



York Catholic District School Board

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Open Houses to Be Held for Students Entering High School Next Year

Grade 8 families are invited to get to know their local high school and explore innovative programs and options offered in York Catholic schools

This fall, the York Catholic District School Board will host a series of in-person high school open houses for parents and graduating elementary school students who will be starting secondary school next September. All Grade 8 students and their parents who reside in the York Region - and Grade 6-8 students and their parents who reside in the Town of Georgina or Whitchurch-Stouffville- are encouraged to review the high school open houses list. Students and their parents are also encouraged to attend the open house for their local Catholic high school and its regular program, as well as any others with regional programs of interest.

The open houses will highlight each school's important key aspects, including administration, programs, graduation requirements, uniforms, school structure, student opportunities and more. In addition, information about the registration process, including registration dates, deadlines and documents needed to enrol, will also be discussed. This information is also available through the Board's [Admissions Department](#). Admission to a York Catholic high school is open to all students residing in the York Region, in accordance with the rules governing open access.

York Catholic high schools are highly sought after for their academic programs focusing on well-being, equity and inclusion. York Catholic District School Board has [the highest English-language graduation rates](#) in the province, and admission is competitive. Our high schools are well-known for their innovative programming, caring staff who help guide students, leadership opportunities, engaging student life and our Board's consistency as one of the top-performing school boards in Ontario.

York Catholic offers seven [regional programs](#) and ten [Specialist High Skills Major programs](#) as follows:

- [Advanced Placement \(AP\) / Program for Academic and Creative Extension \(PACE\)](#) - Programs with an extended and enriched curriculum allow students to earn credits or advanced standing at most universities.
- [English as a Second Language \(ESL\) and English Literacy Development \(ELD\)](#) - English as a Second Language and English Literacy Development programs assist English language learners from diverse linguistic and educational backgrounds in attaining English language proficiency.
- [French Immersion \(FI\)](#) - Students who completed the Elementary French Immersion program or equivalent can continue with the immersion program to earn a French Immersion certificate upon graduation.
- [High Performer Athlete \(HPA\)](#) - An academic-based program for student-athletes participating in competitive-level athletics. Students benefit from a flexible timetable to help balance their academic and athletic commitments and earn high school credits for the work they put into their training.



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- **International Baccalaureate (IB)** – A rigorous and intellectually challenging pre-university course of study that allows students to earn an IB Diploma upon graduation, recognized in Canada and abroad.
- **Regional Arts (RAP)** - Students specialize in drama, dance, visual arts, digital media arts, instrumental music or vocal music while obtaining their high school diploma.
- **STREAM Program** – This interdisciplinary program uses Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics to approach inquiry and problem-based learning.
- **Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)** - Students can obtain a diploma with a specialist in either: Arts and Culture; Aviation and Aerospace; Business; Construction; Health and Wellness; Hospitality and Tourism; Information and Communications Technology; Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services; Manufacturing; or Non-Profit.

Parents and students wondering which York Catholic high school serves their local community can enter their residential address into the Board's School Locator at: <http://locator.ycdsb.ca/>. Following is a list of all high school open houses.

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The York Catholic District School Board is one of the top-performing school boards in Ontario. It delivers educational programming to approximately 51,000 students in 102 schools throughout York Region. York Catholic is committed to creating and maintaining an equitable learning environment reflected through inclusive programs, curricula, and practices. For more information, visit www.ycdsb.ca or follow us on Twitter at [@YCDSB](https://twitter.com/YCDSB).

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York Catholic High School Open Houses

Please note: All open houses will take place, in person, at the secondary school, except for St. Katharine Drexel CHS.

The open house for St. Katharine Drexel CHS will be held at St. Mark CES.

Please click on the school's name below to view the school's website.

School	Date / Regional Programs / Time
Cardinal Carter Catholic High School 210 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, ON, L4G 0P9	Wednesday, November 2, 2022, <i>Regular Program / IB</i> Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Plenary Session at 7:00 p.m.
Father Bressani Catholic High School 250 Ansley Grove Road, Woodbridge, ON, L4L 3W4	Tuesday, November 22, 2022, <i>Regular Program / AP / PACE / FI</i> Door open at 6:30 p.m. Main Presentation at 7:00 p.m. AP/FI Presentations to follow.
Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy 5300 – 14th Avenue, Markham, ON, L3S 3K8	Wednesday, November 2, 2022, <i>Regular Program / IB / ESL / ELD / SHSM</i> Door open at 6:00 p.m. <i>Department/Clubs Carousel + student-led tours</i> Central Open House Presentation at 7:00 p.m.
Holy Cross Catholic Academy 7501 Martin Grove Road, Woodbridge, ON, L4L 9E4	Wednesday, November 9, 2022, <i>Regular Program / IB / HPA</i> 7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Academy 185 Glenwoods Avenue, Keswick, ON, L4P 2W6 Open House is for Grade 6 – 8 students	Thursday, November 24, 2022, <i>Regular Program / AP / FI</i> Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Our Lady Queen of the World Catholic Academy 10475 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 3P2	Thursday, November 24, 2022, <i>Regular Program/ FI/ ESL /ELD / AP</i> Plenary Session at 7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic High School 908 Lemar Road, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 6R2	Tuesday, November 15, 2022, <i>Regular Program/ AP / PACE / iRAP / ESL / ELD / SHSM</i> 7:00 p.m. ...chart continues on next page
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St. Augustine Catholic High School	Wednesday, November 23, 2022,



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2188 Rodick Road, Markham, ON, L6C 1S3	<i>Regular Program / STREAM Focus Program 7:00 p.m.</i>
<u>St. Brother Andre Catholic High School</u> 6160 - 16th Avenue East, Markham, ON, L3P 3K8	Wednesday, November 9, 2022 <i>Regular Program / FI / PACE/ AP / SHSM Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for a walk through Department/Clubs Carousel Formal Presentation at 7:15 p.m.</i>
<u>St. Elizabeth Catholic High School</u> 525 New Westminster Drive, Thornhill, ON, L4J 7X3	Wednesday, November 9, 2022 <i>Regular Program / RAP / ESL / ELD 7:00 p.m.</i>
<u>St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic High School</u> 2 Davos Road, Woodbridge, ON, L4H 2Y1	Thursday, November 10, 2022, <i>Regular Program / SHSM Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Plenary Session at 7:00 p.m.</i>
<u>St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School</u> 1 St. Joan of Arc Avenue, Maple, ON, L6A 1W9	Tuesday, November 8, 2022, <i>Regular Program / AP / ESL / ELD Main Presentation 7:00 p.m. - Cafeteria AP to follow in the Library</i>
<u>St. Katharine Drexel Catholic High School</u> 12785 ninth Line, Stouffville, ON Open house for grade 6-9 students attending Whitchurch-Stouffville schools	Thursday, November 10, 2022, <i>Regular Program / FI Open house to be held at St. Mark CES at 7:00 p.m.</i>
<u>St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School</u> 278 Wellington Street East, Aurora, ON, L4G 1J5	Tuesday, November 29, 2022, <i>HPA 6:000 p.m. Regular Program/ AP/ FI 7:00 p.m.</i>
<u>St. Robert Catholic High School</u> 8101 Leslie Street, Thornhill, ON, L3T 7P4 School enrolment is capped. See the school website for details.	Wednesday, November 2, 2022, <i>Regular Program / ESL / ELD/ SHSM 7:00 p.m.</i> Wednesday, November 9, 2022, <i>IB at 7:00 p.m.</i>
<u>St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School</u> 230 Shaftsbury Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 0E8 School enrolment is capped. See the school website for details.	Wednesday, November 23, 2022, <i>Regular Program / AP / PACE at 7:00 p.m.</i>