# Sudbury Catholic District School Board

# **Study in the Heart of Canada!**













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#### WELCOME TO

# Sudbury, Ontario

#### Make us your home away from home!

## **Key Facts**

Population: 160,770

**Area:** 3,627 sq. km (1,400 sq. mi.)

Main Languages Spoken: English, French, Italian, Finnish, German, Ukrainian

Main Industries: Education, Mining, Mining Supply and Services, Healthcare, Retail and Wholesale Trade

> Post-Secondary Institutions:

- Laurentian University
- Cambrian College
  - Collège Boréal
- Northern Ontario School of Medicine



### "The happiest city in Canada." -Statistics Canada, 2015

#### **Spacious City**

The City of Greater Sudbury is the largest in Northern Ontario with a population of 160,770. It covers an area of 3,627 sq. km (1,400 sq. mi.) - about five times the surface area of Singapore.

#### **Fresh Water**

There are a total of 330 freshwater lakes within the city - more lakes than any other municipality in Canada. Lake Wahnapitae is the largest city-contained lake in the world. Ramsey Lake, in the heart of Sudbury is the second.

For more information visit www.sudburytourism.ca



#### Geology

The Sudbury structure is a famous geological feature that hosts one of the largest concentrations of nickelcopper sulphides in the world. The Sudbury Basin, 27 km (17 mi.) wide, 60 km (37 mi.) long and 15 km (10 mi.) deep, is believed to have been formed by a meteorite impact 1.8 billion years ago.

### Go Big

Sudbury's landmark Big Nickel is 9 metres (30 ft.) high and recognized around the world.

## Mining

Sudbury is home to the largest integrated mining complex in the world. There are 5,000 km (3,107 mi.) of mining tunnels under the Sudbury area. Placed end-to-end, you could drive from Sudbury to Vancouver underground.





### Go Green

Sudbury has received numerous awards for its aggressive land reclamation program, including a United Nations Local Government Award and the United States Chevron Award.

# **Sudbury Catholic Schools**

# Leaders in Learning and Faith



The Sudbury Catholic District School Board has a reputation for providing the best quality education in line with Ontario Secondary School requirements. Our schools offer first-class secondary programs designed to prepare students for success at the post-secondary level and consistently outperform provincial averages in literacy and math assessments. Students receive exceptional math, science, social science and language instruction in first-rate innovative labs and school facilities.

Founded on strong Catholic values, the Sudbury Catholic District School Board is committed to the principles of equity and inclusivity that enable each student to learn and grow his or her full potential. Administrators, teachers, support staff and students are dedicated to creating a safe and welcoming school environment to help international students feel at home in our school communities. Extracurricular highlights include championship-winning sport teams, dynamic school clubs and students committees and outdoor adventure opportunities.

"The SCDSB offers international students an opportunity to achieve a competitive academic advantage while shaping students to be the leaders of tomorrow."





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- Warm and caring administrators, teachers, support staff and students are dedicated to helping international students feel at home.
- Staff are committed to helping students grow academically, socially, emotionally and spirituality.
- Timetables and ESL programs are individually tailored to meet student needs.
- Our schools provide academic counselling, after-school tutoring and special education support.
- School orientation, welcoming events and student ambassador



"I am lucky to have studied in Sudbury. I have made many friends and been able to visit different places and experience new things! My teachers and classmates were supportive and helped me improve my English. I think others should definitely consider studying at Sudbury Catholic Schools."

# Why Choose a Sudbury Catholic School in Sudbury, Ontario?

#### **High-Quality Education**

- Our 4 high schools are consistently ranked among the best in our city.
- Two of our high schools (St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School and Marymount Academy) are consistently ranked among the top 10% in the province.
- Our schools consistently outperform provincial averages in standardized literacy and math assessments.
- Our high schools offer first-class secondary programs designed to prepare students for success at the postsecondary level.
- We offer a wide range of specialized programs including:
  - Advanced Placement Program
  - Reach Ahead Program
  - BEST Program
  - Special High Skills Majors (Health & Wellness, Information & Communications Technology, Business, Manufacturing & Robotics, Transportation, Sports & Recreation)
  - Cooperative Education Programs
  - French Immersion Program
  - Arts & Drama Program
  - Smaller class sizes with an average of 22 students for 1 teacher
  - Outdoor Education in curriculum



### A Safe & Caring Community

- Sudbury was voted "The Happiest City in Canada" (2015).
- Safe and welcoming neighbourhoods ensure that students feel secure away from home.
- Citizens of Sudbury have a reputation for being warm and hospitable.
- Our city is home to a number of multicultural associations and newcomer services, and many unique multicultural events and festivals.

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#### **Stronger English Proficiency**

- As a city of only 160,000 people, Sudbury allows students to be more immersed in mainstream English speaking culture and language than they would be in a larger metropolitan centre.
- Students develop stronger English language proficiency quickly among predominantly English-speaking classmates.
- English is the first language spoken by 65% of citizens (while an additional 27% speak both English and French).

#### **Student Support**

- Students are greeted by dedicated staff and student ambassadors during a special welcome BBQ that takes place during the first month of school.
- One Principal and/or Vice-Principal of each Secondary School is assigned to ensuring that all international students receive support that is unique to them.
- The Principal and Vice-Principal have weekly meetings to ensure student success.
- Personalized services for all parents, students and agents that assist in providing a safe, enjoyable and exceptional experience for all.
- 24-48 hour response time to address any questions or concerns.

#### **Post-Secondary Opportunities**

- Sudbury is considered to be "The Education Capital of the North".
- We offer a number of high-quality options for post-secondary education, including Laurentian University, Cambrian College, and Collège Boréal.
- Sudbury Catholic Schools helps students reach their full potential and aids them in their next educational phase at their post-secondary schools of choice.

#### An Authentic Canadian Experience

- Sudbury is home to over 330 freshwater lakes and over 200km of trails.
- Our city is home to many scenic landscapes and outdoor adventure opportunities within city limits.
- We are located in close proximity to major cities such as Toronto and Ottawa, but surrounded by pristine lakes, forests, and fresh air.
- Students get to experience all of the amenities of urban life while surrounded by natural beauty.

# **Our Programs**

#### **Support & Services**

All international students will have access to academic and welcoming services.

#### **Academic Services**

Initial language and mathematics assessments to help customize programming

Individually tailored English as a Second Language (ESL) courses

Personal electronic devices for school and home use

Academic counselling

After-school tutoring

Special education support

#### Option 1: One Semester with Credit Accumulation

The One Semester Program with Credit Accumulation allows students the choice to study in Sudbury for either the Fall Semester (September- January) or the Spring Semester (February- June). Students can obtain up to four Ontario Curriculum credits sanctioned by the Ministry of Education while developing their English Language proficiency as they immerse themselves in Canadian culture. This five-month program is offered at all of our high schools and can be tailored to suit individual needs.

Students can select from a wide range of math, science, language, social science, arts and technical course offerings, as well as the option to participate in a co-op placement program where they will learn by doing through valuable job experience in their field of interest. In the One Semester Program students will accumulate internationally recognized Ontario Curriculum credits through high-quality and engaging academic courses designed to prepare them for success at the post-secondary level.

#### Option 2: Full Year (Two Semesters) with Credit Accumulation

In the Full Year with Credit Accumulation Program, students will study in Sudbury for both the Fall (September-January) and Spring (February-June) semesters. This ten-month program features all of the benefits of the one semester program while offering students the opportunity earn twice the number of credits.

#### **Option 3: Short - Term Student Shadow Experience**

The non-credit based shadow experience is an enriching opportunity for international students to get a taste of Canadian education and culture while learning the English anguage. This program is offered at both St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School and Marymount Academy and is tailored to suit individual preferences. Students can select the term of their shadow experience (i.e. the number of weeks or months they would like to study) and design a course timetable to match their personal interests.

Students can select from a wide range of math, science, language, social science, arts and technical course offerings, as well as the option to participate in a co-op placement program where they will learn by doing through valuable job experience in their field of interest. This unique learning opportunity provides international students the chance to develop their English proficiency and pursue their academic interests on their own terms while experiencing all that Sudbury has to offer!

#### **Support & Services**

Welcoming Services

School orientation

Pre-arrival ESL

Welcoming events

Student ambassador programs

Translation services

#### **Option 4: Summer Camp**

SCDSB has partnered with Laurentian University to offer students a unique experience of campus life while they obtain up to two Ontario Curriculum credits sanctioned under the Ministry of Education in beautiful Northern Ontario. This 3-4 week camp provides English language instruction within a typical Ontario Secondary School classroom paired with a Physical Education curriculum with a Northern Ontario flavour.

Students will work towards an Ontario Secondary School English credit taught by a qualified teacher from the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT). They will be challenged to develop their vocabulary and English language skills through a variety of engaging classroom activities. Students will also participate in outdoor activities such as swimming, canoeing, rock climbing, and camping and have opportunities to participate in community events, fun evening activities, and weekend getaways to scenic Killarney Provincial Park for an unforgettable outdoor adventure.

All programs and activities can be tailored to meet individual needs.

# St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School

# "Ranked #1 Co-ed School in the City" 2016



Recognized by the Fraser Institute as a leader in the province and the number one co-ed school in the city, St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School takes pride in its high academic excellence, competitive sports programs, and innovative programs and facilities. The secondary school consistently outperforms the provincial average in its EQAO math and literacy scores and has a reputation for ensuring that students are well-prepared for post-secondary education.

The school's dedicated, dynamic staff is committed to providing students with a competitive advantage through the development of 21st century knowledge and skills. A diverse range of programs and learning tasks enabled by technology prepare students for a rapidly changing, technologically-driven, globalized world. By providing students with opportunities like hands-on, experiential learning and a learning environment that emphasizes critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, and entrepreneurship, St. Benedict equips students with skills that will lead them to become successful leaders and innovators.

For more information visit www.st-benedict.sudburycatholicschools.ca

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#### \*Ranked #1 Co-ed School in Sudbury by the Fraser Institute Ranked among the top 15% in Ontario

- Specialists High Skills Major
- Business
- Hospitality and Tourism

#### **School Competitions**

- University of Waterloo Math Competition
- University of Toronto Biology Competition
- Sudbury Mock Trial Law Competition
- "Reach for the Top" Academic Competition

#### **Business Program**

- Students receive a foundation in accounting, marketing, human resources, information and communication technology, and business ethics
- International trips to renowned financial districts in cities such as New York, Chicago, and Boston

#### **Guitar Program**

• Students learn about the language, elements, terminology and history of music in a challenging musical program focused on skill development

e-Learning, Co-operative Education Program, French Immersion Program, Dual Credit Program, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship (OYAP) Program.











# Marymount Academy

# "Ranked #1 School in the City" 2016





As Northern Ontario's only girls-only school, Marymount Academy is a unique learning environment where girls flourish in academics, athletics, arts, and leadership roles. The Academy has a long-standing commitment to providing a learning environment which places girls first. Students are constantly challenged, stimulated, and encouraged by dedicated and caring staff with an in-depth understanding of how girls learn and succeed.

Marymount Academy has a strong reputation for academic excellence, with graduates who excel in all areas. Its EQAO math and literacy scores consistently surpass provincial averages and its Advanced Placement (AP) Program allows students to earn university credits recognized by North American universities while still in high school. The Academy's high post-secondary acceptance rate comes as no surprise as challenging and engaging course offerings, a committed staff, and a strong culture of achievement help to ensure that students are well-prepared for post-secondary education. At Marymount Academy, girls are encouraged to reach their individual potential in a warm and supportive school environment that fosters growth and excellence.

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#### \*Northern Ontario's Only All-Girls School \* Ranked #1 School in Sudbury by the Fraser Institute \* Ranked among the top 5% in Ontario

#### Specialist High-Skills Major (SHSM) Programs:

- Architecture & Engineering
- Non-Profit
- Arts & Culture

#### Advanced Placement (AP) Program

- Allows students to receive first year university credits for Calculus, English, and French while still in high school
- A rigorous academic program that offers university-level content with written examinations

#### **Reach Ahead Program**

• Allows Grade 8 students to fast track and earn Grade 9 high school credits in various subject areas

Dual Credit Program, Co-operative Education Program, French Immersion Program, e-Learning, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship (OYAP) Program











# St. Charles College

# "Goodness - Discipline - Knowledge"





With over 1,200 students, St. Charles College is Sudbury's largest high school. The school motto – goodness, discipline and knowledge – is embedded in the school's rich history and culture. St. Charles is a leader in providing dynamic and innovative program offerings intended to prepare students for post-secondary education and careers. The high school features a number of Specialist High-skills Major programs (Health & Wellness, Transportation, Sports & Recreation, and Business), and provides unique experiential learning opportunities through their Dual Credit program, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship program, and Co-operative Education program that allow students to earn secondary and post-secondary school credits while completing school and work placements.

The school's staff consists of dedicated, committed, and caring professionals who strive to meet the individual needs of all students. A leader in math and technology, St. Charles's EQAO math scores consistently surpass provincial averages and the school features cutting-edge software and equipment in its labs and spacious wood and automotive shops. Last but not least, anyone visiting the school cannot miss the number of championship banners that adorn its walls. St. Charles is an athletic force to be reckoned with, as it boasts the greatest number of athletic championship titles in the city.

#### For more information visit www.scc.sudburycatholicschools.ca

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#### Specialist High-Skills Major (SHSM) Programs:

- Health & Wellness
- Business
- Sports & Recreation
- Transportation Truck & Coach

#### Arts Program

- School Drama Productions
- Outstanding Vocal Program
- Guitar and Stage Bands
- Dynamic Visual Arts Classes

### Dual Credit Program

• Students take a college-level credit delivered by college faculty in order to receive both a college credit and secondary school credit

### Advanced Placement (AP) Program

Allows students to receive first year university credits for physcis, biology, English and calculus while still in secondary school

A rigorous academic program that offers university-level content with written examinations

#### Ontario Youth Apprenticeship (OYAP) Program

• Students earn credits for working in an apprenticeable college trade occupation

### e-Learning, Co-operative Education Program









# **Bishop Alexander Carter Secondary School**

### "Because We Believe"



Committed to providing students with an intellectually challenging learning environment, Bishop Alexander Carter (BAC) high school equips students with twenty-first century skills needed in the post-secondary and work world. A leader in science and technology, BAC proudly offers a number of Specialist High Skills Majors (Information & Communications Technology, Manufacturing & Robotics, and Health & Wellness) in addition to ensuring that students have up-to-date wireless technology in all of their classes.

Unique to BAC is the Bishop Elite Sports Training (BEST) program which is designed to help students achieve excellence in academics, leadership, and athletics in order to help them acquire a competitive edge both on the field and in the classroom. Also, the high school's GREAT program, the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship program, and Dual Credit and Co-operative Education programs are designed to prepare students for the exciting world of the trades through hands-on courses and relevant job experience. Finally, BAC is committed to providing students with a comprehensive high school experience through its extensive offerings of athletics, clubs, and school activities.

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#### Specialist High-Skills Major (SHSM) Programs:

- Information & Communications Technology
- Manufacturing & Robotics
- Health & Wellness

#### Video Game Design Project

- Creation of concept art, script, layout and design
- 2D graphics creation and editing in Photoshop
- 3D animation in Autodesk Maya
- C# programming in the Unity3D game engine
- Sound creation and manipulation

#### Bishop Elite Sports Training (BEST) Program

• Designed to help student athletes achieve greatness in academics, leadership, and sports

# Gaining Real Experience through Accelerated Trades (GREAT) Program

• Intended for students who want to pursue a career in the trades by providing students with a head start on their post-secondary apprenticeship training

Dual Credit Program, Co-operative Education Program, French Immersion Program, e-Learning, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship (OYAP) Program











# **Our Partners**

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**Our Vision: Leaders in Learning and Faith** 

Our Mission: To realize each student's potential within our inclusive Catholic learning community by nurturing and developing their mind, body and spirit.

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