



Holy Name Catholic School

290 Fitch Street, Welland, ON L3C 4W5 Phone: 905-732-4992

Principal: S. Root Vice Principal: J. Ferrusi



The Niagara Catholic District School Board is proud to offer parents and students the opportunity to enroll in a French Immersion (FI) Program. This program is designed specifically for students whose first language is not French. French Immersion in the Niagara Catholic District School Board is an optional program.

All 5 French Immersion Catholic Elementary Schools will accept registrations for Grade 1 for September 2026.

Listed below are the designated elementary schools that provide the French Immersion Program:

- Notre Dame Catholic Elementary, Niagara Falls – Begins in Grade 1
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary, Niagara Falls - Begins in Grade 1
- Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary, St. Catharines - Begins in Grade 1
- Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary, Welland – Begins in Grade 1
- St. John Catholic Elementary, Beamsville – Begins in Grade 1

Transportation

All students enrolled in the French Immersion Program will be provided with transportation to their local Family of Schools designated French Immersion School site in accordance with the Board's Transportation of Student Policy #500.2. Designated Family of Schools French Immersion schools can be located at the following link www.niagaracatholic.ca. French Immersion On-line Open Pre-Registration

- On-line open pre-registration window for students new to French Immersion in September 2022: Monday, January 12th, 2026 at 7:30 a.m. through to Friday, January 30th, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
- Pre-registrations outside of this window will not be considered.
- There are a limited number of spots available for students wishing to enter the French Immersion Program.
- Pre-registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Each pre-registration will receive a time-stamp.
- Please visit www.niagaracatholic.ca and click the first thumbnail-Registration.

Then, click the [Let's get you registered!](#) link at the bottom of the page.

- An account must be created first through edsembli CONNECT to access the registration forms. This account can be created ahead of time. Selection Process In accordance with the Board's Admission of Elementary and Secondary Students Policy #301.1, there are a limited number of spots available for students entering the program. Eligible spots will be determined on a first come, first serve basis for each elementary French Immersion school site. Applicants will receive notification by Monday, March 2nd, 2026 to inform them if their children have been placed in the French Immersion program OR if their children have been



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placed on the school's waitlist. Applicants who have not received notification by March 2nd, 2026 are to contact the elementary French Immersion school site directly.

Please direct questions to Mary Vetere, FSL/International Languages Consultant at mary.vetere@ncdsb.com
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