



St. Michael Catholic School

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The Niagara Catholic District School Board is proud to offer parents and students the opportunity to enroll in a French Immersion (FI) Program. The French Immersion 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. The entry point for September 2019 is either Kindergarten Year 1 or Grade 1, depending on the school site offering the program.

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

- **Notre Dame Catholic Elementary, Niagara Falls – Begins in Kindergarten**
- **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary, Niagara Falls - Begins in Kindergarten**
- **Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary, St. Catharines - Begins in Kindergarten**
- **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 2019: **Monday, January 21st, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.** through to **Friday, February 1st, 2019 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.
- An account must be created first through easyregister to access the pre-registration forms.
- 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 **French Immersion Registration** banner

OR

➤  then, click the French Immersion tab

for information about the program. Additional pre-registration details will be posted on this site as they become available. Please check the site before the pre-registration window opens.

Selection Process

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 4th, 2019** to inform them if their children have been placed in the French Immersion program **OR** if their children have been placed on the school's waitlist. Applicants who have not received notification by **March 4th 2019** are to contact the elementary French Immersion school site directly.

Please share the information contained in this memo with parents and community members by cutting and pasting the contents of this memo into a letter under school letterhead, through SchoolMessenger, through the December and January school newsletters and posting on the school website.

Please direct questions to Mary Vetere, FSL/International Languages Consultant at mary.vetere@ncdsb.com
Diane van der Veldt, Coordinator of Student Information Services at diane.vanderveldt@ncdsb.com.

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