

Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School

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Our Bishop Ryan School Community considers it a great honour and privilege to be named after Bishop Joseph Francis Ryan. "A champion of Catholic Education, Bishop Ryan believed that Catholic High Schools could prepare strong Catholic Leaders for society and for the Church."

Located in the Red Hill Valley of east Hamilton, our School is working towards co-creating a loving, Christ-centred Community that will work towards the building up of God's Kingdom here at Bishop Ryan, in our parish communities and throughout our Church.

As a community, we share life through our vision of living Christian Values and through Eucharistic celebrations, prayer service experiences, retreat day or evenings, through our school observances of the social and liturgical remembrances of our year.

Our School Motto is:

"Where Faith, Pride and Effort Promote Excellence."

Academic Excellence:

Bishop Ryan offers a wide variety of courses in all grades and at all levels, providing students with considerable educational options and choices. It is our goal that every student will be successful in achieving his or her high school diploma.

Awards and Bursaries:

BR provides an extensive program regarding scholarships, bursaries and other awards. The information provided by the Universities, Colleges, the Board and the

community are advertised school-wide for all students. Students are encouraged to visit the web site: www.studentawards.com

Supports for Student Success:

Apprenticeship Opportunities: Successful students in these pathways may earn hours towards completion of their apprenticeship through the OYAP program.

<http://fc.hwcdsb.ca/oyap>

Credit Recovery: Students who are unsuccessful and have earned a minimum of 40% in a grade 9 course may have an opportunity to "recover" the unsuccessful credit in our Credit Recovery Program.

Co-operative Education: BR has an extensive co-op program that allows students to earn secondary credits while completing a work placement in the community. The placements are arranged for the students through an application and interview process with the co-op teacher.

ESL: All five levels of ESL courses are offered by the English Department. These classes provide students with the opportunity to earn credits while learning to read and write in English.

Focus Courses: These specialized courses offer students who are serious in pursuing a career in specific fields, the opportunity to focus/concentrate on one aspect of a discipline of studies.

Personal Fitness: The main focus of these courses is for the student who is considering PAF 20G, PAF 301, PAF 401

Hockey Focus course:
PAL 201

Computer Engineering:
(Cisco Level 1) ICE 3M1

Literacy: We offer ELS 301 (Literacy Skills), OLC 401 (Ontario Literacy Course) and an After School Literacy Tutoring Program.

Learning Skills: The Learning Strategies course (GLS 101) is offered and runs in

both semesters. This credit courses focuses on learning strategies to help students become better, more independent learners.

Locally Developed Courses: BR offers Grade 9 and 10 Locally Developed Compulsory Credit courses in English, Math and Science.

Special Education: Our Resource Room is open every period for students who may require accommodations or extra assistance. Withdrawal support into the Learning Resource Room is an available option.

Technological Courses: BR offers a variety of courses in Technological Studies. These courses provide students with the opportunity to explore and develop a variety of skill-based applications that may be transferred directly in a career.

Technology Program includes:

Communications Technology – TGJ 2O1, TGJ 3M1, TGJ 3E1, TGJ 4M1, TGJ 4E1

Computer and Information Science –TIK2O1

Construction Technology – TCJ 2O1, TCJ3C1, TCJ 3E1, TCJ 4C1, TCJ 4E 1

Integrated Technologies - TTI 1O1

Manufacturing Technology – TMJ2O1, TMJ 3C1, TMJ 3E1, TMJ 4C1, TMJ 4E1

Technological Design – TDJ 2O1, TDJ 3M1, TDJ 3E1, TDJ 4M1, TDJ 4E1

NEW PROGRAM –

Health and Personal Services Technology (Cosmetology) – TPJ 2O1

Hair Styling and Aesthetics - TPE 3E1

Athletic Excellence:

BR offers a very dynamic athletics program that strives to achieve excellence in both individual and team sports.

Students choosing to involve themselves in our athletics program will not only be

coached by an outstanding collection of both staff and community coaches but will be able to compete at a very high level.

Participation in interscholastic activities allows students to interact with fellow athletes in a positive environment, which promotes the values of fitness, fairness and team play.

Co-Curricular Excellence

BR offers an extensive co-curricular program. Students are encouraged to become involved in the school community. In addition to our traditional athletic teams we offer a variety of programs.

The Chaplaincy Team fosters the faith development of the students. Students participate in a variety of formal and informal activities.

The Arts Department at Bishop Ryan has a thriving reputation for its programs and co-curricular involvement. Whether we speak of painting, graphic designs, dramatic stage productions or musical concerts and venues, Bishop Ryan helps to lead the way in our system and community showcasing outstanding student talent.

Our award winning music program showcases three ensembles: the **B.R. Xpression**, Vocal Ensemble consisting of over 120 students, along with the **Celtic Sound Jazz Voices** and the **B.R. Concert Band**. These groups, under the direction of Mr. D. Tabone, consistently are featured throughout the Bishop Ryan School Community. These groups participate each year in the Heritage Music Festival.