



**WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**



**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**





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Greetings!

The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board is pleased to welcome the world to Windsor to explore all that our region has to offer, while receiving a world class education in the process. Windsor and Essex County is located within the Great Lakes region in Southwestern Ontario. In fact, it happens to be the southernmost region in all of Canada, stretching as far south as Rome, Italy and San Francisco, California. But a moderate climate is not the only thing we have to boast about. We are located in the center of North America, which means that we are central to everything you could possibly hope to experience during your time with us. With cities such as Toronto, Montreal, Chicago, New York, Washington, Boston and so many others within driving distance, there will be no shortage of opportunities for you to explore. In addition, we are only 10 minutes from Detroit and we enjoy all that a big city offers with the safety and comfort of a smaller community.

Ontario students consistently rank among the best in the world; a reflection of high academic standards, dedicated teachers and administrators, and a large investment in education. Our schools are modern, state-of-the-art facilities that offer a wide range of course offerings and specialized programs such as International Baccalaureate, French Immersion, Special High Skills Major Programs, etc. Our International Education Program is open to students from Kindergarten through to Grade 12 with a variety of program options to choose from. We offer both full year and semester programs, short term study programs, and ESL summer and winter camps that are loaded with fun activities and memorable excursions. Our schools offer a full range of extracurricular activities, English second language training, organized excursions throughout the region and so much more!

As a Catholic school system, we are committed to building an environment where students will feel safe and comfortable. Our homestay program requires in-home visits, interviews, criminal background checks, and reference checks before any student is placed in a home. As well, our students and host families are pre-screened to match students with families based upon compatibility. It is important to us that students are provided with a superior education, but it is equally important that they are provided with an enriching experience that they will remember forever. Our ultimate goal is to nurture the mind, body, and soul of our students. If you are thinking about pursuing an educational experience abroad, then we hope that you consider the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School System.

Sincerely,  
Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

WELCOME MESSAGE



# WHY STUDY IN CANADA



Stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean across vast stretches of unspoiled natural terrain; Canada has an array of natural and urban wonders to explore. Whether it is the beauty of Niagara Falls or the cosmopolitan flair of Toronto, Canada has something for everyone. In fact, the United Nations consistently ranks Canada among the best countries in the world to live because of our health and educational systems, cultural and recreational facilities, and level of public safety.

Our educational system is among the best in the World and Canadian public high school students consistently rank near the top on standardized tests. This is reflected by the fact that Canada spends more on education (per capita) than any other country in the G8. Our public schools are Provincially accredited, follow a standard curriculum, and employ only government certified teachers. As a result, Canadian high school graduation diplomas are recognized throughout the world.

Finally, Canadian public schools have been involved in international education for many years and our schools therefore have a well-developed infrastructure and support system for accepting international students. This includes ESL (English as a Second Language) instruction, carefully supervised homestay programs, and alternative programs such as short term study or ESL camps to go along with tuition fees that are competitively priced. When deciding on a destination to study abroad, you should strongly consider Canada.



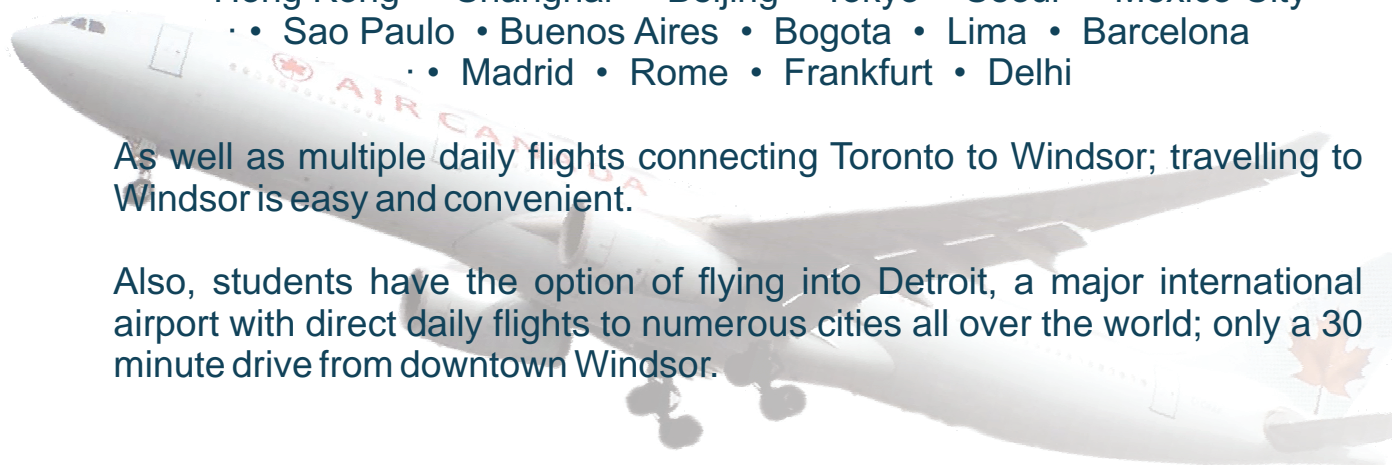


With direct flights to Toronto from cities throughout Asia, Europe, and Latin America such as:

- Hong Kong • Shanghai • Beijing • Tokyo • Seoul • Mexico City
- Sao Paulo • Buenos Aires • Bogota • Lima • Barcelona
- Madrid • Rome • Frankfurt • Delhi

As well as multiple daily flights connecting Toronto to Windsor; travelling to Windsor is easy and convenient.

Also, students have the option of flying into Detroit, a major international airport with direct daily flights to numerous cities all over the world; only a 30 minute drive from downtown Windsor.

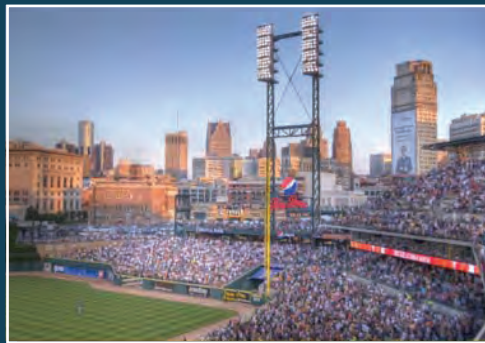


**GETTING HERE**



# WELCOME TO WINDSOR

Windsor is ideally located.  
It is within a 10 hour driving radius of a  
number of large metropolitan areas that  
are home to nearly 200 million people.





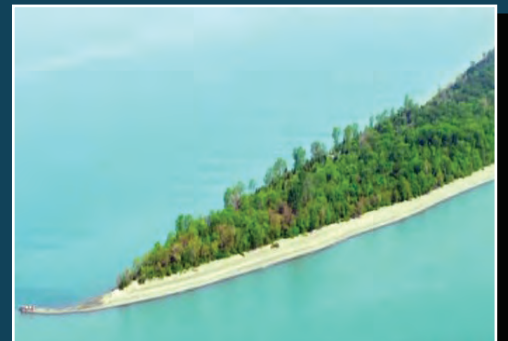
Windsor is the place to be.

As the southernmost city in Canada, located along the border with the United States, we enjoy a moderate climate, beautiful beaches and parks, and plenty of outdoor recreational opportunities.

If you are looking for a study destination with lots to do and explore, then you need to come to Windsor. We are conveniently located and a short drive away from places like Toronto, Niagara Falls, Chicago, New York, Boston, Washington, Montreal, Philadelphia and many more.

We are just a 10 minute drive from downtown Detroit, where people have access to professional sporting events, concerts, museums, etc. Windsor enjoys all that a big city offers, with the comfort and safety of a much smaller community.

Our city has been named one of the top 7 smartest communities in the world. With an abundance of postsecondary institutions in the region including the University of Michigan and the University of Windsor, along with a diverse and growing economy, Windsor truly is an ideal location.







## CARDINAL CARTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

**Address:** 120 Ellison Ave., Leamington, Ontario, N8H 5C7

**Website:** <http://mail.wecdsb.on.ca/~233>

**Telephone:** (519) 322-2804 • **Fax:** (519) 322-4214

**Student Population:** 750 • **Teaching Staff:** 50

### Specialized Programs:

- Special High Skill Major Programs in Agriculture/Green Industries and Construction
- French Immersion
- Advanced Placement in Science and Math with the University of Windsor
- Dual Credit Program with St. Clair College in multiple disciplines that include Radio Reporting, Photojournalism, Environmental Design and many more.

Located in the beautiful town of Leamington, the students of Cardinal Carter enjoy easy access to Seaclyff beach on the shores of Lake Erie and Point Pelee National Park. In fact, the town of Leamington was recently voted as the best place in Canada to live (MoneySense magazine, 2006).



## ST. JOSEPH'S

**Address:** 2425

**Website:** <http://>

**Telephone:** (519)

**Student Population:**

### Specialized Programs:

- French Immersion
- Special High Skill Major
- Dual Credit Program with St. Clair College in multiple disciplines that include Radio Reporting, Photojournalism, Environmental Design and many more.

Located on the east side of the city of Windsor, St. Joseph's is a modern, state-of-the-art school in our family of schools. The school is a modern, state-of-the-art and much more.



## ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGIATE

**Address:** 1100 Huron Church Rd., Windsor, Ontario, N9C 2K7

**Website:** <http://mail.wecdsb.on.ca/~101>

**Telephone:** (519) 256-7801 • **Fax:** (519) 256-0417

**Student Population:** 700 • **Teaching Staff:** 50

### Specialized Programs:

- International Baccalaureate
- Special High Skill Major in Culinary Arts
- Dual Credit Program with St. Clair College in multiple disciplines that include Radio Reporting, Photojournalism, Environmental Design and many more.

Located in the heart of the city, close to the University of Windsor and only a kilometer from the American border. Assumption was founded in 1870 and is a school steeped in history and tradition. It has for many years been a very highly regarded institution, attracting students from all over the world. The school is home to our International Baccalaureate Program which attracts some of the brightest and best students from across the region.





## ST. ANNE SECONDARY SCHOOL

**Address:** 1200 Oakwood Dr., Route 3, Lakeshore, Ontario, N0R 1A0

**Website:** <http://mail.wecdsb.on.ca/~201>

**Telephone:** (519) 727-8908 • **Fax:** (519) 727-9953

**Student Population:** 1450 • **Teaching Staff:** 90

### Specialized Programs:

- French Immersion
- Special High Skills Major in Environmental Science, Information Technology, and Energy
- Dual Credit Program with St. Clair College in multiple disciplines that include *Radio Reporting, Photojournalism, Environmental Design and many more.*

Located in the town of Lakeshore, approximately 20 minutes outside of the city of Windsor. A school that is rich in history, St. Anne has for many years held a reputation for excellence in academics and athletics within the region. St. Anne has recently been moved to a beautiful brand new facility. St. Anne continually ranks among the top schools in the Province and is currently ranked 105 out of 727 schools in the Province of Ontario (Frasier Institute Rankings, 2011).

## ST. CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

1000 Clover Street, Windsor, Ontario, N8P 2A3

[mail.wecdsb.on.ca/~164](http://mail.wecdsb.on.ca/~164)

**Telephone:** (519) 735-3326 • **Fax:** (519) 735-5322

**Student Population:** 1100 • **Teaching Staff:** 70

### Specialized Programs:

- French Immersion
  - Special High Skills Major in Health and Wellness and Arts and Culture
  - Dual Credit Program with St. Clair College in multiple disciplines that include *Radio Reporting, Photojournalism, Environmental Design and many more.*
- St. Catharines Secondary School is one of the newest built facilities of the district. The school is a state-of-the-art facility equipped with a media lab, fitness studio,



## ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA SECONDARY SCHOOL

**Address:** 2800 County Rd. 8, Lasalle, Ontario, N9A 6Z6

**Website:** <http://www.wecdsb.on.ca/232>

**Telephone:** (519) 734-6444 • **Fax:** (519) 978-9238

**Student Population:** 1250 • **Teaching Staff:** 75

### Specialized Programs:

- French Immersion
- Special High Skills Major in Information Technology
- Dual Credit Program with St. Clair College in multiple disciplines that include *Radio Reporting, Photojournalism, Environmental Design and many more.*

Located in the town of Lasalle, approximately 10 minutes outside of Windsor. St. Thomas of Villanova is ranked as one of the top schools in the Province of Ontario; ranking 23rd out of 727 secondary schools and the school enjoys the highest ranking of all the secondary schools in the region (Frasier Institute Rankings, 2011). This ranking in part reflects a strong academic performance with 96% of students achieving the Provincial standard for math and 90% of students achieving the Provincial standard for literacy (Education Quality and Accountability Office, 2011).



# HOMESTAY PROGRAM



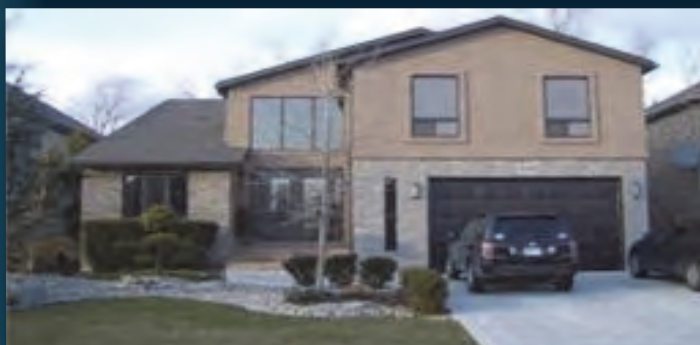
## Canada Homestay International

We work in partnership with Canada Homestay International. They are a family operated business with nearly 30 years of experience in providing safe, comfortable homes for young students across Canada.

We have a local homestay coordinator who is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As well, our team visits the schools regularly to ensure that students are making a healthy transition both at home and at school.

We are committed to providing a safe and comfortable environment for our students and so we carefully screen each family wishing to serve as a host. As such, anyone wishing to host one of our international students must complete the following:

- Reference checks
- Criminal background check
- In-home visits
- Personal Interviews





The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board aims to make the transition to life in Canada as seamless as possible for our students by providing a range of support services specifically designed to meet their needs.

### **Orientation Program**

It is required that each student participate in an extensive orientation session aimed at familiarizing students with their school and community. Students have an opportunity to make new friends at the same time as they are being introduced to life in Canada.

### **Multicultural Training Program**

All of our teachers and students receive multicultural training to assist in welcoming our international students and assist in helping them understand any cultural differences that may exist.

### **Peer Leadership Program**

International students are paired with our Canadian students with the intent of assisting them in their transition to school life in Canada. This way, our international students always have a peer that they can talk to and hang out with while at school.

### **On-Site Support**

Members of the International Education Program are always around the schools to check in on our International students to make sure that they are transitioning socially, academically, and emotionally.

### **English as Second Language Program**

Our schools are equipped with full ESL programming to meet the English language needs of our International students. Each student must undergo an assessment to determine their level of English proficiency and those that require additional language training will be provided with the support that they need to learn the language and succeed academically.



Our excursions help you experience all that our region has to offer, from the bright lights of New York City to the majestic wonder of Niagara Falls. From our central location in Windsor, you will be able to do and explore more than you could ever imagine. Experience the best of Canada and the United States to help make your experience abroad one that you will remember for a lifetime.

### **Chicago and Northern Michigan**

Chicago is a treasure chest with world-class attractions, a recognizable skyline, and famous architecture. This is set against the natural beauty of Northern Michigan with its sand dunes and pristine beaches.

### **Toronto and Niagara Falls**

A beautiful city on the shores of Lake Ontario, Toronto is known for its unique skyline and lively atmosphere. This trip is complemented by visiting one of the 7 natural wonders of world, Niagara Falls.

### **Ottawa and Montreal**

For a truly Canadian experience, you must visit our nation's capital, Ottawa. This trip includes a visit to Montreal where students can experience French Canada first-hand.

### **New York, Boston, and Washington**

From the energy of New York to the power brokers in Washington, students are able to experience much of what these great cities offer which include Broadway shows, monuments, museums, etc.

A full itinerary of each field trip is provided on-line at  
[www.wecdsbinternational.ca](http://www.wecdsbinternational.ca).

Please note that participation in field trips are optional and are not included in the tuition fees. Prices of field trips are subject to change without notice. Travel to the United States may require special documentation. The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board reserves the right to cancel a trip at any time



Looking for an opportunity to learn English, see a different part of the world and have an experience that will last a lifetime, then Windsor is the place to be. Our ESL Camps and Short Term Programs provide an exciting environment for students to learn and have fun. Imagine an experience abroad where you can visit natural wonders, world renowned amusement parks, attend professional sporting events, even learn how to sail. We can customize our programs to cater to any need or budget.

Our ESL Camps and Short Term Programs are available to groups of 15 students or more and groups are provided with homestay accommodations and meals. With intensive ESL instruction in the morning and excursions in the afternoon, they are a wonderful way to learn English and experience the region.

Please visit us online at [www.wecdsbinternational.ca](http://www.wecdsbinternational.ca) for examples of itineraries and information on pricing.





# PROGRAM FEES



## SECONDARY PROGRAM (Grades 9 – 12)

\*Prices are subject to change without notice

Full Year		
Tuition	\$11,000	
Application Fee	\$150	
Medical Insurance	\$500	
Homestay Program	\$7250	
Refundable Security Deposit	\$500	
Airport Transfer	\$100	
Custodianship Fee	\$250	
Total Cost		\$19,750
Semester		
Tuition	\$6,500	
Application Fee	\$150	
Medical Insurance	\$250	
Homestay Program	\$3875	
Refundable Security Deposit	\$500	
Airport Transfer	\$100	
Custodianship Fee	\$250	
Total Cost		\$11,625

## ELEMENTARY PROGRAM (Kindergarten – Grade 8)

\*Prices are subject to change without notice

Full Year		
Tuition	\$10,000	
Application Fee	\$150	
Airport Transfer Fee	\$100	
Medical Insurance	\$500	
Total Cost		\$10,750
Half Year		
Tuition	\$6,250	
Administrative Fee	\$150	
Airport Transfer Fee	\$100	
Medical Insurance	\$250	
Total Cost		\$6750

For information regarding our refund policy, elementary homestay program and custodianship, please contact our International Education Department or visit us on-line at [www.wecdsbinternational.ca](http://www.wecdsbinternational.ca)



## STEP 1

- ✓ Complete the Student Application Form online at [www.wecdsbinternational.ca](http://www.wecdsbinternational.ca)

*You also have the option to apply using one of the following methods:*

1. Mailing the application package to the following address:  
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre  
Attention: International Education Program  
1325 California Ave.  
Windsor, Ontario, Canada  
N9B 3Y6
2. Emailing the application package to [international@wecdsb.on.ca](mailto:international@wecdsb.on.ca)
3. Faxing the application package to 519-253-8397. Please put the fax to the attention of International Education Program

*The application package must include the following list of documents:*

- ✓ Application form: A copy of the application may be found at [www.wecdsbinternational.ca](http://www.wecdsbinternational.ca)
- ✓ Certified and translated copy of final report card from previous academic year
- ✓ Photocopy of first page of passport
- ✓ One passport size photograph
- ✓ Letter of recommendation
- ✓ Copy of Baptismal Certificate (applicable only if applying to the Elementary Program K-8)

## STEP 2

- ✓ Once accepted into the program, the balance on the invoice must be paid

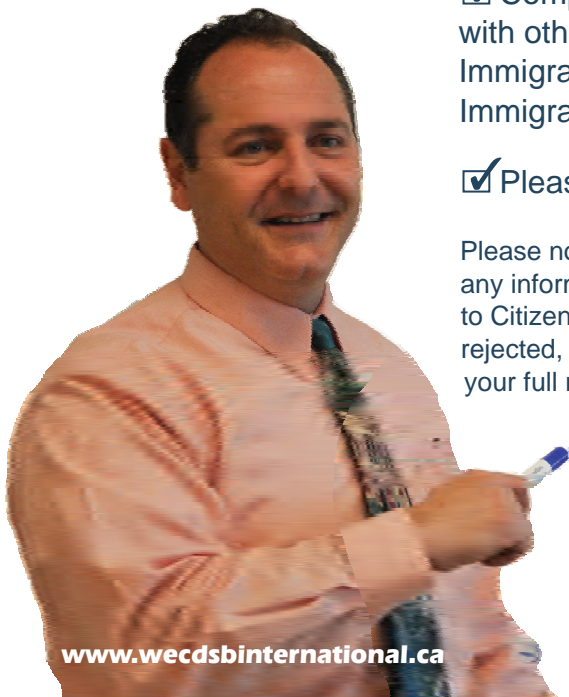
## STEP 3

- ✓ Once the letter of acceptance has been received, immediately contact the nearest Citizenship and Immigration Canada office and request a Visa Application Form for a Study Permit. Apply as early as possible as the process may take up to 8 weeks.  
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study>

✓ Complete the form and include your letter of acceptance along with other required documents as indicated by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Wait for a reply from Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

✓ Please ensure that your passport is up to date.

Please note that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board will not have any information on the status of your Visa application. Please direct all inquiries to Citizenship and Immigration Canada. If your application for a study permit is rejected, please forward to us your refusal letter and we will immediately process your full refund less the application fee which is non-refundable.







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