



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

**CONSEIL DES ÉCOLES
CATHOLIQUES DU CENTRE-EST**

OTTAWA - CANADA



Choose the excellence of our
schools to live a rich and unique
multicultural experience.

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WORD OF WELCOME

We are extremely proud to be able to offer a unique experience for students aged 12 to 17 from around the world.

International students may choose one of two components of the program, and pursue their studies in one of four French-language secondary schools that are part of the *Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est* (CECCE).

There's a dynamic and caring team waiting to welcome international students into our Catholic secondary schools in Ottawa, and we are eager to meet you!

School principals, teachers, guidance counsellors, administrative support staff – in short, all staff members are ready and enthusiastic about the idea of welcoming the international students to their secondary schools.

It goes without saying that my team and I are delighted by your interest in our program. Rest assured that we will make every effort to ensure your experience will be unforgettable.

By electing to study in one of the CECCE's schools, students are choosing excellence: a French-language education of the highest quality imbued with Catholic values and taught by passionate, dedicated teachers who place the success of each and every student at the centre of their priorities. They are also choosing a highly enriching experience that will teach them about themselves and about Canadian culture in our nation's capital, the city of Ottawa.

We hope that this brochure will give you the information you need to choose the International Student Program at the *Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est*. If you would like additional information, or have any questions, feel free to contact me.

We look forward to seeing you soon in Ottawa!



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COME DISCOVER THE CITY OF OTTAWA!

Ottawa is a dynamic, welcoming city. Canada's capital is the perfect place to have new educational experiences in a safe, bilingual environment.

LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Canada's National Capital Region is the fourth-largest urbanized area in the country, with just over a million residents. The City of Ottawa is home to a number of ambassadors, and there is no shortage of cultural activities! You will hear many languages spoken in this cosmopolitan city, including English and French, Canada's two official languages. The city also has many unique neighbourhoods that can easily be explored on foot, including the Glebe, the Byward Market, Westboro, Little Italy and Chinatown.

A LASTING FRENCH PRESENCE

There are more than 150,000 francophones in Ottawa, and 611,500 in Ontario, the province where Ottawa is located. Moreover, French has been spoken in the province of Ontario for more than 400 years. Every year on September 25, Franco-Ontarians celebrate their pride in speaking the language of Molière, which is used by over 220 million people in more than 77 countries around the world.

The Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est (CECCE) is offering you the chance to come study in a region that is safe and full of opportunities, where you can thrive and experience new things!

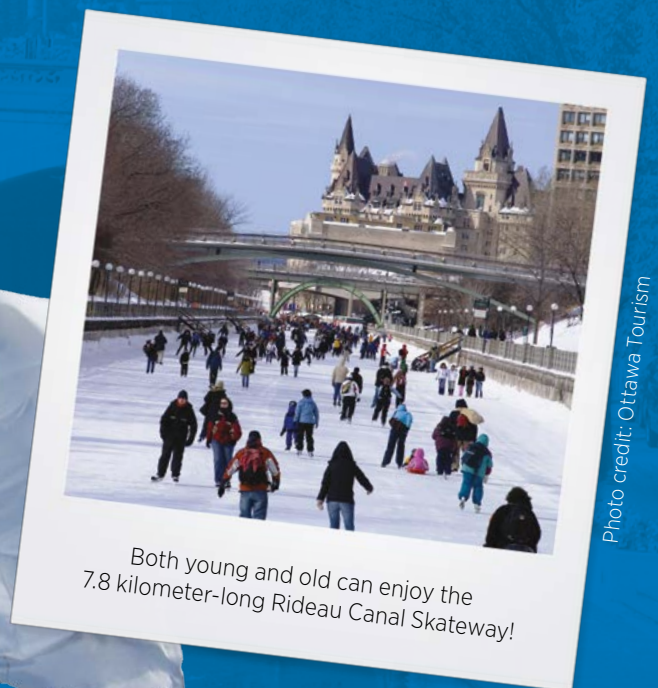
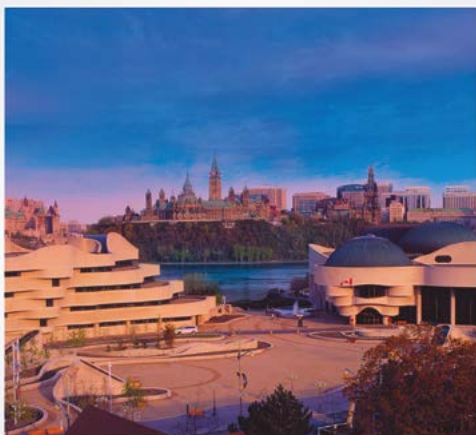


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Both young and old can enjoy the 7.8 kilometer-long Rideau Canal Skateway!



The Franco-Ontarian flag



The Canadian Museum of History is located only a few minutes away from Ottawa.

A WIDE RANGE OF INSPIRING ACTIVITIES

Four distinct seasons means you can enjoy a variety of activities. From November to March, snow and colder temperatures encourage winter activities, while the warmer weather from June to September is perfect for outdoor activities, festivals and exploring the city. In fall, the trees don remarkable colours to offer beautiful panoramas. In the winter, you can learn to ski or go skating on the longest skating rink in the world: the Rideau Canal!



The numerous bike paths are a great way to explore the region!

A PLETHORA OF EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

In the greater National Capital Region, you will find all sorts of opportunities to explore Canada's rich culture, heritage and diversity. Many museums, heritage sites and resource centres are at your fingertips in the City of Ottawa.

A BALANCED LIFESTYLE

The City of Ottawa is located on the border of the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and offers easy access to all the facilities and services of a big city. What is more, the city is ringed by a greenbelt, offering you the opportunity to go hiking or canoeing. You can even go cycling on the incredible bike paths along the Ottawa River!



The Ottawa Bluesfest music festival.

A SPACE THAT'S SAFE AND EASY TO NAVIGATE

In Ottawa, you can get around easily and safely by car, taxi, bicycle, on foot or on public transit.

CONVENIENT ACCESS TO MAJOR CANADIAN AND AMERICAN CITIES

Want to see the country or visit family members who live in a major Canadian or US city? The cities of Montreal, 200 km away, and Toronto, 450 km away, are easily accessible by car or bus from Ottawa, and it's only a short flight from Ottawa International Airport to New York or Boston in the United States.

THE *CONSEIL DES ÉCOLES CATHOLIQUES DU CENTRE-EST*

WHY CHOOSE OUR SCHOOLS?

A SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNIZED FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO FRANCOPHONE CULTURE AND THE QUALITY OF ITS TEACHING

The *Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est* (CECCE) is the largest Canadian network of French-language schools outside the province of Quebec, with 52 schools and more than 21,000 students.

The CECCE is recognized for the excellence of its schools and the quality of its teaching; its students rank among the best in Ontario on standardized provincial testing, and the high school graduation rate exceeds 95%.

WHAT SETS CECCE SCHOOLS APART?

- A quality education, in French, that also includes the development of students' language skills in English
- An education based on Catholic values oriented around sharing, respect and open-mindedness
- Encouragement in class to promote the academic success of each and every student
- Teaching based on innovation, entrepreneurship and new technologies
- A range of specialized programs and elective courses offered in our secondary schools
- A variety of extracurricular and sports activities tailored to students' passions
- A presence within the community, which instils in students a strong sense of belonging to the global French-speaking community



Collège catholique
Franco-Ouest



École secondaire catholique
Pierre-Savard



École secondaire catholique
Béatrice-Desloges



École secondaire catholique
Franco-Cité

A FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITY WITH A GLOBAL OUTLOOK

In the CECCE's schools, the language of instruction and communication is French. Students and staff are encouraged to communicate with each other in French at all times. Given that most students come from bilingual families, they are also regularly exposed to English, as well as to the other languages and cultures of the city's residents.

Since the most commonly spoken language in Ontario is English, the vast majority of students and staff speak fluent English as well as French. Although there are many French-language activities outside the school, francophone students also participate in English activities within the community. As a result, they learn English through osmosis, becoming perfectly bilingual. Moreover, when students earn their secondary school diploma, they also have the option of obtaining an internationally recognized certification of their bilingualism through the *Test of English for International Communication* (TOEIC).

A CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND A REWARDING SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

In the CECCE's schools, Catholic holidays such as Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas are celebrated and Catholic values are conveyed and respected by all. Every day starts with the national anthem and a prayer before daily activities begin.

The climate in the schools is positive, respectful and inclusive; CECCE high schools welcome students from all religions in Grades 9 to 12.

The safety and well-being of the students and staff members is of supreme importance to the CECCE. Although some schools encourage uniforms to be worn, in most CECCE schools, students wear what they want, as long as it meets the school dress code.

A DEDICATED, QUALIFIED TEACHING STAFF

Courses are taught by men and women who have completed rigorous academic training and are licensed by the Ontario College of Teachers. As for the curriculum, it is governed by the Ministry of Education of Ontario.

A STRONG INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

The CECCE works to build strong ties with Ottawa's community and many community organizations. These organizations provide services to the families of students who attend the CECCE's schools and support them in many ways.

Other organizations support the schools directly, especially by assisting the many volunteers who want to make a difference in the community and work with students. Several organizations also host activities in which CECCE students participate.



Tailored support

INTERESTING SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

The CECCE's secondary schools offer varied programming; students have access to several specialized programs and concentrations. The four secondary schools that host international students each offer different concentrations in addition to the regular school program. The *Collège catholique Franco-Ouest* offers the International Baccalaureate Program, *École secondaire catholique Béatrice-Desloges* has a focus in arts and music; *École secondaire catholique Franco-Cité*, in sports; and *École secondaire catholique Pierre-Savard*, in health and the environment.

OUR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS

COLLÈGE CATHOLIQUE FRANCO-OUEST

The *Collège catholique Franco-Ouest* is located in the City of Ottawa's west end near parks and trails and accommodates approximately 950 students. Known for its international focus, the Collège is the only school in the Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est (CECCE) to offer two International Baccalaureate programs—the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and the Diploma Programme (IBDP)—both of which are renowned worldwide for their academic rigour and emphasis on personal development to prepare students for success at university.

The Collège offers other specialized programs in addition to the IBDP. Students can participate in the Justice program, which integrates legal notions into all of their courses, or the Media program, which focuses on communications technology.

Sport is also a prominent feature of school life. The school's soccer, volleyball, basketball, hockey and other teams always perform well in inter-school competitions throughout the region. Like all other CECCE schools, the Collège catholique Franco-Ouest offers a wide range of extracurriculars encompassing everything from cultural and artistic to sports and community activities to enrich every student's school experience.

International students enrolled at the Collège catholique Franco-Ouest enjoy a warm welcome and benefit from dedicated staff and a dynamic school life that includes participation in humanitarian and cultural trips.



The students from the *Collège catholique Franco-Ouest* participate in a volunteer activity, organized by Ecology Ottawa, a not-for-profit organization, to learn more about environmental issues and adopt better environmental habits.



For more information, visit the school's website:

WWW.FRANCO-OUEST.ECOLECATHOLIQUE.CA

ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE CATHOLIQUE BÉATRICE-DESLOGES

École secondaire catholique Béatrice-Desloges is located in Ottawa's East end, in the community of Orléans, and has more than 1,400 students. The school focuses on the arts, and offers students the opportunity to take art courses every day of the school year. Whether music, drama or visual arts, there's something for every student who wants to dive into Canada's artistic culture. Although the arts play a very important role at Béatrice-Desloges, the school also offers a wide variety of classes and activities catering to the needs and interests of every student.

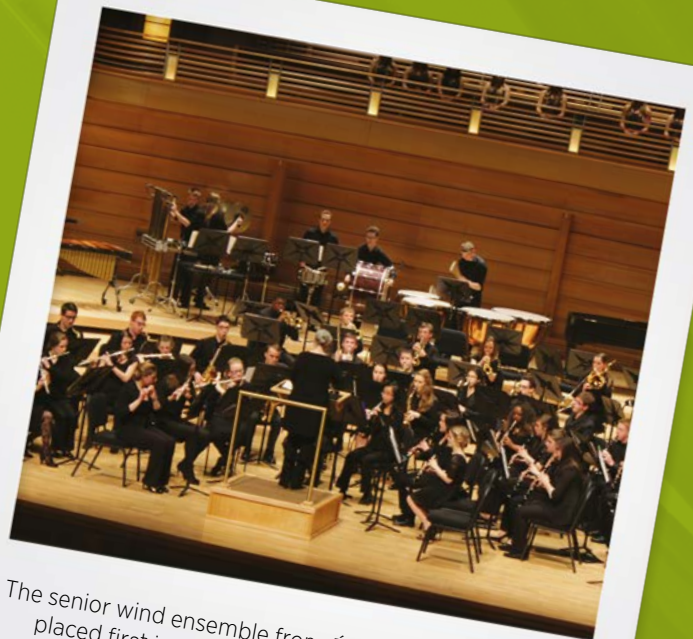
There are many different extracurricular activities, with more than 30 sports teams (including volleyball, soccer, golf, hockey and basketball), several individual sports (such as track and field), and various clubs (such as clubs focusing on the environment and the outdoors).

École Béatrice-Desloges is extremely proud of its facilities. In addition to a 500-seat auditorium where students and community members can put on performances, concerts and art shows, the school is equipped with several gymnasiums, a weight room, woodworking and construction workshops, and a food and nutrition classroom.



For more information, visit the school's website:

WWW.BEATRICE-DESLOGES.ECOLECATHOLIQUE.CA



The senior wind ensemble from *École Béatrice-Desloges* placed first in the WorldStrides Festival of Gold in Washington, D.C., in April 2014.

ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE CATHOLIQUE FRANCO-CITÉ

Located only a few kilometres from downtown Ottawa, Franco-Cité offers a variety of academic classes and activities that will inspire any student interested in a school that puts physical activity, health and well-being in the spotlight.

This 1,400-student school offers a Sport-Study Program, which allows student athletes to practice their chosen sport while continuing to pursue their academic studies. The school also provides scheduling flexibility for students taking part in competitions. All students are given many opportunities to participate in sports such as Canadian football, soccer, volleyball, badminton and hockey. The school is very proud of its sports facilities, which feature an artificial-turf football and soccer field, several gymnasiums and a weight room. In addition to its sports facilities, École Franco-Cité has cutting-edge workshops for learning automotive mechanics and woodworking.

There are more than 40 different cultures represented within the student body at Franco-Cité. The values of peer help and sharing are reflected in this broad diversity, and they contribute to the school's harmonious climate.



For more information, visit the school's website:

WWW.FRANCO-CITE.ECOLECATHOLIQUE.CA



The school's team, *Les Faucons*, has won several awards and trophies in Canada and the United States, and brings together athletes who are passionate about Canadian football, soccer, hockey, volleyball and badminton.

ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE CATHOLIQUE PIERRE-SAVARD

***École secondaire catholique Pierre-Savard* is located in Southwest Ottawa, in the community of Barrhaven, near the countryside and many parks. It has more than 900 students, making it a warm, caring school with a sense of family. It is also a school with a strong multicultural vitality, where differences are celebrated.**

Pierre-Savard's environmental philosophy has earned it an EcoSchool designation. In order to raise responsible future citizens who care about their health and the health of the environment, the school offers a wide variety of activities, such as reducing paper use, composting, healthy meals and agri-food courses.

Pierre-Savard has a large number of athletic and cultural activities. Students will find sports teams, cheerleading, and clubs for swimming, fencing, skiing and improv. The newly built school has a stage with seating for performances, as well as a new gymnasium, a food and nutrition classroom and a dance studio.



ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE CATHOLIQUE
PIERRE-SAVARD

For more information, visit the school's website:

WWW.PIERRE-SAVARD.ECOLECATHOLIQUE.CA



To help build healthy eating habits, *École Pierre-Savard* offers cooking workshops for students.

OPTIONS OFFERED TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM?

Students from Grades 7 through 12 (12 to 17 years old) who want a unique learning experience in Canada's capital are eligible to attend one of the secondary schools of the *Conseil des écoles catholique du Centre-Est* (CECCE).

WHICH COMPONENT SHOULD I CHOOSE?

The CECCE's schools offer two different components, depending on what you'd like to get out of coming to study in Canada. Your stay can last a full school year (10 months) or one semester (5 months). The components are offered in French, but include compulsory courses in English. Start dates are in late August or late January.

A. CANADIAN EXPERIENCE

This component is the perfect choice for students who do not speak French fluently, but who want to familiarize themselves with the French language while getting the most out of their experience in Canada. A school timetable will be developed according to the student's interests and skills. This component can also serve as preparation for the Academic experience. Students enrolled in this program can take an Internet-based French course, free of charge, through the *Tell Me More* software.

B- ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

This component is made up of the same courses that Canadian students take under the Ontario curriculum. International students are integrated into the regular school program. Students can earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. It requires solid French language skills.



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ACCOMMODATIONS

There are two options for international students who are enrolled in one of the secondary schools of the *Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est* (CECCE).

A- STAY WITH A FAMILY MEMBER WHO LIVES IN CANADA

Staying with a family member will help you integrate gradually into Canadian society.

B- STAY WITH A HOST FAMILY

You may choose the services of a host family offered by the Canada Homestay Network, a partner organization of the CECCE. This type of accommodation will give you a true Canadian experience, since in addition to being fully integrated into a French-language school, you will be living with a family that speaks French and, in most cases, English as well.

Please visit www.international.ecolecatholique.ca for the latest news on the components offered and to find out how to apply to the program.



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IN ONE OF OUR SCHOOLS



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