

Get Ready For Grade 9

2025-2026



Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Heavenly Father, we gather today in gratitude to you for all that you give us: our life, our families, our community, our students and Catholic education. Send your Holy Spirit to fill this evening with charity and peace in everything we hear, say and everyone we encounter. Inspire the decision parents and guardians are making for their children's place of learning. May they be confident that St. Martin Catholic Secondary School is a welcoming community and where sound education is provided for all. We ask this through Christ, our Lord and Teacher. Amen.

St. Martin of Tours, pray for us!

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Amen.



St. Martin of Tours

Feast Day: November 11



Pray for Us

— @cathapostlectr —

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge the land on which we gather, and which St. Martin operates. It is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples inhabited and cared for this land, and continue to do so today. In particular the Anishinaabek Peoples and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work and learn on this land, and by doing so give our respect to its first inhabitants.





ST. MARTIN SECONDARY SCHOOL
2470

AT A GLANCE:

- Current enrollment 1093
- 56 year legacy of excellence in South Mississauga
- All students are welcome
- Comprehensive academic program
- High Academic Achievement
- Regional Sports Program
- Specialist High Skills Major Programs
- Extensive co-curricular activities
- Outstanding Athletics Program

SCHOOL INFORMATION



Semestered School

School Hours ~ 8:27 am – 2:25 pm

Uniform School – uniform available at McCarthy's

3 Lunch Periods – 40 min. each

Full Cafeteria Services

Individual Lockers

Support Services

High School Journey

**What is required in
my high school
years?**

Ontario Secondary School Diploma O.S.S.D

OSSD Requirements have
changed for students entering
Grade 9 in 2024 and later

Compulsory Courses

17 Compulsory Credits

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade) *
- 3 credits in Mathematics (grade 9, grade 10, and 11)
- 2 credits in Science
- 1 credit in Canadian Geography (grade 9)
- 1 credit in Canadian History (grade 10)
- 1 credit in the Arts**
- 1 credit in Health and Physical Education
- 1 credit in French as a Second Language
- 1 credit in Technological Education (grade 9 or 10)
- 0.5 credit in Career Studies
- 0.5 credit in Civics and Citizenship
- 1 credit from the STEM-related course group

STEM Courses

STEM-related Course Group

- Business Studies
- Computer Studies
- Cooperative Education
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technological Education

Other Graduation Requirements

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- 13 optional credits
- OSSLT or OSSLC
- 40 Hours of Community Involvement
- Online Learning Requirement (2 credits)
- Financial Literacy Requirement (2025)

Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

- Students will write the Literacy Test in Grade 10
- Students must pass the test or the OLC course to graduate
- The test is based on language and communication expectations of the curriculum up to and including grade 9
- If the student is unsuccessful on their first attempt:
 - Remedial help will be given
 - Student can retake test
 - Student can take the Ontario Literacy Course

Community Involvement

- Encourages civic responsibility, promotes community values
- Supports student's career explorations
- Minimum 40 hours completed over 4 years
- DPCDSB has provided guidelines for volunteer service
- Community hrs. will be documented on the student's status sheet
- Grade 8 students can begin to accumulate volunteer hours beginning in the summer after grade 8 graduation

Online learning requirement

- Students are required to take two courses in an online setting before graduation.
- There is a wide range of courses offered however, most are at the grade 11 and 12 levels.
- Your child can opt out of this requirement during each of their four years in high school
- Forms are sent home each year for parent's signature.

Financial Literacy Requirement

- Limited information is available at this time.
- This requirement is for students beginning high school in 2024.
- As part of their grade 10 math course, they will learn practical math skills ie. Managing a household budget, learning to invest etc.
- Students must obtain a passing grade of 70% on the assessment

Grade 9 Course Selection

The ministry has destreamed most grade 9 courses.

When selecting courses, students will notice that there is only one level for most subjects as an option.

The exception to this is FSF open level and Locally Developed classes. Grade 8 ESL, SERT, or SERC teachers would make the recommendation for students requiring Locally Developed classes or open French.

Course Types

Grade 9 and 10 Courses

- Destreamed
- Open

Grade 11 and 12 Courses

- College
- College/University
- University
- Open
- Workplace

Grade 9 Schedule

Day	Terms	P1	P2	P3A	P3B	P3C	P4	OTH
1	23-24	S1T1	Discipleship and Culture HRE1O1.9 Keaveney, Sean Room: 202 P1(1) S1	Science SNC1W1.5 Balogun, Owodunni Room: 210 P2(1) S1	Healthy Active Living Education PPL1OM.1 Moroney, Adam Room: GYM A P3A-P3B(1) S1		English ENL1W1.3 Merricks, Angela Room: 223 P4(1) S1	
		S1T2						
		S2T1	Introduction to Business BBI2O1.1 Witkowski, Gabriel Room: 215 P1(1) S2	Core French FSF1D1.9 Fedel, Ines Room: 222 P2(1) S2	Mathematics MTH1W1.4 Sutton, Shannon Room: 206 P3A-P3B(1) S2		Issues in Canadian Geography CGC1D1.10 Di Leo, Robert Room: 203 P4(1) S2	
		S2T2						

Assistance with Courses

- At St. Martin, we have a vibrant academic resource department that is always willing to assist our students with IEP's.
- SERT teachers connect with students in September to explain how the resource room can be accessed.
- For non IEP students, our SST teacher is available for extra support.

Specialist High Skills Major

- In September 2010 St. Martin launched a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) in the Sports sector
- We have recently added a Hospitality and Tourism SHSM
- A SHSM is an innovative program designed to provide students in all educational pathways with the skills and supportive credentials for employment in the Sport industry or Hospitality and Tourism.
- Two entry points:
 - As a grade 9 regional sports student (separate application)
 - In grade 11 joining the SHSM program (apply in grade 10)

Regional Sports

Regional Sports applications are available online for students who are interested in applying for this program.

The fee for this program is a payment of \$200.00 in grade nine and ten.

Applications will be available on our school website after the presentation this evening.

Other Ways to Learn at St. Martin

- Cooperative Education (Co-op)
- Dual Credit (earn high school credits and college credits at the same time)
- e-Learning

Benefits of Co-op?



Earn credits while test-driving a career



Build soft/hard skills



Networking



Resume building



Individualized experience



Fulfills SHSM Red Seal Requirements



Catholic Dimension

- Compulsory Religion credit courses
- Chaplain and School Chapel
- Mandatory retreat program
- Masses and paraliturgies
- Community outreach/service programs
- Food drives/Christmas baskets/Missions
- Daily prayer/reflections

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Art Club
- Athletic Council
- Audio Visual Club
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Black Student Alliance
- Choir
- Cross-country Running
- Curling
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Eco Mustangs
- Flag Football
- Hispanic Club
- Hockey
- Knitting Club
- Lacrosse
- Link Crew
- Mustang Missions
- Skiing
- Slo-Pitch Softball
- Soccer
- Student Council
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Weightroom Club
- White Pine Book Club
- Yearbook Club

Grade 8 Transition

- Students will choose courses prior to the December break in MyBlueprint with a visiting counsellor.
- Students will tour our school in the spring with their elementary school.
- Student's can sign up for our Get Ready Program which is offered at the end of August. Information will be provided to students and families.
- Grade 9 orientation and barbeque occur the last week of August.

Grade 8 Registration

- Your child will receive a verification sheet of courses chosen and personal information in the spring.
- All changes to course requests can be made on this form or by phoning the St. Martin guidance department or through the grade 8 teacher.
- Tentative timetables will be sent to each elementary school in June.

St. Martin Open House

Regional Sports

Presentation will begin
at 7:30pm