



York Catholic Centro Scuola

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YCCS Canadian Academy in Italy

The York Catholic District School Board and Centro Scuola e Cultura Italiana would like to invite you to participate in a phenomenal opportunity to extend and enhance your learning in Italy. Semester 1 will commence in September 2012. Students will earn Ontario high school credits and experience the rich culture and traditions of Italy. This is the ninth year of the program. Over the past eight years 205 students haven taken advantage of this great opportunity.

Mission

Our mission is to provide a unique opportunity for students to earn high school credits in an academically enriched Catholic environment, while experiencing the rich cultures and traditions which Italy has to offer.

Our Goals

- To provide a Christ-centred environment with a focus on Gospel values;
- To develop in students a sense of self-identity, motivation and self-discipline;
- To provide academically stimulating university-destination curriculum;
- To provide a rich cultural experience by scheduling students in organized curricular and co-curricular activities;
- To provide a safe, organized environment with a focus on students' well-being;
- To foster interaction between students and the local Italian community, sharing the cultural and artistic riches of Italy;
- To deliver a curriculum so that each course taught has a cultural component.



Program

The YCCS Canadian Academy in Italy is a semester, co-educational high school which provides academically rigorous curriculum in a structured environment. Students follow Ontario university preparation curriculum. Courses offered are English, World History, World Religions and Italian. All courses meet the Ontario Ministry of Education and York Catholic District School Board requirements. Courses are delivered in English by experienced Ontario teachers. The school offers Grade 11 courses.

Courses are offered based on enrolment. Numerous field trips throughout Italy will provide students with an enriched global experience.

Teaching Staff

The professional teaching staff will be selected from among teachers of the York Catholic District School Board. Teachers selected are experienced in their fields and professionals devoted to their students.

Students are grouped to ensure that a teacher advisor is responsible for each student's well-being.



School Facilities

The program is offered in the picturesque town of Spoleto in the region of Umbria. Umbria is often referred to as “the green heart of Italy” for its central location and

unspoiled natural beauty. Within Umbria’s hills and valleys are glimpses of the region’s Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance history as depicted by the well preserved hill towns and churches. Students will have an opportunity to live

and learn amidst this incredible wealth of natural, historical and architectural beauty. The students will be comfortably housed in a hotel in the historical center of Spoleto next to the town’s Roman amphitheatre. Three healthy meals per day, as well as cleaning and laundry service will be provided. A partnership with a local secondary school will provide an opportunity for integration and sharing of facilities, cultural activities and other suitable programs.

Field Trips

Supervised excursions throughout Umbria and Italy will be an integral part of the curriculum. School visits will include all or some of the following: Rome, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Amalfi Coast, Perugia, Pompeii and Paestum.

Students will have the opportunity to go swimming and hiking. Spoleto also hosts a number of art galleries and museums which are visited during or outside of school hours. Students will be encouraged to take advantage of all that the region has to offer.



Potential Courses

| GRADE | COURSES | COURSE CODE |
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| Grade 11 | English World Religions World History to The Sixteenth Century Italian | ENG 3UX HRT 3MX CHW 3MX LW1BDX |

Ontario Student Transcript

All credits earned will be recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript.



School Schedule

The following academic student calendar and timetable are tentative and may be subject to change:

Classes are scheduled Monday to Saturday – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

| Student Timetable | |
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| 7:45 a.m. – 8:25 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Classes |
| 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. | Lunch |
| 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Class time |
| 3:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. | Student's personal time |
| 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Dinner |
| 8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. | Study Hall |
| 9:30 p.m. – 11 p.m. | Homework/Study/Free time |
| 11 p.m. | Lights out |

Application Process

Students are required to apply to the YCCS Admission Committee.

Application deadline for the 2012 Fall Semester Program is March 30, 2012. Late applications will be considered.

Admission is based on academic performance, character, special interests, academic achievement and a personal interview with the Admission Committee.

Students who are enrolled in the York Catholic District School Board will be given priority. Applications received after the due date will be considered depending on availability.

Students will participate in daily reflection and prayers. On Sundays and other special days, students will attend liturgical celebrations at a local Church. Excursions to a number of churches and other historical, cultural, and regional sites of interest will be organized on Sunday afternoons.

Calendar—Semester 1

September 2012 to December 2012

Month of October – Parent Trip to Italy

In October a parent trip will be organized through Centro Scuola, offering parents the opportunity to visit their children and enjoy the cultural tours.



How to Apply

1. Complete an application form — also available on our website at www.ycdsb.ca.
2. Include a copy of your credit counselling summary.
3. Application fee of \$300 payable to Centro Scuola (non-refundable if student decides not to attend the program after notification of acceptance).

**Send the above items on or before
April 13, 2012 to:**

York Catholic District School Board
c/o Anna Lima
YCCS Admission Committee
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, ON L4G 0M1

For Further Information Contact:

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Applications will be reviewed by the YCCS Admission Committee. Applicants will be informed as soon as a decision is made. A personal interview with the YCCS Admission Committee is required prior to a final decision.

Upon acceptance, the following items are required:

1. Two copies of your final transcript.
2. Photocopy of the main pages of your passport (passport must have a minimum expiry date of 6 months after December 2012).
3. A Parent Information package from York Catholic District School Board will need to be completed.
4. A package from the Italian Consulate will also need to be completed in order to apply for a student visa for minors.



Fee Breakdown

Cost: \$ 9,800

Fees Include: Airfare to and from Italy
 Bus transportation from airport to school
 Room and board
 Towel and linen laundry service
 Day trips in Italy
 Extended weekend trips
 Overnight Excursions in Italy
 All areas of curriculum
 Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner

Fees Do Not Include: Some lunches while on excursions outside Umbria
 Overseas Health Insurance (mandatory for students)
 Flight Cancellation Insurance
 Insurance for Personal effects
 Uniform
 Excess baggage weight fees (no bag is to weigh more than 23 kgs).
 Second piece of luggage
 Passport (Canadian or Italian)

Fee Schedule – First Semester

| Post dated cheques payable to Centro Scuola . Amounts are payable in Canadian dollars. | | |
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| Application Fee | Post Date April 13, 2012 | \$300 |
| First Payment Upon Acceptance | Post date May 10, 2012 | \$3500 |
| Second Payment | Post Date May 31, 2012 | \$3000 |
| Final Payment | Post date June 20, 2012 | \$3000 |
| Gratuity (to cover tips for bus drivers and hotel staff) | Cash or Cheque made to Cash (will be collected at the August Meeting) | \$100 |
| Uniform (Cheque payable to YCDSB) | Purchased from supplier | \$250 approx. |

Notice of withdrawal must be sent in writing to Anna Lima by May 31, 2012, in order to obtain a tuition fee refund minus the registration fee. If a student withdraws at any time after the due dates, or during the semester, or is expelled from the school, a refund fee schedule will be followed. The only exception is for documented medical reasons.