



St. John Catholic Elementary School

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St. John Community Members,

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. New this year, the entry point for September 2022, is Kindergarten at all French Immersion sites.

Alexander Kuska and St. John Catholic Elementary Schools will accept registrations for Grade 1 along with Kindergarten for this year.

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 Kindergarten ***NEW**
- ***St. John Catholic Elementary, Beamsville*** - Begins in Kindergarten ***NEW**

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 17th, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.** through to **Friday, January 28th, 2022 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.ca 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 '**Register Now Join Our Family**'. 

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 preregistration window opens.

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 7th, 2022** 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 7th, 2022** are to contact the elementary French Immersion school site directly.

If there are any questions, please contact Mary Vetere, FSL/International Languages Consultant at mary.vetere@ncdsb.com or Diane van der Veldt, Coordinator of Student Information Services at diane.vanderveldt@ncdsb.com.

Yours in Catholic education,

Mr. Forte

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