



# York Catholic District School Board

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## Media Advisory

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**For Immediate Release**

### **Parents invited to learn about York Catholic's French Immersion Program**

*Local information sessions will help parents determine if French Immersion is right for their child*

The York Catholic District School Board offers the Elementary French Immersion Program to students beginning in Grade 1, at 15 Catholic schools throughout York Region.

A series of public information sessions will be held at local French Immersion schools for parents and guardians interested in enrolling their child in its elementary French Immersion program for the 2018-19 school year. Children born in 2012 who will begin Grade 1 in September 2018, are eligible to apply.

The information sessions will provide an overview of the French Immersion program; explain the criteria for enrolment, as well as, the application and registration processes. Information about transportation will also be shared and guests will have a chance to ask questions about the program. YCDSB strongly encourages parents and guardians who are considering enrolling their child in French Immersion to attend an information session, as it will help them better determine if the French Immersion program is right for their child.

The French Immersion program aims to provide non-francophone children with a high degree of proficiency in the French language. Although the curriculum is the same as in the English-language program, the language of instruction for most subjects is in French in the primary grades.

The Elementary French Immersion Program is a prerequisite for the Board's Secondary French Immersion Program. The Secondary French Immersion Program will be available at St. Brother Andre CHS in Markham, Father Bressani CHS in Woodbridge, Jean Vanier CHS in Richmond Hill, and St. Maximilian Kolbe CHS in Aurora in September 2018.

Parents can submit an application for their children online at: <http://ow.ly/oxC930gB46z>, from November 14, 2017 – January 25, 2018. After the application deadline, and depending on the number of applicants, a lottery may be conducted.

Following is a list of the scheduled public information sessions for each elementary French Immersion school site. Parents and guardians should attend the information session for their local French Immersion school, which can be determined at <http://locator.ycdsb.ca/schoollocator/>. Interested parents should also apply for their child to attend the program at their local elementary French Immersion school.

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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 55,000 students in 103 schools throughout York Region. For more information, visit [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca) or follow us on Twitter @YCDSB.

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## List of Elementary French Immersion Information Sessions and Schools

*For parents/guardians of students entering Grade 1 in September 2018*

DATE	SCHOOL	COMMUNITY
<b>Tuesday, November 14, 2017</b> 7 p.m.	<b>Blessed Trinity Catholic Elementary School</b> 230 Hawker Blvd., Maple, ON, L6A 2R2	<b>Maple</b> (Vaughan)
<b>Wednesday, November 15, 2017</b> 7 p.m.	<b>Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School</b> 191 Crofter's Road, Woodbridge, ON, L4L 7G3	<b>Woodbridge</b> (Vaughan)
<b>Wednesday, November 15, 2017</b> 7 p.m.	<b>St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary School</b> 199 Belview Ave, Woodbridge, ON, L4L 5N9	<b>Woodbridge</b> (Vaughan)
<b>Wednesday, November 15, 2017</b> 7 p.m.	<b>St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Elementary School</b> 475 Brownridge Drive, Thornhill, ON, L4J 5Y6	<b>Thornhill</b> (Vaughan)
<b>Tuesday, November 21, 2017</b> 7 p.m.	<b>St. John XXIII Catholic Elementary School</b> 125 Krieghoff Avenue, Unionville, ON, L3R 1V8	<b>Unionville</b> (Markham)
<b>Wednesday, November 29, 2017</b> 7 p.m.	<b>Christ the King Catholic Elementary School</b> 329 Valleymede Drive, Richmond Hill, ON, L4B 2E1	<b>Richmond Hill</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 29, 2017</b> 7 p.m.	<b>St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School</b> 141 Kirk Drive, Thornhill, ON, L3T 3L3	<b>Thornhill</b> (Markham)
<b>Wednesday, November 29, 2017</b> 7 p.m.	<b>St. Edward Catholic Elementary School</b> 33 Cairns Drive, Markham, ON, L3P 7M8	<b>Markham</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 29, 2017</b> 7 p.m.	<b>St. Joseph, Aurora Catholic Elementary School</b> 2 Glass Drive, Aurora, ON, L4G 2E8	<b>Aurora</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 29, 2017</b> 7 p.m.	<b>St. Mark Catholic Elementary School</b> 133 Glad Park Ave., Stouffville, ON, L4A 1E4	<b>Stouffville</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 29, 2017</b> 7 p.m.	<b>St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Elementary School</b> 262 Old Homestead Road, Keswick, ON, L4P 3C8	<b>Keswick</b> (Georgina)
<b>Thursday, November 30, 2017</b> 7 p.m.	<b>St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Elementary School</b> 121 Rollinghill Rd., Richmond Hill, ON, L4E 4L2	<b>Richmond Hill</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 5, 2017</b> 7 p.m.	<b>St. Francis Xavier Catholic Elementary School</b> 223 Highglen Avenue, Markham, ON, L3S 1Y4	<b>Markham</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 6, 2017</b> 7 p.m.	<b>St. Brendan Catholic Elementary School</b> 751 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville, ON, L4A 0Z6	<b>Stouffville</b>
<b>Thursday, December 7, 2017</b> 7 p.m.	<b>St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Elementary School</b> 960 Leslie Valley Drive, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 8B3	<b>Newmarket</b>