

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School



Administration Team:

Mr. Wong – Principal

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Mrs. Howitt – Guidance Secretary

Mrs. Carambia – Guidance Counsellor (A – K)

Mr. Resendes – Guidance Counsellor (L- Q)

Mrs. Sneyd – Guidance Counsellor (R – Z)

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO GRADUATE:



Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) requirements:

- 30 credits/courses in total:
 - 17 compulsory credits & 13 elective credits
- **In addition to courses, students must complete:**
 - pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) (minimum of 300 score out of 400)
 - minimum grade of 70% on a Financial Literacy Test taken in grade 10 math class
 - 40 hours of Ministry approved community service hours
 - minimum of 2 **online** learning credits (will have the option to opt out in gr.11)
- Students need to complete before the end of **GRADE 10 ONE Arts credit** (visual arts, music or grade 10 drama) and ONE **technology course**

For a complete list of graduation requirements, you can visit our school website, visit your son/daughter's [My Blueprint](#) account or visit the Ministry of Education website



Community Service Hours

- All students are required to complete **40** community service hours with a **NON-PROFIT** organization
- Students must receive **pre-approval** and complete a form **BEFORE** they start any activity. Forms can be found in the Student Services office or our school's website
- When a student completes their activity, they will need to bring in a formal letter on the organizations letter head indicating the activity, number of hours completed with a signature into Student Services
- Only hours completed after their grade 8 graduation can be counted

S.K.T.'s Grade 9 Program



Course Codes



Destreamed Courses: Courses that have a 'D' or 'W' are destreamed courses in grade 9. These courses are open to all. i.e. **ENL1W** or **CGC1W**.

Locally Developed Courses: Courses with a "L" i.e. Eng1L, MAT1L, SNC1L

- these courses are only taken by on the recommendation with Special Education Department from the student's elementary school, a SERT, an ESL monitor or grade 8 classroom teacher



French Programs at St. Kateri

- Students who take French through grades 9-12 can write the **DEL**F (French Proficiency exams)
- **DEL**F is an official diploma awarded by the French Ministry of Education to certify the French language competency outside of France. This diploma credits a person with the distinguished skill of bilingualism

Core French, AP French, Extended French & French Immersion Programs

| CORE & AP FRENCH | EXTENDED FRENCH | FRENCH IMMERSION |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 600 hours required by the end of grade 8 for • Hours are recorded in the OSR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1260 hours required by the end of grade 8 • Hours are recorded in the OSR • Currently in an E.F program • Proof of hours required outside of HCDSB • Students in F.I can take E.F • Core/AP students cannot take E.F courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3800 hours required by the end of grade 8 • Hours are recorded in the OSR • Currently in F.I program • Proof of hours required outside of HCDSB • Students in core/AP/E.F programs cannot take F.I. courses |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 course required for OSSD: FSF 1D1 • Gr10-12: FSF2D, FSF3U, FSF4U • Students can participate in AP-Prep (including AP French) as well as the pre-IB programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 courses required for Extended French certificate awarded along with OSSD • Gr. 9: FEF1D1 & CGC1WF (geography) • *option to take gr. 10 Careers/Civics in French • Students can participate in the pre-IB or pre-AP program (not AP French unless coming out of Extended French program) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 courses required for French Immersion certificate awarded along with OSSD. St. Kateri students can earn up to 12 courses: • Gr. 9: FIF 1D1, CGC1WM (geography) HRE1OM (religion) • *option to take NAC1OM (art) • *option Careers/Civics in French • Students can participate in pre-IB/AP programs |
| DELF French Proficiency exam | DELF French Proficiency Exam | DELF French Proficiency Exam |

Course Guide - COMPULSORY COURSES



There are 6 compulsory courses students will take in grade 9:

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|----------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Religion | HRE1O (all students must take one religion class each year with their peers) *HRE1OM – French Immersion | | |
| 2. English | ENL1W (Destreamed) or ENG1L (based on recommendation of teacher only) | | |
| 3. Mathematics | MTH1W (Destreamed) or MAT1L (based on recommendation of teacher only) | | |
| 4. Science | SNC1W (Destreamed) or SNC1L (based on recommendation of teacher only) | | |
| 5. Geography | CGC1W (Destreamed) | *CGC1WF (Extended French) | *CGC1WM (French Immersion) |
| 6. French | FSF1D (Destreamed) | *FEF1D1 (Extended French) | *FIF1D1 (French Immersion) |

ESL A/B/C/D/E English as a second language, to be selection on recommendation of elementary school ESL teacher .

Course Selection - Elective Courses



In addition to the 6 compulsory courses, students need to **select 2 ELECTIVE COURSES**. Students can select 2 from the following categories:

HEALTH & PHYS. ED

PPL 10F (*Female*)

PPL 10M (*Male*)

ARTS

NAC 101 (*Visual Art*)

NAC 10M (*French Immersion Art*)

AMU 101 (*Music*)

BUSINESS

BEM 101

(Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset)

TECHNOLOGY

TDJ 101 (*Technological design*)

TFJ 101 (*Exploring Hospitality & Tourism*)

GUIDANCE & CAREER EDUCATION

GLS 10 (*General Learning Strategies*)

*** Students who currently have an **IEP** are encouraged to take **GLE1O1 – Learning Strategies** as one of their electives to help with the transition to grade 9. See the Special Education Dept./S.E.R.T./classroom teacher for more information.

Course Selection



- Students will take 8 courses in grade 9
- 6 Compulsory courses + 2 elective courses
- Students in our Family of Schools (Our Lady of Fatima, Guardian Angels, St. Scholastica, St. Veronica, St. Benedict (F.I) and Lumen Christi (E.F)) will work with the elementary school itinerants and enter courses into **My Blueprint (opens Nov. 20th)**
- Parents must approve the courses in **My Blueprint** via an email. Otherwise, courses will not be processed
- There is a **\$65 Student Activity fee** also that needs to be paid by **Cash-on-line**. Visit the school website <https://secondary.hcdsb.org/stkateri> for access to Cash-on-line. Activity fee is important to help enhance all student's educational and high school experience. Helps pay the cost of student events, guest speakers, buses to events, yearbook and supplies such as locks for lockers etc.



myBlueprint education planner

An excellent resource for parents and students to begin researching future post-secondary programs

This program is used in High School for Career & Educational planning from grades 9 to 12

All family of schools must enter their course selection into My Blueprint

Students can earn gift cards by using the program



Throughout high school students can keep track of their graduation requirements any time

Graduation Indicator

| | | |
|---------------|-------|------|
| Planned | _____ | 0 |
| Earned | _____ | 0 |
| Required | _____ | 0/30 |
| Total Credits | _____ | 0 |

View Progress



Compulsory

0/18 Credits

| | Planned | Earned | Required |
|--|---------|--------|----------|
| ✓ 4 Credits in English (1 credit per grade) | 1 | 0 | 1/4 |
| ✓ 1 Credit in French As a Second Language | 1 | 0 | 1/1 |
| ✓ 3 Credits in Mathematics (at least 1 credit at the grade 11 or grade 12 level) | 1 | 0 | 1/3 |
| ✓ 2 Credits in Science | 1 | 0 | 1/2 |
| ✓ 1 Credit in Arts | 1 | 0 | 1/1 |
| ✓ 1 Credit in Health and Physical Education | 1 | 0 | 1/1 |
| ✓ 0.5 Credit in Civics | 0 | 0 | 0/0.5 |
| ✓ 0.5 Credit in Guidance and Career Education | 0 | 0 | 0/0.5 |
| ✓ 1 Credit in History | 0 | 0 | 0/1 |
| ✓ 1 Credit in Geography | 1 | 0 | 1/1 |

Parent email approval. Your plan will not be approved by a guidance counsellor until we receive confirmation that a parent/guardian has reviewed and approved your plan. Make sure you enter the correct email address. An email is sent to a parent from My Blueprint not St. Kateri. If a parent doesn't approve the plan, and would like to make changes, they will need to email the school to reset the plan, then resubmit the plan.

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.

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

Back to High School

Non-HCDSB Students School Registration & Other Information

- Students who are ***not attending*** one of our Family of School's or are not currently a student in the Halton Catholic District school board, will need to complete an ***Online Registration Application***. Please go to www.hcdsb.org for more information on completing this registration form. Once your application has been approved, St. Kateri will contact you and forward the necessary information to complete course selection and registration. **Registration is now *open* for the 2025-2026 regular program school year.**
- **Out of Boundary Students** – if you live outside the St. Kateri's boundary and are a student of HCDSB you will need to complete an Out of Boundary Request form. You can obtain this form from any HCDSB elementary schools or high-schools. All forms are to be sent to a superintendent. Once approved, St. Kateri will contact you with further instructions.
- No cross-boundary forms are needed if coming to St. Kateri for a specialty program, pre-IB, pre-AP, Extended French or French Immersion

Students who are in our Family of Schools and are interested in applying for a pre-**IB** program or pre-**AP** programs are required to **first submit** courses for the regular program in My Blueprint and pay the activity fee to St. Kateri by Dec. 13th first. If students are accepted into the **pre-IB/AP program**, St. Kateri will change the courses to reflect the appropriate program.

Pre-IB/AP course codes do not show up in My Blueprint

HCDSB students who are outside our boundary and are applying for pre-IB or pre-AP programs must submit courses to their **home school first**. If accepted into St. Kateri's pre-IB/AP program, the home school will transfer their courses over to us and we will make the necessary changes.

Review & Timelines



1. Guidance counsellors will be visiting our Family of School's grade 8 classes next week
2. Dec. 13th: Students must submit their course in **My Blueprint** & pay the \$65 activity fee. Approval email to parents/guardians. **My Blueprint** will be open by November 20th.
3. Dec. 13th: Registrations from **non-HCDSB** students are due & \$65 activity fee. Make sure you are registering for the **2025-2026 school year**.
4. Changes to electives can be done until APRIL 1st. Once September begins no changes can be made to elective courses.
5. August 2025: Grade 9 Orientation Day – students will receive their timetable, tour the school and be assigned a locker. Information will be on our school website in August.



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Thank you!