

Our Mission & Vision

Our Mission: “As disciples of Christ, we educate and nurture hope in all learners to realize their full potential to transform God’s world.”

Our Vision: “Our Catholic Schools: heart of the community – success for each, a place for all.”

An Ontario Catholic Graduate is expected to be:

- A discerning believer
- An effective communicator
- A reflective, creative and holistic thinker
- A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner
- A collaborative contributor
- A caring family member
- A responsible citizen

Know Yourself Learn about your skills, interests and abilities.

Explore Opportunities Learn about a variety of occupations. Search specific occupations related to the different pathway destinations after high school: Apprenticeship, College, Community, University or Work.

Build Pathways Begin with your destination in mind and plan your individual path. Use the Pathway Planner to help discover your combination of courses.

Get Experience Learn about a variety of opportunities, programs and supports that will enhance your career planning. Talk to your high school’s guidance counsellor about these opportunities.

Welcome!

This is a whole new part of your educational journey, and we in the Waterloo Catholic District School Board want to make sure it is a positive and exciting time for you!

Moving to secondary school from elementary can bring new challenges, new responsibilities and new freedoms. It is also a time to move forward on career interests and to choose courses that will prepare you for direct entry into the world of work, college, community, apprenticeship or a university program.

This guide to our secondary schools provides you with a general overview of what you can expect to find in each school but, for a more complete picture, you will need to contact your secondary school's Guidance Department, the school's website and attend the various information sessions and transition activities each school offers. Contact information for each school is contained later in this guide.

There are many advantages to attending a Catholic secondary school. First and foremost, you will have the added advantage of working toward the achievement of the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. These expectations define what students are expected to know, do and value when they graduate from our Catholic school system.

Another advantage you will have is access to our provincially-recognized **Student Success** program – part of an Ontario-wide initiative to ensure secondary school programs provide opportunities for **all** students to be successful in school. Quite simply, SS helps students develop their skills in literacy and mathematics, self advocacy, organization, and life long learning, with the various “pathways”. These pathways are linked to career opportunities after they graduate from secondary school. Part of this student success initiative is to ensure that each student has a caring adult in school to help with any school issues.

Thanks for your interest in our schools. Please make sure to stay in touch with your guidance counsellor, school administrator, student success teacher, classroom teacher or special education teacher so that any questions or concerns can be raised and dealt with early on.

Again, welcome to what we hope will be the beginning of great memories and wonderful learning opportunities. Best wishes in making your dreams come true.

Sincerely,



Roger D. Lawler
Director of Education

