



York Catholic District School Board

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Virtual 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,
explore innovative programs and options offered in York Catholic schools*

This fall, the York Catholic District School Board will host a series of virtual high school open houses for graduating elementary school students and their parents who will start secondary school next September. All Grade 8 students and their parents who reside in York Region, as well as Grade 6-8 students and their parents who reside in the Town of Georgina, are encouraged to review the list of high school open houses and “attend” the virtual 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 important key aspects of each school including administration, programs, graduation requirements, uniforms, school structure, student opportunities and more. Information about the registration process including registration dates, deadlines and documents needed to enrol will also be discussed at the open houses. This information is also available through the Board’s [Admissions Department](#). Admission to York Catholic high schools is open to all students residing in York Region, in accordance with the rules governing open access and a student’s right to attend.

“A spot at our York Catholic high schools is highly sought-after by many families in York Region and beyond,” says Anthony Arcadi, Superintendent of Curriculum and Assessment. “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 that 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 who participate 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, which is 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 the 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 virtual 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 101 schools throughout York Region. York Catholic is committed to creating and maintaining an equitable learning environment reflected through inclusive programs, curriculum, and practices. For more information, visit www.ycdsb.ca or follow us on Twitter at [@YCDSB](https://twitter.com/YCDSB).

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Virtual York Catholic High School Open Houses

Please note: All virtual open houses will take place at 7 p.m. The link to watch the open house will be available on the schools' websites prior to the start of the open house. Please click on the school's name below to view the school's website. The open house presentations will also be available on the schools' websites 24 hours after it airs.

School	Date / Regional Programs
<u>Cardinal Carter Catholic High School</u> 210 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, ON, L4G 0P9	Thursday, November 18, 2021 <i>Regular Program / IB</i>
<u>Father Bressani Catholic High School</u> 250 Ansley Grove Road, Woodbridge, ON, L4L 3W4	Wednesday, November 17, 2021 <i>Regular Program / AP/ PACE/ FI</i>
<u>Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy</u> 5300 – 14th Avenue, Markham, ON, L3S 3K8	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 <i>Regular Program / IB / ELL</i>
<u>Holy Cross Catholic Academy</u> 7501 Martin Grove Road, Woodbridge, ON, L4L 1A5	Wednesday, November 24, 2021 <i>Regular Program / IB / HPA</i>
<u>Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Academy</u> 185 Glenwoods Avenue, Keswick, ON, L4P 2W6 Open House is for Grade 6 – 8 students	Thursday, November 4, 2021 <i>Regular Program / AP/ FI</i>
<u>Our Lady Queen of the World Catholic Academy</u> 10475 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 3P2	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 <i>Regular Program / FI / ELL</i> Tuesday, November 9, 2021 <i>AP</i>
<u>Sacred Heart Catholic High School</u> 908 Lemar Road, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 6R2	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 <i>Regular Program / AP / PACE / RAP / ELL</i>
<u>St. Augustine Catholic High School</u> 2188 Rodick Road, Markham, ON, L6C 1S3	Thursday, November 11, 2021 <i>Regular Program / STREAM</i>
<u>St. Brother Andre Catholic High School</u> 6160 – 16th Avenue East, Markham, ON, L3P 3K8	Tuesday, November 9, 2021 <i>Regular Program / FI</i> Tuesday, November 23, 2021 <i>PACE / AP</i>



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<p><u>St. Elizabeth Catholic High School</u> 525 New Westminster Drive, Thornhill, ON, L4J 7X3</p>	<p>Monday, November 15, 2021 <i>Regular Program / RAP / ELL</i></p>
<p><u>St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic High School</u> 2 Davos Road, Woodbridge, ON, L4H 2Y1</p>	<p>Thursday, November 18, 2021 <i>Regular Program</i></p>
<p><u>St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School</u> 1 St. Joan of Arc Avenue, Maple, ON, L6A 1W9</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 23, 2021 <i>Regular Program / AP / ELL</i></p>
<p><u>St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School</u> 278 Wellington Street East, Aurora, ON, L4G 1J5</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 24, 2021 <i>Regular Program / AP / FI</i></p>
<p><u>St. Robert Catholic High School</u> 8101 Leslie Street, Thornhill, ON, L3T 7P4</p> <p>School enrolment is capped. See school website for details.</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 2, 2021 <i>Regular Program / IB / ELL</i></p>
<p><u>St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School</u> 230 Shaftsbury Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 0E8</p> <p>School enrolment is capped. See school website for details.</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 17, 2021 <i>Regular Program / AP / PACE</i></p>