

# Pre-IB - Grade 9 Information

*For Grade 8 Students  
Entering Grade 9 in  
September*



**St. Kateri Tekakwitha C.S.S.** is an **IB World School** and proudly offers the Diploma Programme.

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 Programme [IBDP] 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
- **St. Kateri Tekakwitha C.S.S. is the *second* International Baccalaureate World School in the HCDSB**
- Earned in addition to the OSSD
- Both collaborative and independent

# International Baccalaureate (IB) Community



- Over 5,500 schools and 7,500 programmes
- Over 1,950,000 students
- In 159 countries (184 schools in Canada offering Diploma Programme)
- Integration with Grade 11 and 12 Ontario Curriculum and Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations
- St. Kateri C.S.S. is one of 73 Diploma Programme Schools in Ontario

# IB Learner Profile



**Inquirers**

**Knowledgeable**

**Thinkers**

**Communicators**

**Risk Takers**

**Principled**

**Caring**

**Open-minded**

**Well-balanced**

**Reflective**

# Differences between Programs: AP and IB

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

- ✓ The IBDP has **ADDED VALUE!**
- ✓ **Emphasizes critical thinking, research, global awareness and personal growth**
- ✓ Potential for advanced standing in some first year University courses
- ✓ IBDP 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 **TWO DIPLOMAS**: an IB Diploma + an OSSD



## Benefits of the IB Programme!

The IBDP is widely recognized by over 100 post-secondary institutions globally! *Why!?* It offers students:

High academic standards – expanded learning beyond academic study

Preparation for the rigor of post-secondary education

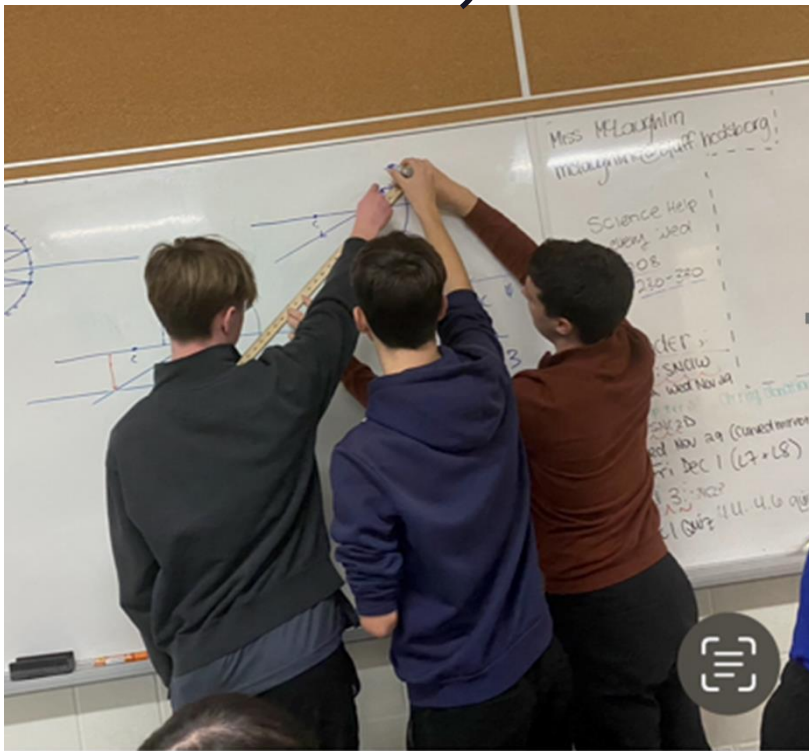
Educates the whole person

Appreciation for cultures/worldviews [other than their own], promotes learning and tolerance, and a willingness to engage with diverse groups

Ownership for their learning & skills necessary to transition to post-secondary education

What is the *difference* between Pre-IB and IBDP?

The school's preparatory years are Grade 9 and Grade 10 (**Pre-IB**).



The IB Diploma Programme [**IBDP**] is TWO years. It begins in Grade 11 (Year 1) and ends in Grade 12 (Year 2).



# Sample Pre-IB Timetables [Core]

Grade 9 Semester 1	Grade 9 Semester 2
Pre – IB Science	Pre – IB Mathematics
Pre- IB French	Pre-IB English
Phys Ed	Pre- IB Religion
Music/ Art/Drama	Pre – IB Geography

Grade 10 Semester 1	Grade 10 Semester 2
Pre – IB English	Pre- IB French
Pre – IB Mathematics	Pre – IB Mathematics <b>Grade 11</b>
Pre – IB History	Pre – IB Science
Pre- IB Religion	Tech

\*\* **Careers/Civics** \*\* (Pre-IB Students must take this course during summer school to free up space for a tech course)



# Sample Pre-IB Timetables

[French Immersion = 10 Credits in FRENCH]

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/Drama/ Art (French)	Phys Ed	Pre-IB Religion (French)	Tech Civics & Careers** (French)

\*\* **Careers/Civics** \*\* (Pre-IB Students must take this course during summer school in **FRENCH** to free up space for a tech course and meet immersion requirements)



# Sample Pre-IB Timetables

[Extended French = 7 Credits in FRENCH]

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 <b>Extended French</b>
Pre- IB <b>Extended French</b>	Pre – IB Science	Pre – IB Mathematics	Pre – IB Mathematics <b>Gr. 11</b>
Pre – IB <b>Geographie</b>	Pre-IB Religion	Pre – IB <b>Histoire</b>	Pre – IB Science
<b>Music/Drama/ Art (French)</b>	<b>Phys Ed</b>	Pre-IB Religion (French)	Tech <b>Civics &amp; Careers** (French)</b>

\*\* **Careers/Civics** \*\* (Pre-IB Students must take this course during summer school in **FRENCH** to free up space for a tech course and meet Extended French requirements)

**What does Year 1 (Gr. 11) and Year  
2 (Gr. 12) look like at  
St. Kateri Tekakwitha C.S.S. ...**

**...if a Pre-IB Gr. 10 student  
continues with the IB Diploma  
Programme?**

# IBDP - Tentative Course Offerings

## Year 1 (Grade 11) and Year 2 (Grade 12)

**Group 1:** Language & Literature [English]

**Group 2:** Language Acquisition [French, Spanish - ab initio\*]

**Group 3:** Individuals and Societies [Business Management]

**Group 4:** Sciences      [Biology]                      [Chemistry]  
   [Physics]                      [Computer Science]

**Group 5:** Mathematics - Analysis & Approaches

**Group 6:** The Arts

\* ab initio = *beginners only*

# IBDP CORE

## **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 and experiential learning



IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

STUDIES IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES

EXTENDED ESSAY

MATHEMATICS

THE ARTS

INTERNATIONAL-MINDEDNESS

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

APPROACHES TO TEACHING

APPROACHES TO LEARNING

CREATIVITY, ACTION, SERVICE

SCIENCES



# HCDSB

## Pre-IB Student Testimonial

### St. Kateri Tekakwitha C.S.S. - Gr. 10 Pre-IB Student

“The Grade 10 Pre-IB workload is not drastically different from Grade 9 Pre-IB... Although expectations are slightly higher and some tasks take more time... By Grade 10, students are already familiar with the structure of Pre-IB courses, which mainly build on knowledge. Staying organized, starting work early, and using class time wisely helps keep the workload manageable.”

# HCDSB – IB Graduate Testimonial

## 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.”

# Combining Programs with IB

- Students in the IB Diploma Programme [IBDP] may also pursue SHSMs – students will consult with their guidance counsellor to plan their pathway
- Students in the IBDP will be prepared to challenge the AP Exams or the DELF in their Grade 12 year
- Students are recommended to keep their doors OPEN - apply for the Grade 9 Pre-IB course + build skills such as thinking, communication, research, self-management and social skills while working towards their OSSD and preparing for the IBDP

# Pre-IB (Gr. 9, 10) to IBDP (Gr. 11, 12)

- **Pre-IB Grade 10** is a discernment year: students build critical thinking, research, global awareness and personal growth skills necessary for learning and achievement
- For Grade 11, Pre-IB students may either pursue the IBDP or transfer into another program
- **Please Note: Students MUST take Grade 10 Pre-IB** to have the prerequisites to enter the IBDP Year 1 in Grade 11 (i.e. taking Grade 11 Math in Grade 10 Semester 2)

## *For Grade 8 Students Applying...*



### **Our Pre-IB 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

## *For Grade 8 Students Applying...*

### **Application Process:**

- Submission of the ONLINE **Application Package**, includes: copy of Grade 7 Final Report Card, copy of Grade 8 Progress Report Card, 150-word essay
- Instructions will be available on the St. Kateri Tekakwitha C.S.S. Website in the IB section, often near the end of November: <https://secondary.hcdsb.org/stkateri/>
- Conditional offers will be sent out throughout January and February [acceptance will be conditional on Mid-Term Grade 8 Report Card]

## Pre-IB and IBDP Programme Fees

- Grade 9 Pre-IB: \$300 CAD, non-refundable
- Grade 10 Pre-IB: \$400 CAD, non-refundable
- Grade 11 IBDP, Year 1: \$850 CAD, non-refundable
- Grade 12 IBDP, Year 2: \$1350 CAD, non-refundable
  
- Fees are used to provide resources and training specific to the IB Programme, Grade 11 and 12 fees include IB exam costs too
  
- **Please Note:** Programme fees subject to change by HCDSB, please see most current information on our school website in the IB section

- Families residing north of the 407 (Milton and Halton Hills) will apply to St. Kateri Tekakwitha C.S.S.
- 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 C.S.S. in Oakville.
- Students from Burlington may choose either option, pending the distance and convenience of where they reside within the city.

## **Applying to Specialized Programs: *School Boundary Map***



# Cross Boundary + Transportation for Specialized Programs

- The Pre-IB, IBDP, 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 Pre-IB and IBDP programs DO NOT require a cross-boundary form.

- Cross Boundary students are responsible for their own transportation
- Students in a specialized program whom “OPT OUT” of the program will be required to return to their home school based on the HCSDB Boundary Map
- Visit [www.haltonbus.ca](http://www.haltonbus.ca) (if you have questions related to busing eligibility)

# Contact Information

**IB Coordinator** and **IB Secretary** emails found on School Website.

## School Website:

<https://secondary.hcdsb.org/stkateri/ib-programme-2/>

**School Phone:** (289) 878-2038