



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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IB Diploma Program approved at Cardinal Carter

(Leamington, Ontario, Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018) – Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School is now a full-fledged International Baccalaureate World school, after having received final certification this week to offer the globally recognized Diploma Program there.

“This is extremely exciting news for our school community,” said Nancy Sarkis, Principal at Cardinal Carter. “The IB program brings a new level of academic credibility to our school and expands the variety of innovative programs that we offer to meet the needs of our students.”

Established in 1968, International Baccalaureate programs aim to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who are motivated to succeed by offering specific programs that are geared to students in certain stages of their development. Schools must be authorized to deliver IB programs and currently, more than 4,000 schools around the world are established as IB schools.

For the last two years, Cardinal Carter has been in the candidacy phase while it waited for final approval to be recognized as an IB World School. During that time, teachers were being trained by IB program consultants on all aspects of the program in preparation for delivering the curriculum to the inaugural class in September of 2019.

In addition to Diploma Programs at Cardinal Carter and Assumption College Catholic High School, the WECDSB now has:

- An IB Middle Years candidacy program at Cardinal Carter Catholic Middle School
- An IB Middle Years candidacy program at Assumption College Catholic Middle School
- An IB Primary Years candidacy program at Christ the King Catholic Elementary School

“Our board was the first to offer an IB program in this region when we launched one at Assumption 15 years ago,” said Joseph Ibrahim, Superintendent of Education. “Since then we’ve expanded our offerings, and provide the most IB programs in Windsor-Essex. With the amount of experience we have, we’re the established leader in IB education in this region.”

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Mary DiMenna, the school's Trustee, said she's thrilled that Cardinal Carter is now an official IB school.

"The staff and students at Cardinal Carter have proven time and again that they can perform academically at an extremely high level," she said. "Having an IB Diploma Program broadens the horizons for our students and opens up a whole new world of post-secondary opportunities for them."

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