Ed**  
**1 STEM related**  
**course**

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
1	Religion	Religion	Religion	Religion
2	English	English	English	English
3	Math	Math	Math	
4	Science	Science		
5	French	History		
6	Geography	Civ/Car		
7	Tech here	or Tech here		
8				

# Grade 9 Course Bundles

De Streamed

ENL 1W1  
MTH 1W1  
SNC 1W1  
FSF 1D1  
CGC 1W1  
HRE 1O1  
+2 electives

Extended French

ENL 1W1  
MTH 1W1  
SNC 1W1  
FEF 1DF\*  
CGC 1WF\*  
HRE 1O1  
+2 electives

\*course taught in French language

French Immersion

ENL 1W1  
MTH 1W1  
SNC 1W1  
FIF 1WM\*  
CGC 1WM\*  
HRE 1OM \*  
+ 2 electives

\*course taught in French language

ENL 1W1  
\*\*MTH 1WP  
\*\*SNC 1WP  
FSF 1D1  
CGC 1W1  
HRE 1O1  
\*\*TDJ 10P

+ 1 elective



\*\*Successful applicants will have their courses changed by ND Guidance

# GRADE 9 ELECTIVES

Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School



AMU10 – MUSIC  
AVI10 – VISUAL ARTS

BEM10 – BUILDING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET

PPL10M – HEALTHY ACTIVE LIVING-MALE  
PPL10F – HEALTHY ACTIVE LIVING-FEMALE

TAS101 – ENGINEERING FUNDAMENTALS COMBINATION OF TWO (2) OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING  
CONSTRUCTION, TRANSPORTATION, MANUFACTURING,  
LANDSCAPING

TAS102 – HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMBINATION OF TWO (2) OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING  
HOSPITALITY, HEALTH AND WELLNESS, HAIRSTYLING &  
AESTHETICS, GREEN INDUSTRIES

GLE10\* – LEARNING STRATEGIES – REQUIRES AN IEP





# GRADE 9 ELECTIVE COURSES

Pride. Tradition. Legacy.



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**CATHOLIC**   
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**Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School**  
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# GRADE 9 REGISTRATION

HCDSB Students





## HCDSB STUDENT REGISTRATION- TIMELINE

- Notre Dame guidance counsellors will visit our Family of Schools grade 8 classes the **week of November 10** to provide information regarding course selection.
- myBlueprint will be available for course submission **beginning November 17 and closes on December 5.**
- Please note, students applying to our STEAM program will be required to submit a separate STEAM application.





# Parent/Guardian Email Approval

**Submission Details**

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

1 Step 1  
Add Courses

**Success**  
Your course selections have been submitted successfully.

**Note:** Speak to your Counselor for more information.

Back to High School

**Parent/Guardian Approval**


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

Parent/Guardian Email

Send Approval Email



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.



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Non HCDSB Students



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# NON HCDSB STUDENT REGISTRATION

**NOTRE DAME**  
CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

STUDENT EXPERIENCE ACADEMICS STEAM **PARENTS** NEWS & EVENTS OUR SCHOOL CONTACT

## Discover the Advantages of Notre Dame

Attending Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School in Burlington offers students a myriad of advantages. Our school provides a nurturing and inclusive environment that fosters academic excellence, character development, and personal growth. With dedicated educators, state-of-the-art facilities, and a wide range of extracurricular activities, students have the opportunity to excel in their studies and pursue their passions. Our strong sense of community encourages



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## NON HCDSB STUDENT REGISTRATION- SUGGESTED TIMELINE

- Online Registration opens **November 3, 2025**
- Please complete the online registration process **prior to January 14, 2026**

**Our guidance secretary will contact you once your registration has been completed to provide next steps regarding course selection.**

**Please note, students applying to our STEAM program will be required to submit a separate STEAM application **after** submitting the online registration form with Notre Dame.**





## NON HCDSB STUDENT REGISTRATION- DOCUMENT CHECKLIST



### Child's Birth Certificate



### Proof of Address

This must be official document(s) that show your name and address, verifying that you reside at the address. Common examples include:

1. Utility bills
2. Government-issued statements
3. Property tax bills
4. Current agreement of purchase and sale



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Sign In



# A Transition Guide for Grade 8 Students and Parents/ Guardians



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Achieving Believing Belonging



## Entering Secondary School

A Transition Guide for Grade 8 Students and Parents/Guardians

*"What does the Lord ask of you?" Micah 6:8*



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