

WELCOME

ST. JOSEPH'S MORROW PARK CSS



Congregavit nos
in unum
Christi amor

The love of Christ
has gathered us
together into one



Discover Your Future: Where Learning Meets Inspiration



Welcome Brochure

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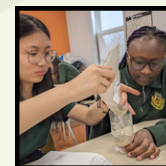
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome to St. Joseph 's Morrow Park CSS! I am pleased that you have taken this time to explore our school as your child's future secondary school. We have a tradition of providing students with a safe, welcoming environment that challenges them academically, shapes them emotionally and guides them spiritually. Our mission follows in the tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph whose motto of the love of Christ has gathered us into one creates a school community where everyone is family.

We are committed to preparing students for both success in secondary school and their post-secondary ventures. We offer a wide variety of academic and co-curricular programs for all of our students and our graduates embody the Catholic Graduate Expectations and become life-long learners who know how to work collaboratively with others and recognize the importance of being caring family members and responsible citizens. Through the diversity of our community we learn to appreciate the uniqueness and goodness of each person and to experience the presence of God in our encounters with our neighbours on both a local and global level. We strive for excellence in academics, student leadership, athletics, and the arts in addition to providing opportunities for students to excel in their own unique interests.

We provide a rich experience for our incoming grade 9 students to help make the transition from elementary to secondary school a positive one. Our students participate in a summer transition program in which students are able to make new friends, learn about the St. Joseph Morrow Park community and expectations of high school and obtain a credit. In September, Grade 9 students participate in welcome activities and attend a retreat and orientation day. Throughout the year different assemblies, presentations and activities also help to make the transition a positive experience.

The opportunities at St. Joseph 's Morrow Park are numerous. I invite you to spend some time reviewing the information you have received and I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to welcoming your child to the St. Joseph's Morrow Park community in September.

Sincerely,

Rita Leone
Principal



History of the SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH



Although the Sisters of St. Joseph has over 14,000 worldwide members today active in over 50 countries, it was originally founded in 1650 by only six women and a Jesuit priest named Jean-Pierre Médaille in Le Puy-en-Velay, France.



From the beginning, the Sisters of St. Joseph assisted with the sick, poor, and vulnerable, and their charitable nature helped the congregation spread further. The convent, however, did not go without its struggles - the 1789 French Revolution suppressed the Sisters by imprisoning some of them.

Despite these struggles, the congregation persevered and four Sisters arrived in Toronto in 1851 to take charge of an orphanage on what is now called Jarvis Street. They also helped take care of immigrants who had been affected by the Irish potato famine.

After these humble beginnings, the Sisters soon went on to establish international congregations and four worldwide federations with Canada being one of them. They also ran many schools and universities.

St. Joseph's Morrow Park came about as a result of the relocation and expansion of St. Joseph's College School, located at Bay and Wellesley. The new Motherhouse was built in Willowdale, a property given to the congregation by Frederick Morrow establishing St. Joseph's Morrow Park in 1960.

We might know them for their role in education, but the Sisters have also continued to care for the needs of the vulnerable through many kinds of facilities such as ministries in social services and health care.

Our St. Joseph's Morrow Park house system is inspired by the Sisters who helped build the mission from their founding in France to our home at SJMP and pays homage to their continued dedication to service and education in Toronto.



NURTURING OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



At St. Joseph's Morrow Park we not only strive for academic excellence, but also for an inclusive, faith-centred community that emphasizes personal growth and equity. The St. Joseph's Morrow Park Chaplaincy Centre provides a variety of opportunities for students and staff to celebrate and reflect on their faith.

Our chapel is always open and we begin each day with prayer. We gather for Eucharist at Blessed Trinity Parish at different times in the year. We plan our student and staff retreats to allow time to reflect on the connections between our every day life and faith.

The Liturgical Ministry Team consists of a dedicated group of students who are passionate about making a difference in our school community. New members, from all grade levels are always welcome to join. Together, we hope to celebrate and affirm Catholic Education and live out Gospel values. Students are also encouraged to put their faith into action by participating in our community outreach programmes.

Our motto, "The love of Christ has gathered us together into one," is embodied every day in our staff and students. Our thriving school community is centered on a sense of school as a family, and that is by far our strongest asset.

Every student at SJMP knows that they have a support system of friends and caring adults who are there to support them academically, to celebrate their accomplishments, and to help cultivate their growth as individuals.





SEEING THE glory OF THE LORD

AS THOUGH
REFLECTED
IN A MIRROR

 BEING
TRANSFORMED
INTO THE SAME
IMAGE

2 Corinthians 3,18



PASTORAL PLAN

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2024 - 2027

IN GOD'S IMAGE:
GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE WITH JUSTICE AND HOPE



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Vision of a **ST. JOSEPH'S MORROW PARK** GRADUATE

AS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL, WE WISH TO CONTINUE THE TRADITION OF A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY INSPIRED BY THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

Our school aims to foster in students the drive for academic excellence and the desire for lifelong learning and personal growth, while inspiring them to be respectful, just, and socially-responsible citizens of the world.

We further envision our students to be formed in the Catholic faith and demonstrate skills for developing and maintaining personal and family wellness.

At St. Joseph's Morrow Park, students gain the values that build up to the Catholic graduate expectations from both our academics and strong school community.

Staff and students are constantly creating an environment of support and empowerment that prepares students with the confidence, ambition, and critical thinking skills necessary to be successful leaders of the future.

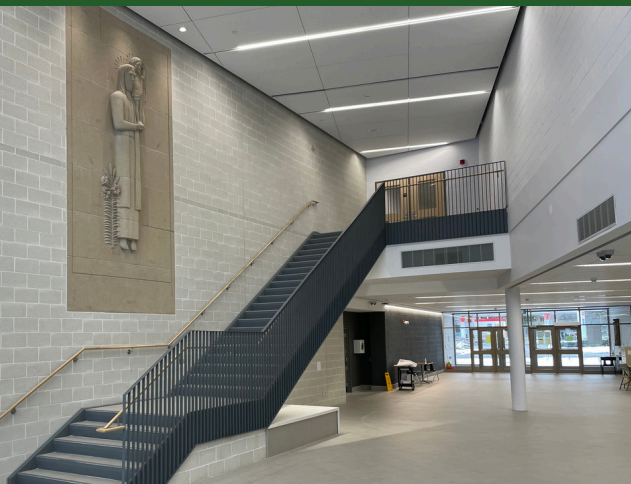
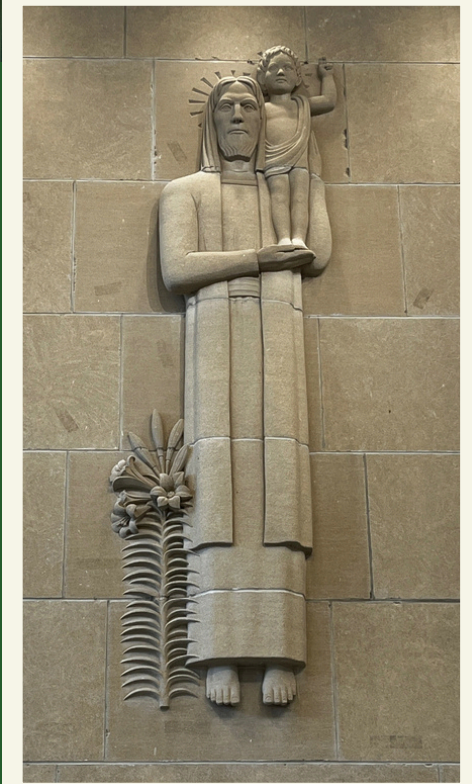


Our FACILITY

ST. JOSEPH'S MORROW PARK CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Our school boasts many wonderful facilities including: a bright and spacious atrium, open concept cafeteria, courtyard and chapel.





Our FACILITY

We also have: a double gymnasium, drama, music, and art rooms, a modern learning commons, iMAC lab, large field, food and nutrition room, modern science labs and so much more.



STUDENT SUCCESS



HOW WE SUPPORT YOUR CHILD



- In conjunction with our Chaplaincy Team, St. Joseph's Morrow Park C.S.S. has an active Student Success Team, which is comprised of Administrators, Guidance Counsellors, and our Student Success Teachers.
- This team focuses on meeting the needs of students by bridging the gap between elementary and secondary school, fostering mentoring relationships, and providing students with academic and emotional support. Special Education Teachers, our Child and Youth Worker, and Educational Assistants are all part of this team and are each committed to student success.



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Our Team: One full-time Child and Youth worker, one Social Worker, one Psychologist and two Guidance Counselors.
- This team provides students with strategies to improve their mental health and cope with ongoing stress and anxiety.
- Mental Health support staff also help students develop and improve healthy habits that are crucial to success.



GRADE 9 TRANSITION

- Summer Transition Program - gives incoming Grade 9 students the opportunity to meet their future teachers and friends, and learn important skills for success
- Grade 9 Orientation Day Camp - a series of team building and leadership activities that allow students to develop their relationships with other Grade 9s while building confidence. Students travel to Camp Robin Hood for a day of fun with student leaders.



SPECIAL EDUCATION



HOW WE SUPPORT YOUR CHILD



- We believe that all students, including those who have been identified with exceptionalities, have the right to full active participation in our community.
- Our inclusive model facilitates this, allowing all our students to reach their full potential.
- Through the necessary accommodations and/or modifications, our students are successful whether their goal is apprenticeship, college, community living, university or workplace.

RESOURCE SUPPORT PROGRAM

- The students accessing this program have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and are fully integrated into the regular curriculum.
- These students are supported by a Resource Monitoring Teacher who works in collaboration with students and subject teachers to provide accommodations in the regular classrooms to achieve academic success. They may enrol in a Learning Strategies course.

INTENSIVE SUPPORT LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

- Students who require specialized programming in order to achieve their learning potential are enrolled in courses that are based on an alternative curriculum.
- Some of the courses offered can include: Life and Social Skills Development, Numeracy and Number Skills, Assisted Co-op and Work Experiences, Culinary Arts, Literacy Skills Development, Arts for Personal Enjoyment and Computer Skills.
- Integration is a valuable part of our Life Skills program, and is arranged according to levels, interests and needs. All modified and alternative programming expectations are outlined in each student's IEP.



HOW WE SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

EXTRACURRICULARS



CLUBS

What better way to connect with like-minded classmates and make friends than by being a part of a school club? If you would like to explore academic initiatives and future career options, SJMP has the Global Ideas Institute, the Pre-Med Club, the STEAM Club, the Robotics Club, the Computer Club, the Math Club, the Yearbook Club, and the Outdoor Ed club. If you are just looking for a way to share your interests and talents with others, we offer the Book Club, the Culinary Club, the Media Club, and the Health and Wellness Club. Our diverse school also has many heritage clubs like the Filipino Club, the Afro Caribbean Club, the Arabic Club, the Korean Club and so much more- the possibilities are truly endless!



PERFORMING ARTS

St. Joseph's Morrow Park boasts extensive music, art, and drama programs that offers many extracurricular opportunities which can be joined by all students even if they are not enrolled in arts courses. With several concert bands, jazz band, a vocal program, and even a rock band, you are sure to find your forte! Our school has different drama programs throughout the year and join with Brebeuf for a spring production. Our dedicated and supportive students pride themselves on working as a team by helping others improve.



ATHLETICS

There are a vast array of sports that St. Joseph's Morrow Park offers. Different sports take place at different points in the year. You could start off your year with a field hockey season and then participate on the volleyball team in the spring. Our school fields many teams including: track and field, cross country, swimming, soccer, field hockey, tennis, basketball, or ultimate frisbee. Our athletes are respectful towards other players and understand that they have to get along with others in order to properly work as a team. This positive mindset shows itself in our many sports accolades. Come join to have a great deal of fun and support our fantastic school!



LEADERSHIP & MINISTRIES

St. Joseph's Morrow Park provides many other opportunities for students to engage in the school community through participation in a range of ministries and councils. Our student council led by an elected premier helps with general school matters, and our liturgical ministry helps with masses and morning announcements. Other ministries include: the social ministry which helps with social events, the music council assisting with the music program, and the arts ministry aiding art-related projects. Our school would not be nearly as great as it is without these amazing initiatives!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



A Highlight Reel of Our Students' Successes

✓ MUSIC PROGRAM

- Silver Medalists at Music Fest National Competition
- Kiwanis Music Festival - Choir - Gold Award
- Kiwanis Music Festival - Jr Band - Platinum Award
- OBA Provincial Music Festival - Senior Band - Silver Plus Award
- Invitations to Nationals for both Choir and Band
- Music Trips - Atlantic Canada & New York City

✓ ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

- TDCAA Volleyball, Tennis, Badminton Champions
- OFSAA Badminton Participants
- OFSAA Tennis Participants
- OFSAA Swimming Participants
- OFSAA Cross Country Participants
- OFSAA Cheer Participants

✓ SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

- TCDSB Exemplary Practice Award for our Jaguar Thrift Shop

✓ LANGUAGE PROGRAM

- French Speech Competition
- Language and Culture exchange with students from Marseilles, France

✓ EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- International Trip to Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein
- Chef à l'École French Baking Classes
- Outdoor Education Trips

✓ S.T.E.A.M.

- Multiple U of T National Biology Contest scores in the top 20th percentile
- Multiple students in top 25th percentile nationally in Waterloo Math Contest
- Skills Canada - Gold Medal Video Production, Silver Medal 3D Animation
- Skills Canada 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in Graphic Design and 2D Animation
- OBEA Contest 1st-3rd Place Winners in Posters, Promotions and Desktop Publishing
- OBEA Website Development Senior Contest, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING



The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) enables students to customize their high school experience to suit their interests and talents, and prepare for a successful post-secondary transition to apprenticeship training, college, university, or employment, while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).



The SHSM program enables students to gain sector-identified preparatory credits, acquire skills and knowledge related to their sector, and make informed career decisions. This makes the learning experience more engaging for students, focuses them on graduation, and prepares them to pursue their career.

EACH SHSM PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- ✓ Eight to ten Grade 11 and Grade 12 sector-related credits, including Cooperative Education and the completion of Contextualized Learning Activities in specified courses
- ✓ Sector-recognized certifications and training courses. This includes Standard First Aid & CPR C and WHMIS, which are mandatory certifications.
- ✓ Experiential learning and career exploration activities within the sector, such as guest speakers, career fair/panel, and workshops
- ✓ Learning opportunities tailored to the student's post-secondary plans, such as Skills Canada competition, university/college lectures, dual-credit experience, etc.
- ✓ Sector-Partnered Experiences in which students gain insight into sector-specific issues and work collaboratively with industry leaders to solve them using innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship

OUR SKILLS,
OF FUTURE.

✓ Upon graduation, students who complete a SHSM program will receive:

An OSSD with an embossed red seal

An OSSD Record Card documenting achievement placed in the student's OSR



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING



EVERY STUDENT CAN FOLLOW THEIR OWN UNIQUE PATHWAY TO POST-SECONDARY SUCCESS WITH OUR WIDE ARRAY OF COURSES AND PROGRAMS.

English and Modern Languages

- Grade 9 English
- Grade 10- English (Academic or Applied)
- Grade 10- English Learning Strategies
- Grade 11 -12 English (University)
- Grade 11-12 English (College)
- Grade 12 The Writer's Craft (University/College)
- ESL A-E
- Grade 9 Core French
- Grade 10 Core French (Applied and Academic)
- Grade 11-12 Core French (University)

Canadian World Studies and Social Science

- Grade 9 Canadian Geography
- Grade 10 Canadian History (Academic and Applied)
- Grade 10 Canadian Civics (Open)
- Grade 10 Food and Nutrition (Open)
- Grade 11 Travel and Tourism (Open)
- Grade 11 Introduction to Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology (University)
- Grade 11 Classic Civilizations (University/College)
- Grade 11 Food and Culture (University/College)
- Grade 11 Living and Working with Children (College)
- Grade 12 Families in Canada (University/College)
- Grade 12 Challenge and Change in Society (University)
- Grade 12 Anti-Black Racism (University)
- Grade 12 World History (University)
- Grade 12 World Issues (University/College)

Math, Computers, Technology and Business Studies

- Grade 9 Math
- Grade 10 Math (Academic or Applied)
- Grade 11 Functions (University/College)
- Grade 11 Foundations for College Mathematics
- Grade 11 Mathematics for Work and Everyday Life
- Grade 12 Advanced Functions (University)
- Grade 12 Data Management (University)
- Grade 12 Calculus and Vectors (University)
- Grade 12 Foundations for College Math
- Grade 11 Introduction to Computer Programming (University)
- Grade 12 Computer Science (University)
- Grade 10 Communications Technology (Open)
- Grade 11, 12 Technological Design (University/College)
- Grade 9 Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset
- Grade 11 Marketing (College)
- Grade 11 Accounting (University/College)
- Grade 12 International Business (University/College)



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING



EVERY STUDENT CAN FOLLOW THEIR OWN UNIQUE PATHWAY TO POST-SECONDARY SUCCESS WITH OUR WIDE ARRAY OF COURSES AND PROGRAMS.

Science

- Grade 9-10 Science (Academic and Applied)
- Grade 11-12 Biology (University)
- Grade 11 Biology (College)
- Grade 11-12 Chemistry (University)
- Grade 12 Chemistry (College)
- Grade 11-12 Physics (University)
- Grade 12 Physics (College)

Health & Physical Education

- Grade 9-12 Healthy Active Living Education (Open)
- Grade 11-12 Personal Fitness (Open)
- Grade 12 Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership (University/College)
- Grade 12 Introductory Kinesiology (University)

Guidance

- Grade 10 Career Studies (Open)
- Grade 11 Leadership and Peer Support (Open)
- Grade 11-12 Co-operative Education
- Dual Credit Courses - in conjunction with colleges

Religion

- Grade 9 Religion (Open)
- Grade 10 Religion (Open)
- Grade 11 World Religions: Beliefs in Daily Life (Open)
- Grade 11 World Religions, Beliefs, & Traditions (University/College)
- Grade 12 Religion (Open & University/College)

Arts

- Grade 9-10 Instrumental Music (Open)
- Grade 9-10 Vocal Music (Open)
- Grade 9-10 Visual Art (Open)
- Grades 9-10 Dramatic Arts (Open)
- Grades 11-12 Dramatic Arts (University/College)
- Grade 11-12 Instrumental Music (University/College)
- Grade 11-12 Vocal Music (University/College)
- Grade 11-12 Visual Arts (University/College)
- Grade 11-12 Photography (University/College)
- Grade 12 Information and Computer Design (University & College)



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