



THE FRANCIS DE SALES CENTRE

AT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL

Education for Grades 9 – 12

- Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours
- Daily Rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament
- Weekly Mass and opportunities for Confession
- Retreats, pilgrimages, and days of recollection
- Regular community service
- A Catholic Studies program that truly challenges students to know, understand, and live their Faith
- Frequent visits and lectures from priests, religious, and other inspiring guests
- Celebration of Feast Days and the annual cycle of the liturgical calendar
- Small classes where students are known, loved, and challenged to use their unique gifts to serve God and neighbour

Living and Breathing the Catholic Tradition



In a truly Christ-centred environment, students are immersed in the Catholic faith and formed into young men and women of character, integrity, and service.



Students preparing a hot meal they will serve to patrons at St. Francis Table.



FSC graduates Aidan and Daniel share their experiences with the Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica.



FSC students regularly spend time with residents at a local nursing home.

"FSC isn't just any education, it's a Catholic education that strengthened my faith; where religion class wasn't separate from other subjects, but was integrated into them. The Catholic foundation affected all aspects of my life. And when you find something that good, you want to hold on to it. My education at FSC has greatly influenced the decisions I've made, and those that I will continue to make."

FSC graduate Rebecca Bodington

"The Francis de Sales Centre has not only given me an education, but it has given me a code to live by for the rest of my life. It has taught me to serve the poor, the homeless, the dying, the elderly, and the mentally ill."

FSC graduate Aidan Smith

Academic Excellence



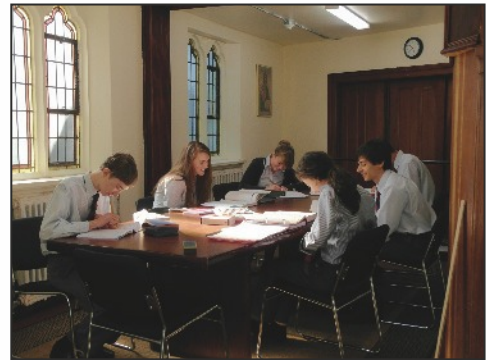
Academic Sampler:

- Literature (Homer, Sophocles, Virgil, Dante, Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton, Coleridge, Hopkins, Dostoevsky, Graham Greene, Flannery O'Connor)
- Math (Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Functions, Calculus)
- Science (Biology, Physics, Chemistry)
- History (Herodotus, Thucydides, Livy, Tacitus, Machiavelli, Descartes, Hobbes, Paine, Burke...)
- Catholic Studies (Sacred Scriptures, the Catechism, Church History, Christian Morality St. Augustine, St. Benedict, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Teresa of Avila; G. K. Chesterton, C. S. Lewis...)
- French and Latin
- Writing and Rhetoric
- Art History
- Astronomy
- Technical Drawing
- Music (Theory, History)

The academic curriculum at *The Francis de Sales Centre* is a liberal arts program which covers western civilization from its Judeo-Christian and Greco-Roman roots to the modern age and includes a thorough study of maths and sciences. Through our course of study, students strengthen their abilities to reason and to express themselves in speech and in writing.



Students at FSC benefit from an intellectually stimulating environment in small seminar-style classes that allow them to contribute meaningfully to discussions.



"At FSC, I received an education that, by exposing me to great works of literature and classical teachings, inspired me and helped me begin to understand what it means to be human. I was always excited to be in an environment of true learning, alongside classmates who became good and lasting friends."

FSC graduate Mary Jane Egan

"FSC teachers actually want to help you, and will go out of their way to ensure that you as a student are understanding the concepts taught in class and are able to apply them in the course work."

FSC graduate Patrick Lee

Learning Outside the Classroom

Once a week, students at *The Francis de Sales Centre* take advantage of the multitude of opportunities that the city provides for intellectual, cultural, artistic, and recreational enrichment. Workshops and labs in a wide variety of museums and cultural centres allow students to expand their knowledge and immerse themselves in hands-on activities that they would never be able to experience in any classroom.



In addition to these weekly excursions, students make annual overnight trips beyond the city limits to destinations like Camp Brébeuf, where they engage in outdoor activities like rock climbing, high ropes, and archery, and the Stratford Festival, where they participate in drama workshops and take in a world-class production of Shakespeare.



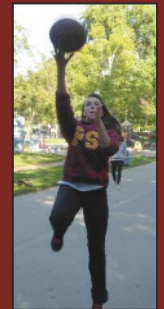
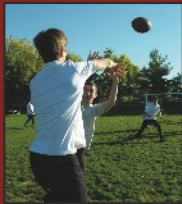
Selected Labs, Workshops, and Programs:

- The Stratford Festival
- Camp Brébeuf
- The Canadian Opera Company
- The Royal Ontario Museum
- The Art Gallery of Ontario
- Salt+Light Television
- Fort York
- Spadina House
- Mackenzie House
- Campbell House
- Colborne Lodge
- Montgomery's Inn
- St Lawrence Market
- Ripley's Aquarium
- The High Park Nature Centre
- The Design Exchange
- The National Film Board of Canada
- Casa Loma
- The Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art
- The Textile Museum
- The George Brown Culinary School
- The City of Toronto Archives

"At FSC there is a sense that the teachers are on your side. I valued learning about our faith in an in-depth way, which is a basis for knowing Christ and growing closer to him."

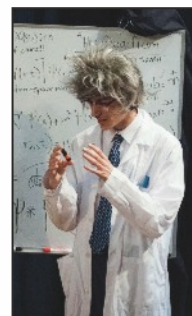
FSC graduate Daniel Santos

THE FRANCIS DE SALES CENTRE: Staying active and keeping fit



Theatre at FSC

The Arts are an integral part of education at *The Francis de Sales Centre*. Every year the students stage a major theatrical production for friends and family, showcasing their talents and the fruits of a year's hard work. Productions have included *The Speckled Band*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, *The Mouse That Roared*, *A Masque of Aesop*, *Anastasia*, and *Sister Marie's Miracle*.



"The bonds I formed at FSC could not have been formed anywhere else. Not only do I have countless memories that can make me cry with laughter to this day, but the atmosphere at FSC offered a place where friendships could truly flourish."

FSC graduate Barbara Egan

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