

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School's Pre-Diploma Information Night



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St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School

St. Kateri is a candidate school for the Diploma Programme. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School.

IB World Schools share a common philosophy – a commitment to high-quality, challenging, international education – that we believe is important for our students.





IB: An Education for Life

Founded in 1968 for internationally mobile students

- ☐ Focus on the whole person
- ☐ International perspective
- ☐ Responsible citizenship
- ☐ Critical and compassionate thinkers
- ☐ Informed participants in local and international affairs
- ☐ Respectful of other cultures and attitudes





The IB Diploma is...

- An excellent academic programme that prepares students well for university
- A well-rounded educational program
- Well-respected by universities around the world
- Growing in popularity and recognition
- A challenging but manageable undertaking
- Earned in addition to the OSSD
- Both collaborative and independent

St. Kateri Tekakwitha will be the second International Baccalaureate Catholic Secondary school in the Halton Catholic District School Board.



International Baccalaureate Community

- ❑ Over 5,500 schools, 7,500 programmes
- ❑ Over 1,950,000 students
- ❑ In 159 countries (187 schools in Canada offering Diploma Programme)
- ❑ Integration with Grade 11 and 12 Ontario Curriculum and Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations
- ❑ **St. Kateri will be one of 85 Diploma Programme Schools in Ontario**





IB Learner Profile

- **Inquirers**
- **Knowledgeable**
- **Thinkers**
- **Communicators**
- **Risk Takers**
- **Principled**
- **Caring**
- **Open-minded**
- **Well-balanced**
- **Reflective**





What is the difference between Advance Placement (AP) and the International Baccalaureate (IB)?

Advance Placement (AP)	IB Diploma Programme
Opportunity for advance standing in university. If they do not write their AP exam, they do not have advanced standing. Institutions do not automatically receive notification that a student wrote an AP exam.	Opportunity for advance standing in university. Because our students write their IB exams, they have an opportunity to receive a transfer credit, depending on the university.
Taken on a course-by-course basis	Offers a complete program and with an internationally recognized diploma
Only receives an OSSD	Receives OSSD and IB Diploma
Mark is based solely on an end of term AP exam in grade 12	Marks determined by both internal assessment and final IB exams
Students must send their grade 12 exam results to the post-secondary institution.	All grade 12 marks are converted from IB final exams to Ontario marks and submitted to OUAC (and dependent on student performance).



Benefits of the IB Programme

- ☐ The IB Programme has ***ADDED VALUE!***
- ☐ Potential for Advanced standing in some first-year University courses
- ☐ The IB internal and external assessments determine grades
- ☐ Measured against worldwide standards
- ☐ Opportunities to study abroad
- ☐ Clustered classroom settings
- ☐ Challenging curriculum assessed to an international standard
- ☐ Students earn an IB Diploma and an OSSD





What does the IB offer students?

- ☐ High academic standards – expanded learning beyond academic study
- ☐ Preparation for the rigor of post-secondary education
- ☐ Educates the whole person
- ☐ Appreciation for cultures and attitudes other than their own and informed, tolerant and willing to engage with diverse groups
- ☐ Ownership for their learning & skills necessary to transition to university
- ☐ ***The IB diploma is widely recognized by the world's leading universities.***



Success in IB

There are no minimum marks required for remaining in IB unless a student fails a prerequisite course

70+ is recommended for success in the program

Extra help is always available

- Teachers
- Math help after school
- Student success

Students need to be intrinsically motivated

Learning skills are critical

- Time management
- Organization
- Collaboration
- Self-regulation
- Initiative

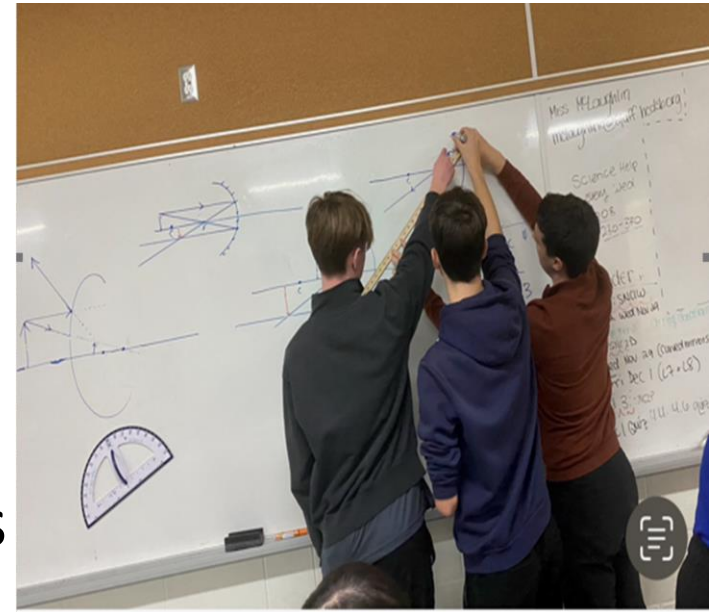




What is the difference between Pre-IB and IB programmes?

The IB Diploma programme is a four-year commitment.

Grades 9 and 10 are the school's **preparatory years** for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, which begins in grade 11 and ends in grade 12.





Sample Pre-Diploma Timetable

Grade 9 Semester 1	Grade 9 Semester 2	Grade10 Semester 1	Grade 10 Semester 2
Pre – IB English	Pre – IB Mathematics	Pre – IB English	Pre- IB French OR Pre-IB Spanish
Pre- IB French	Pre – IB Science	Pre – IB Mathematics	Pre – IB Mathematics Grade 11
Pre – IB Geography	Pre- IB Religion	Pre – IB History	Pre – IB Science
Music/ Art/Tech	Phys Ed	Pre- IB Religion	Music/Drama/Art/ Tech Civics & Careers**

****Careers/Civics**** (Students will need to take this course during summer school to free up space for tech course)



Sample Pre-IB French Immersion Timetable – 10 credits

Grade 9 Semester 1	Grade 9 Semester 2	Grade 10 Semester 1	Grade 10 Semester 2
Pre – IB English	Pre – IB Mathematics	Pre – IB English	Pre- IB French Immersion
Pre- IB French Immersion	Pre – IB Science	Pre – IB Mathematics	Pre – IB Mathematics Grade 11
Pre – IB Geographie	Pre-IB Religion (French)	Pre – IB Histoire	Pre – IB Science
Music/Tech/ Art (French)	Phys Ed	Pre-IB Religion (French)	Music/Tech/ Drama/ Art (French) Civics & Careers** (French)

**Careers/Civics - French – take in summer school





Sample Pre-IB Extended French Timetable – 7 credits

Grade 9 Semester 1	Grade 9 Semester 2	Grade10 Semester 1	Grade 10 Semester 2
Pre – IB English	Pre – IB Mathematics	Pre – IB English	Pre- IB Extended French
Pre- IB Extended French	Pre – IB Science	Pre – IB Mathematics	Pre – IB Mathematics Gr. 11
Pre – IB Geographie	Pre-IB Religion	Pre – IB Histoire	Pre – IB Science
Music/Drama/ Art (French)	Phys Ed	Pre-IB Religion (French)	Tech Civics & Careers** (French)

****Careers/Civics - French – recommended to take in summer school**



IB Course Tentative Offerings Grades 11 and 12

- ❑ **Group 1** – Language & Literature (English)
- ❑ **Group 2** – Second Language
(French, Spanish)
- ❑ **Group 3** – Individuals and Society
(Business Management)
- ❑ **Group 4** – Experimental Sciences
(Biology, Chemistry, Physics,
Computer Science)
- ❑ **Group 5** – Mathematics
- ❑ **Group 6** – The Arts





Central Elements of the IB Diploma

Extended Essay (EE) – Grade 11 & 12 Requirement

- Up to 4,000-word investigation of a topic of special interest outside of the regular curriculum which acquaints diploma candidates with independent research and writing skills

Theory of Knowledge (ToK) – Grade 11 & 12 Requirement

- Challenges students to question the basis of knowledge, to develop the ability to analyze evidence and to appreciate other cultural perspectives

Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) – Grade 11 & 12 Requirement

- Continuous community involvement demonstrating reflective/experiential learning





IB Student Testimonials

Excerpt from STA IB graduate: Holly Storey

“The IB program delivers a holistic, worldly education, nurturing well-rounded and internationally-minded individuals ready not just for university, but also for the diverse challenges and opportunities life presents post-high school. Reflecting on my journey, I am profoundly grateful for the comprehensive preparation I've gained, both academically and personally, through the enriching IB experience.”





Message from IB Student

David Nguyen – Queens University, STA Grad

"Attending the IB programme was undoubtedly one of the best academic decisions I've made. The IB Diploma Programme not only provides a rigorous and comprehensive curriculum but also facilitates the development of vital critical thinking, problem-solving, communication and research skills....my supportive teachers and like-minded classmates helped me grow, both as a student and individual. While the curriculum certainly enriched my academic experience, whether through the shared experiences IB offered and extracurricular initiatives I partook in, the phenomenal staff and community certainly impacted my IB experience for the better."

How to Combine Multiple Programs

- ❑ Students in the IBDP may also pursue the following SHSMS: Computer Science, Business or Art. Students will consult with their guidance counsellor to plan their pathway.
- ❑ Students in the IB DP will be prepared to challenge the AP exams or the DELF in their grade 12 year.
- ❑ Students are recommended to keep their doors OPEN and apply for the grade 9 pre-IB course and build skills such as thinking, communication, research, self-management and social skills while working towards their OSSD and preparing for the IBDP.
- ❑ Grades 9 and 10 Pre-IB are discernment years when students build skills necessary for learning and achievement. In grade 11 they may either pursue the IB programme or transfer into another program. Please note that students must take grade 10 Pre-IB to have prerequisites for Grade 11 IB.



Admission to our Grade 9 Pre-IB Program

Grade 9 Admission is based on:

- ☐ Evaluation of Grade 7 Final Report card.
- ☐ Evaluation of Grade 8 Progress Report card.
- ☐ Evaluation of Grade 8 Mid-term Report card.
- ☐ Evaluation of Learning skills.
- ☐ Focus on Math, English, Science & French Report card grades.
- ☐ Evaluation of 150-word essay.



Application Process

- ☐ **Submission of the on-line Application Package**, a copy of Grade 7 Final Report Card, Grade 8 Progress Report, 150-word essay by **Friday, December 13, 2024**. **Conditional offers** will be sent out in **January 2025** via email.
- ☐ Acceptance will be conditional on Mid-term Grade 8 report card.
- ☐ Applications will be available online starting on Monday, November 25, 2024, on the St. Kateri Tekakwitha website <https://secondary.hcdsb.org/stkateri/>



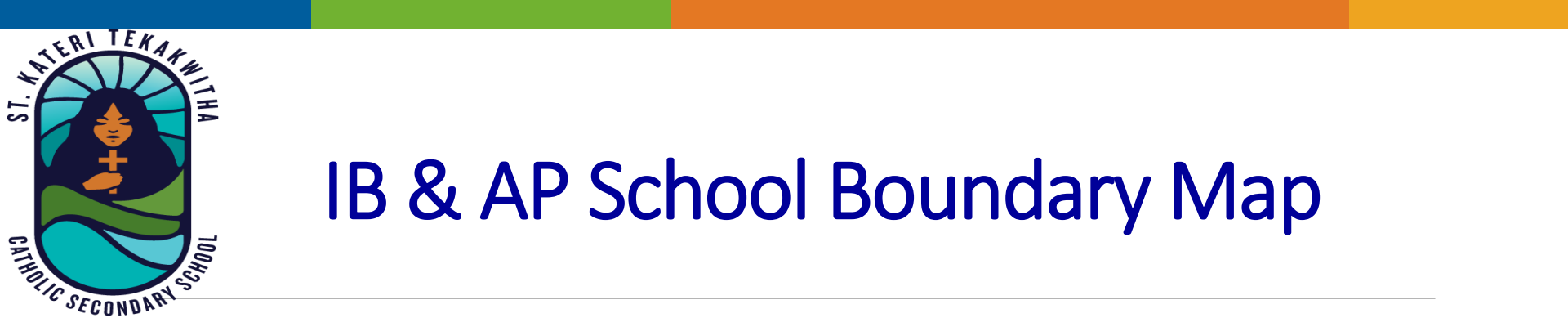
Programme Fees 2024-2025

- * **Grade 9: \$300 CAD**, non-refundable
- * **Grade 10: \$400 CAD**, non-refundable
- * **Grade 11: \$850 CAD** (includes the cost of two IB exams)
- * **Grade 12: \$1,350 CAD** (includes the cost of four IB exams)

☐ Fees are used to provide resources and training specific to the IB Programme.

☐ *Programme fees subject to change by HCDSB





IB & AP School Boundary Map

- ☐ Families residing north of the 407 (Milton and Halton Hills) will apply to St. Kateri Tekakwitha.
- ☐ Students residing out of district and applying for cross-boundary entrance – Brampton, Wellington and North Mississauga will apply to St. Kateri.
- ☐ Students residing in Niagara, Hamilton and South Mississauga will apply to St. Thomas Aquinas in Oakville.
- ☐ Students from Burlington may choose either option, pending the distance and convenience of where they reside within the city.





Cross Boundary for Specialized Programs

- ☐ The IB and AP-Prep are specialized programs.
- ☐ As per HCDSB Policy 1-04: Transportation is only provided for students living within the St. Kateri boundaries who qualify for busing according to board policies.
- ☐ As per HCDSB Policy 1-04: Cross Boundary students attending the IB program DO NOT require a cross boundary form.
- ☐ Cross Boundary IB students are responsible for their own transportation.
- ☐ Students in a specialized program whom “OPT OUT” of the IB program will be required to return to their home school.
- ☐ Visit www.haltonbus.ca if you have questions related to busing eligibility.





Frequently asked questions...

1. Is it possible for me to obtain both my IB Diploma and my French Immersion or Extended French Certificate?

Yes. French Immersion students require 10 credits taught in French and Extended French students require 7 credits to meet the Ministry requirements for program completion.

Our students (Core, IB, AP, Extended or Immersion) are also given the opportunity to challenge the DELF, which is a supplementary diploma issued by France Education International and corresponds to established levels of French-language proficiency.





Frequently asked questions...

2. Do all students have to take a second language?

Yes. Your student can take either French or Spanish.

3. If my child is in Extended French or French Immersion, do they have to take a second language, such as Spanish?

No. Your student does not have to take a second language, unless they choose their second language course to be Spanish.

4. How are IB exams different than regular high-school exams?

Grade 11 and 12 IB exams are held in May each year; the dates and times are determined by the IB Organization. Exam content is determined by the IB Organization and marked externally by their own evaluators.





Frequently asked questions...

5. Can I join the Programme in Grade 10?

There are spaces available in grade 10. Applicants will be assessed on an individual basis. The application for grade 10 students is available in the student services office and will be made available on our St. Kateri website.

6. How do you decide which students are admitted into the programme?

A committee reviews the applications and makes a determination. The committee reviews and evaluates the students' learning skills, grades in Math, English, Science and French for both grades 7 and 8, and a 150-word essay.





Frequently asked questions...

7. How do we choose between IB or AP?

There is no need to choose! Students are able to complete the IBDP programme AND write the AP exams. Please speak with your guidance counsellor.

8. How many students do you let into the programme in each grade?

We will receive many applications for the IB Programme; each grade and year is reviewed on an individual basis. We want to accept **all students** who demonstrate academic ability and an enthusiasm to learn.

The IB programme adheres to the HCDSB Inclusion Policy and the IB believes in an inclusive approach to education designed to remove or reduce barriers so that every student can fully participate.





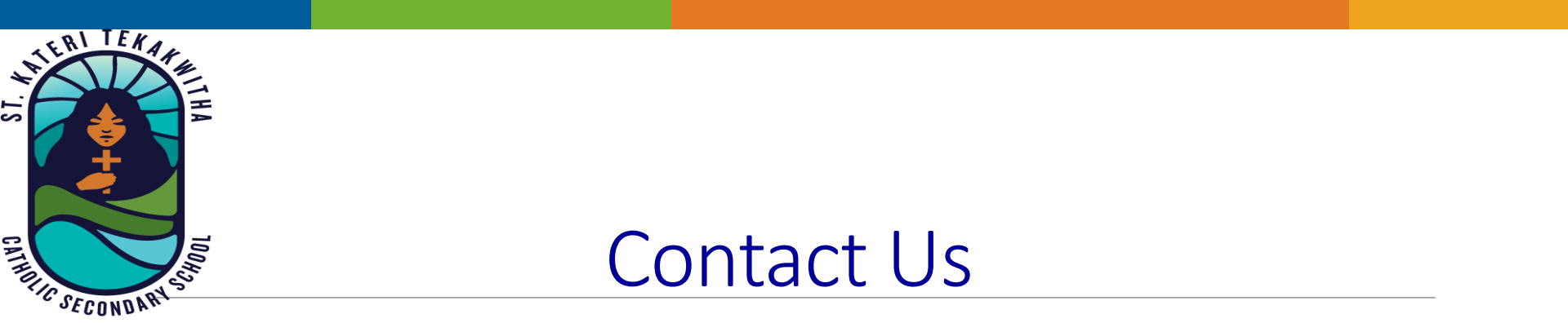
Frequently asked questions...

9. How much homework can a student expect as part of the IB Programme and When do students actually work on their diploma?

There is generally more homework for IB students than in the core program. All work towards the IB diploma must be completed over a 2-year span. Students complete all the course work beginning in September of their Grade 11 year. To prepare for the programme, students apply to join our St. Kateri Tekakwitha pre-IB programme, which focuses on the knowledge and skills necessary for success in the IB Diploma Program.

10. When does my child write the six IB subject exams?

In our programme we will divide the six subject exams between grade 11 and 12. Math and Science will be written in Grade 11. The other four subject exams will be written at the end of grade 12. This will provide balance and support student well-being.



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