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TFS – Canada’s International School is a bilingual, coeducational and non-denominational independent school for students from age 2 to university entrance.

We provide our students with an exceptional educational experience - one that is unmatched in its rigorous and rich international and bilingual curriculum. In our caring and supportive learning environment, we enable and encourage students of diverse backgrounds to discover and develop their intellectual, physical and creative potential.

You will not find another school in Canada like TFS.

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# Our School



## An Exceptional Education

As the pioneer of French immersion in Canada, TFS has always been a leader, an innovator and a school that pushes the boundaries of what education can and should be. These qualities continue to define TFS today.

Why do parents and students choose TFS? Because they want an education that is unparalleled in its excellence and high standards, one that will prepare students for success in today's global world.

**Bilingualism** is a highly-valued accomplishment, the mark of an individual who can view life through many lenses, who is cultured, who is ultimately at home in the world. For students at TFS, it gives them a heightened learning experience, life-long cognitive benefits, a portal to other languages and endless opportunities in all corners of the globe.

**Academic excellence** is our bedrock. We offer a blend of three distinguished curricula – the best of France and Ontario, and the International Baccalaureate programs from PK to Grade 12 – providing our students with an education that is rich in challenge, diversity and opportunity.

- On the Canadian Test of Basic Skills (CTBS), taken in Grades 2, 5, 7 and 9 across Canada, our students consistently perform in the 99th percentile.

TFS provides an education that is unparalleled in its excellence and high standards, one that will prepare students for success in today's global world.

- On average 96% of graduates are named Ontario Scholars (80% average or above).
- Nearly 100% receive an IB Diploma, while the IB world average is 78%.
- Approximately 70% of graduates achieve an average of 90% or above.
- Scholarships typically exceed \$800K for a class of approximately 50 students.

**Internationalism** reflects more than our world view – it is in our DNA. Only TFS offers international curricula, dual language education, the full-continuum of IB programs (PYP, MYP and the DP), talented staff from around the world and a diverse student body.

- Our students and their families cumulatively speak more than 60 languages.
- Our students can graduate with four diplomas from Ontario, France, the IB and TFS.

TFS believes in **coeducation** because life is coed. At our school, the unofficial motto is “friends for life.” Last year, 70% of the graduating class had been together since Grade 1. They learned teamwork, teambuilding and cooperative behaviour together. Their experiences taught them how to communicate, understand and respect each other, and accept diverse learning and work styles, no matter the individual or gender.

## The Gift of Language

Learning a second language is about more than reading, writing and speaking. It is about opportunity – to enhance learning, to think more broadly, to relate more deeply and to go further.

### Brain power

Bilingualism improves cognitive development and strength. It's a proven fact, as studies by neuroscientists have consistently shown. Our commitment to academic innovation has led to the establishment of the Learning Forum @ TFS, where engagement with leading researchers in this area will take place. (See more about the Learning Forum in Academics.)

### Lessons in cultural understanding

As advocates of language acquisition, we ensure that by the time they leave TFS, all our students have mastered English and French. By doing so, we also ensure they have the ability to understand different cultures and points of view, skills that are critical in our global village.

### Post-secondary education and beyond

Admissions officers for the most sought-after programs in universities are looking for students whose aptitudes and interests go beyond the norm. We are often told our students' fluency in a second language is one of the considering – or critical – factors in their applications' success. Beyond university, our alumni live and thrive in all parts of the world, use their French effortlessly to open doors, acquire new languages and immerse themselves in other cultures.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ▶ Our students can take a third language option starting in Grade 6 (Toronto campus: Mandarin or Spanish/Latin; Mississauga campus: Spanish/German).
- ▶ French National exams taken by TFS students in Grade 9, and marked by external examiners from France, have resulted in a five-year pass rate of 100%.

### BILINGUALISM:

- ▶ strengthens the regions of the brain where executive functions take place. This includes activities such as organizing, focusing and managing conflicting information.
- ▶ accelerates learning to read by reinforcing awareness of language, especially in children educated in English and French.

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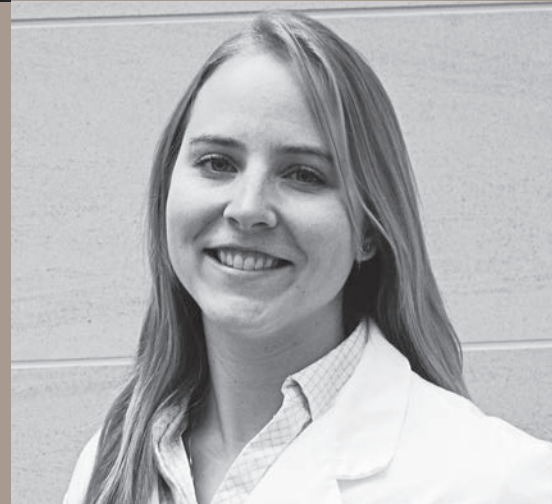
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# Acknowledged for our Excellence

Like individuals, independent schools are known by the company they keep, and TFS is surrounded by very good company.

TFS is among very few schools in Canada – and the world – to be named to each of the distinguished educational organizations noted in the sidebar.

## Leading IB education

The IB is renowned for its inquiry-based approach and breadth of subjects. It provides students with a hands-on experience, connected to the real world, and gives them an advanced foundation, ensuring all students receive a well-rounded education.

Since 1990, TFS has been authorized to teach the highly-regarded International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. In 1995, the Program became mandatory at TFS.

TFS is Canada's only full-continuum bilingual IB school. This means that from day one through to graduation, our students benefit from the renowned IB programs that include the Primary Years Program (PYP) from PK to Grade 5, the Middle Years Program (MYP) from Grades 6 to 10 and the IB Diploma Program (DP) from Level IV to V.

# Our Alumni

In our school there are no cookie-cutter graduating classes. When parents and staff gather to honour the achievements of graduates, the announcements about where they are going to university, and what programs they will study, are inspiring, fascinatingly diverse and always unique from year to year.

No matter where they have gone in the world, or where they will go, our alumni take their TFS education with them.

With more than 2,500 TFS alumni around the world, opportunities for networking and finding mentors abound, through vibrant online and in-person programs and events.

## A small sample of our alumni

- Martha Baillie '77, bestselling author and Giller Prize nominee (2009), University of Edinburgh, l'Université Paris-Sorbonne and University of Toronto.
- Alastair Rucklidge '82, Professor of Applied Mathematics, University of Leeds (UK), Ph.D., University of Cambridge.
- Molly Shoichet '83, Professor of Chemical Engineering, University of Toronto, Tier 1 Canada Research Chair, Tissue Engineering, Donnelly Centre for Cellular & Biomolecular Research, Ph.D., Polymer Science and Engineering, University of Massachusetts, Recipient of the Order of Ontario (2011).
- Daniel Posen '05, Ph.D. Candidate, Engineering and Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University (US), Master of Research in Green Chemistry, Imperial College, London, Master of Science in Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### WE ARE A MEMBER OF:

- ▶ Canadian Accredited Independent Schools (CAIS)
- ▶ National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- ▶ Conference of Independent Schools of Ontario (CIS)
- ▶ Council of International Schools
- ▶ Agence pour l'enseignement français à l'étranger (AEFE)

**In Canada, there are 147 IB Diploma Program schools, of which only one is dual-language: TFS**

- ▶ Inspected by the Ontario Ministry of Education
- ▶ Accredited by the French Ministry of Education (to Grade 9)
- ▶ Authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization (PYP, MYP and DP)



THEN  
& NOW





# TFS, the Pioneer of French Immersion in Canada

## **Pioneer. Groundbreaker. Innovator.**

That's what they called TFS – Toronto French School – back then, and this spirit continues today. It was 1962 when two visionary Canadians, Anna and Harry Giles, went searching for French-language schooling for their three children and found none. Undeterred, they took initiative and made history by creating the first bilingual school in Canada, with six students and one teacher in the basement of their home in North Toronto.

## **An idea that inspired many**

The benefits of a bilingual education were instantly understood and embraced by parents. Quickly, the number of students multiplied, until six years later, TFS had an enrolment of more than 700 students.

The burgeoning school raced to keep up. Classrooms were rented from churches, synagogues, community centres, empty offices and even hockey-arena changerooms. Our first Mississauga location was established in 1965. Each locale was called a branch, a TFS tradition that is used to this day.

Despite the physical challenges to house its growing student body, one aspect of school life flourished undisturbed: academics. The standard of excellence and innovation in academics was TFS' calling card, along with its French-language instruction and students, who came from a myriad of cultural and linguistic backgrounds.



## **Innovation in education**

The original curriculum incorporated the French National Program with that of Ontario's Ministry of Education. In 1990, TFS was one of the first schools to introduce the Diploma Program of the International Baccalaureate. In 1995, we were the first school to make the Program mandatory.

TFS continues to break new ground as it is now the only bilingual full-continuum (PYP, MYP and DP) IB World School in Canada.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

In 1963, parents from Saint-Lambert, Quebec visited TFS and were so inspired by TFS' French immersion model that they returned to Montreal and persuaded the South Shore Protestant School Board to pilot Canada's first French immersion public school.

# Academics



## Leading the Pack

An eternal TFS truth is that we have always been, and will remain, a school built on academic excellence and success.

Every year, a world of opportunity awaits the members of our graduating class. They receive multiple offers of admission from renowned universities at home and abroad. Our internationally-minded students often choose to attend universities in Canada, the US, the UK and other European countries.

And what do they study? In this case, there is no such thing as a typical TFS class. The programs our graduates enter are extensive and ever-changing, with a range that can include direct entry into law or medicine, science or engineering, fine arts, business, arts and humanities, and liberal arts.

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## Excelling in Academics

Nowhere else in Canada will you find a school like TFS, for no one else offers a blend of three distinguished curricula – the best of France and Ontario, and the International Baccalaureate programs from PK to Grade 12 in a fully bilingual French/English co-educational environment.

As a result, our students can graduate with four diplomas, enriching their qualifications for the future. In addition to the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), a student can graduate with the Diplôme National du Brevet des Collèges from France, the International Baccalaureate Diploma and the TFS Diploma.



### How it all works

Grade	Program	Outcome
PK – Grade 9	French National Curriculum	Diplôme National du Brevet des Collèges
PK – Grade 5	IB Primary Years Program	Completion of Primary Years Program
JK – Grade 12	Ontario Ministry of Education	Ontario Secondary School Diploma
Grades 6 – 10	IB Middle Years Program	Completion of Middle Years Program
Grades 8 – 12	TFS Diploma Program	TFS Diploma or TFS Bilingual Diploma
Grades 11 & 12	IB Diploma Program	IB Diploma or IB Bilingual Diploma

## LEADING THE PACK

UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY TFS GRADUATES INCLUDE:

### CANADA:

University of Toronto, Dalhousie University, University of British Columbia, McGill University and Queen’s University

### US:

Harvard University, Georgetown University, Boston College, New York University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale University and Duke University

### UK AND BEYOND:

University of St. Andrews, Durham University, Royal College of Surgeons, Imperial College, University of Cambridge and University of Edinburgh



# Leading IB Education

TFS is the only school in Canada that offers a blend of three distinguished curricula – the best of France and Ontario, and the International Baccalaureate programs from PK to Grade 12 in a fully bilingual French/English co-educational environment. At the conclusion of the IB continuum is the IB Diploma, considered a passport to the finest universities in the world.

## So what makes it so exceptional?

The IB takes students beyond the classroom, using an inquiry approach that demands active engagement and ensures learning is linked directly to students' own lives and the world.

### The Primary Years Program (PYP)

- PK to Grade 5
- Uses a transdisciplinary approach.
- Units of study incorporate many subjects and are connected to a guiding theme.
- Those themes include: who we are, where we are in place and time, how we express ourselves, how the world works, how we organize ourselves and sharing the planet.

### The Middle Years Program (MYP)

- Grade 6 to Grade 10
- Employs an interdisciplinary approach.
- Subjects are studied on their own, reflecting the academic needs of these students.
- Units of study are investigated through one of the five areas of interaction: approaches to learning, community and service, health and social education, environments and human ingenuity.
- Exploring connections between various subjects remains a core part of the program.

### The Extraordinary IB Diploma Program

Over 20 years ago, TFS was authorized to teach the Diploma Program of the International Baccalaureate, and was the first school in Toronto in which the program was mandatory.

- Grade 11 and 12
- Based on a liberal arts approach, students must undertake courses from a set number of subject areas.
- Subjects are studied over two years, concluding with final exams marked by external IB examiners.
- Students write the Extended Essay, a 4,000 word independent research paper on a thesis of the student's choice, supported by a faculty supervisor.
- CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) program requires students to be involved in creative pursuits, physical activities and community service over the two diploma years.
- Students complete the Theory of Knowledge course which asks them to critically evaluate knowledge claims and judgments made in a wide range of academic and experiential areas.

## AN IB EDUCATION

The IB calls them the attributes of their learner profile, what learners strive to be.

We call them characteristics of students with an international point of view.

- ▶ INQUIRERS
- ▶ KNOWLEDGEABLE
- ▶ THINKERS
- ▶ COMMUNICATORS
- ▶ PRINCIPLED
- ▶ OPEN-MINDED
- ▶ CARING
- ▶ RISK-TAKERS
- ▶ BALANCED
- ▶ REFLECTIVE



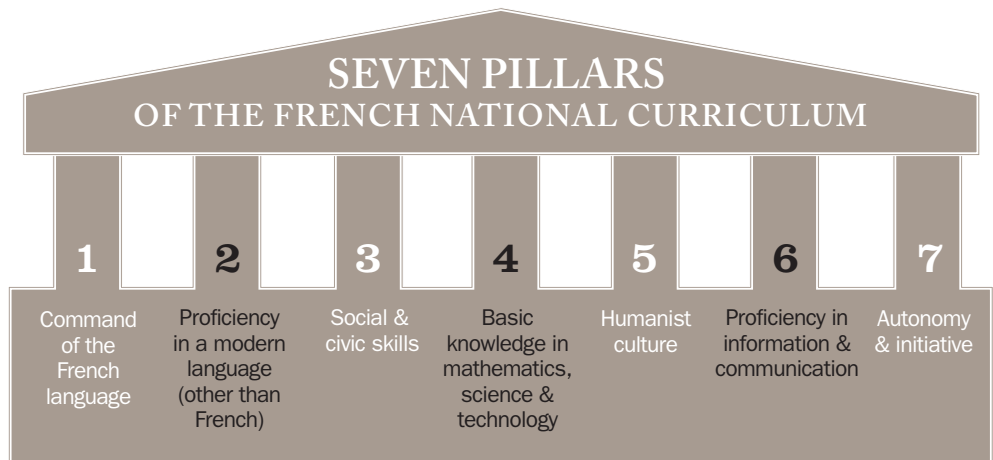


# French National Curriculum

Like the International Baccalaureate programs or the Ontario curriculum, the French National curriculum has a distinct point of view.

Considering the French National curriculum was first devised after the French Revolution, it is not surprising that the idea of citizenship is at the heart of French education. From Grades 1 through 9 (the end of the collège program in France), students increasingly participate in the life of the school, learn to be citizens in their community and then country, and discover the wider world and their place in it.

By the end of Grade 9, students are expected to have acquired the seven key competencies, or pillars, of the Common Base of Knowledge and Skills.



## Introductory French until Grade 7

### Knowing a second language opens doors around the world

Because we know just how important acquiring a second language is, students can enter our school with little or no French up to and including Grade 7. This applies to both our Mississauga and Toronto campuses.

TFS was the pioneer of French immersion education in Canada, so it's no surprise our highly successful Introductory French Program permits students who enter an introductory class to move into the regular, bilingual academic stream the next school year.

### We know it works

Introductory French teachers speak French every day in class, and employ a wide variety of strategies and resources to make learning French fun, while still following the curriculum for that grade level. Children quickly acquire comprehension, reading, writing and oral language skills, appropriate to the child's developmental stage.

All of our students graduate fluent in English and French, no matter when they started at TFS.

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Voici ma mère

**Je suis devenu adulte**  
A l'âge de trois ans, j'ai cessé d'être un bébé. Je peux marcher, courir, parler, faire des choses que les autres ne peuvent pas faire. Je suis devenu un grand garçon.





# Supporting Student Success

At TFS, we understand that all students have different learning styles, as well as different talents and gifts. As a school with high academic standards and expectations, we believe it is important to provide a wide range of supports in and outside of the classroom to help students reach their full potential.

Building on our existing strong resources (including learning strategies teachers in each of the four branches and psychoeducational consultants), TFS has created the Learning Forum @ TFS.

The Learning Forum allows us to enhance our care for the whole child, including his or her academic, social and emotional well-being. It supports both classroom and individual student-centred learning, provides rich professional development to teachers, and uses research and best practices to inform and guide our programs.

## During the younger years

Working together, teachers, psychoeducational consultants and Learning Forum staff support the academic, behavioural, social and emotional health of students on both campuses.

## Tweens to teens

As parents well know, students in Grades 6 and 7 experience rapid development, all while transitioning into independent learners who are entering the Senior School. During this stage, TFS supports students' changing social, emotional and academic needs.

## Preparing for the future

From Grade 8 on, guidance classes focus on topics specific to future academic and career directions.

Student health and well-being are priorities at TFS. The school hosts two third-year nursing students, who are completing their community health practicum and whose main focus is health promotion. They interact with the Senior School students in class and out, through presentations, informal discussions and workshops. One is assigned to Middle School students (Grades 6 through 8), while the other supports Upper School (Grades 9 through 12) health.

## The journey to university

Assisting our students in making a fantastic university match is a high priority at TFS. In fact, we have two university relations counsellors dedicated to ensuring it becomes a reality!

- More than 70 university liaison and admission officers visit TFS every school year.
- University evenings focus on the application process, admissions criteria and academic programs for Canadian, American and international universities.
- Students in Grades 10 through 12 visit university campuses and meet with TFS alumni.
- Our alumni-led career lunches advise students on prospective careers.
- Our online alumni mentorship program connects alumni with students in Grades 11 and 12.
- The PSAT is administered to all Grade 10 and 11 students.
- Standardized test preparation is available for students wanting to take the TOEFL, SAT or ACT, including mock exams.

## THE LEARNING FORUM @ TFS

### OUR MANDATE:

- ▶ Support every student's individual capacity to learn and succeed.
- ▶ Collaborate with teachers to continue to innovate and share best practices, and be a resource and support to parents.
- ▶ Connect to the research and the wider educational community to link new knowledge to practice.

# Student Life



Pursuing personal interests, developing skills and meeting new friends are all part of student life from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12.



# Athletic Programs at TFS

Take a tour around our Toronto or Mississauga campuses. Everywhere you look, you'll find evidence of TFS student athletics. Of course, great facilities go a long way to inspiring an appreciation for athletics and a healthy lifestyle, and to building award-winning teams.

## On the Toronto campus

- State-of-the-art, regulation-sized artificial turf Play & Sports Field
- Competition-sized indoor pool
- A gym in each branch
- Open green space
- Dynamic play and climbing structures
- Outdoor and indoor basketball hoops
- Senior School double gym, dance studio and rock-climbing wall

## On our Mississauga campus

- Two gyms, one full-size, one mini
- Surrounded by play fields
- Outdoor and indoor basketball hoops
- Outdoor tether balls

## Curriculum and competitive programming

Physical and Health Education are part of the regular curriculum up to Grade 9 and offered until Grade 12. Complementing the curriculum is a wide range of intramural and co-curricular activities. Both skating and swimming instruction are part of the early years curriculum with swimming continuing until the end of Grade 9.

The TFS Cougars encompass more than 50 competitive sports teams across both campuses and include individual and team sports. TFS teams play against teams from other independent schools. TFS Toronto is part of the Conference of Independent Schools Athletic Association and TFS Mississauga is a member of the Private Schools Athletic Association.

## Go Cougars Go! Some of our competitive sports teams

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Swimming
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Curling
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Cross-country
- Volleyball
- Softball
- Track and Field

In addition to participating as student-athletes, Senior School students also take on the roles of assistant coaches, sports photographers and sports reporters.

## We are the champions!

45 OFSAA and CISAA championships won over the last four years.



# Arts Programs at TFS

## Passion for the arts is fostered early at TFS.

### In fact, it starts on day one.

Beginning in Pre-Kindergarten, the idea that art is a fundamental aspect of human experience and expression is built into the curriculum and co-curricular programs. Music is taught by a specialist teacher beginning in PK. By the time they reach Grade 6, students take music and visual arts as stand-alone subjects. Starting in Grade 8, they can also take drama.

For our visual artists, their crowning achievement is Vernissage. The culmination of two years' work for students taking visual art within the IB's Diploma Program, this formal exhibit showcases each student's collection to their peers, parents, teachers and friends, and will later be evaluated by an IB examiner.

### Space to create

Art and music classrooms and full stages can all be found at La p'tite école, the Junior School and our Mississauga campus.

The Senior School's artists find their ideal workspace in visual art, dance and music studios, our Multi-Purpose Room with full stage, state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems and control booth, and in the Media Lab. The making of digital art, music composition and arrangement, video and film all take place in this specially-equipped room.

### Co-curricular cornucopia

Our younger students' artistic world encompasses seasonal concerts, theatrical productions and a variety of co-curriculars. These might include violin, musical theatre and petits artists at La p'tite école; flute, hip hop and cartooning at the Junior School; and visual arts and an actors' workshop at our Mississauga campus.

Exhilarating is the only way to describe the array of arts activities offered at the Senior School. Students can also audition for the annual drama production or famed Dance Show, or take part in MAD (music, art and drama) Night, a festival of all things artistic.

### Arts clubbing at the Senior School

- Opera
- Theatre tech
- Writing
- Animé and manga
- Art
- Drama
- Film appreciation
- TFS student movie
- Radio TFS
- Dance show

### Making beautiful music with the Senior School ensembles

- Jazz
- Senior Choir
- String
- Junior Wind
- Percussion
- Senior Wind



# Leadership

## What makes an actively engaged citizen?

Some might say leadership skills are at the core of these individuals. At TFS, developing leaders is part of our vision and is fundamental to our curriculum.

## Leadership at all ages and stages

Grade 1 students model citizen behaviour, such as saying yes to recycling and no to littering, and, with a little help, present on topics to their younger peers. They also deliver the school news once a week, in French, via video streaming.

All students at the Junior School are assigned to a House (Sharp, Volk, Campbell, Maloney, Hofstader and Giles), just like at the Senior School. Each house is guided by a Grade 5 House Leader. Houses earn points through activities ranging from sports to achieving fundraising goals, to showing their true house colours.

Grade 5 students also make presentations at assemblies, often using student-created multimedia. Topics have included the rights of children and the meaning of citizenship.

Our Mississauga campus has a unique Community Service and Leadership Program. Students in Grades 6 and 7 must complete 15 hours of school-based community service and leadership activities. The goal is to have these students become role models for their younger peers.

Leadership opportunities abound in Senior School. See the sidebar at right for a sampling of leadership groups and councils.

# Clubs and Activities

Pursuing personal interests, developing skills, meeting new friends and becoming even more involved in student life are key goals of co-curricular activities from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12.

## Curriculum extension

The co-curricular activities offered at La p'tite école, the Junior School and the Mississauga campus reflect the aims of the curriculum, the school's priorities and children's interests. You will find language lessons, such as Spanish and Mandarin, music instruction, mad science clubs, and sports such as road hockey, tennis and more. Several activities are conducted entirely in French.

## Clamouring for clubs

Leadership, activism, outreach and developing new skills are just some of the reasons our Senior Students are wild about their clubs. No one misses out on ClubFest, a fall fair held by all of the clubs at the Senior School, each vying to add members to its ranks.

## How to choose?

- Take action: Globe Environment Club, Outreach, War Child, wellness teams, Tutors for Life.
- Make a point: debating, student newspaper, mock trial, Model UN, video journalism.
- Problem-solvers: aeronautical robotics, gaming, math team, programming.
- And 26 more clubs to consider.

## LEADING BY EXAMPLE

### SUPPORTING THEIR PEERS

#### Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) Leaders

Specifically chosen and trained to support students new to the Senior School.

#### Peer Mentors

Work one-on-one with younger students on certain subjects or study-life skills.

### CHALLENGING THEMSELVES

#### Four Outward Bound programs

One in each of Grade 8, 9, 10 and 11.

### TFS COUNCIL MANIA

- Junior Council
- Athletics Council
- Arts Council
- Eco-council
- Music Council

### LEADING THEIR PEERS

#### Student Council

- Fifteen members from Grades 8 to 12
- Communicate student concerns

#### House Heads

- Six Grade 12 student leaders
- Spirit builders and community makers

#### Prefect Council

- Sixteen Grade 11 and 12 students
- Lead the major clubs and student organizations
- Led by the Head Boy and Head Girl, TFS' top student leaders

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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MONTREAL

BARK LAKE

NEW HAVEN

NEW YORK CITY



HEREDIA COSTA RICA



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SOUTH AMERICA





# Trips and Exchanges

A TFS education would never stop at our school's borders, for how would our students connect their studies to the real world without experiencing it hands-on?

From forays into our own portion of the Don Valley Ravine to conduct environmental experiments, to speaking Spanish and hauling clay in rural Ecuador to help build a school, new experiences abound for all students at TFS.

## Overnight adventures

From Grades 4 to 7, all students in each grade – from both our Toronto and Mississauga campuses – participate in trips together. The idea is to foster relationships beyond the classroom and further develop leadership skills across both campuses.

- Grade 4 students go north to Sudbury, investigating the region's complex geography, geology, industry and economics.
- Grade 5 means it's time for a wilderness and leadership camp at Bark Lake in the Haliburton Highlands of Ontario.
- Immersion in Francophone culture in Montreal awaits our Grade 6's.
- Grade 7's attend a second wilderness and leadership camp – Camp Kanawana – in Québec.

## Did someone say Outward Bound?

Student adventures take place near and far.

- Grade 8: fall leadership and urban wilderness training.
- Grade 9: fall backpacking in Algonquin Park.
- Grade 10: winter camping and dog-sledding in Algonquin Park.
- Grade 11: early winter cross-cultural expedition in Iqaluit.

## Global culture and community

Challenging personal assumptions, adapting to unfamiliar experiences and views, taking action or soaking up a different culture are all important elements of TFS' overnight trips, ranging from 10 days to two weeks, offered to TFS' more senior students.

## Going truly farther afield

- Grade 8 French exchange, where students are hosted in the homes of their French peers in a Parisian suburb.
- Grade 9 through 11 students can choose to embark on a community service trip to Ecuador, to help build community-centred facilities in a rural region.
- Grade 9 students can travel to Costa Rica for a cultural adventure.
- Model UN Senior School members venture to New York City, Washington D.C. and Yale University.

No matter where they go, TFS students bring their intellectual curiosity, respect for diversity and international perspective to their school voyages. They come back even further inspired to take part in this wide world.

# Campus Life

## Campuses and Branches

Visit one of our campuses and you will quickly see why our students instantly feel at home. Both of our campuses in Toronto and Mississauga are centrally and conveniently located and offer warm and inviting environments for learning.

### **Our Toronto campus** **In the heart of the city**

- Thirty-four acres at Bayview and Lawrence, including 26 acres of the Don Valley ravine, a true living classroom for students.

### **Includes three branches**

- La p'tite école, from age 2 to Grade 1
- The Junior School, from Grade 2 to 5
- The Senior School with a Middle School section (Grades 6 to 8) and Upper School section (Grades 9 to 12)

### **Our Mississauga campus** **An intimate and very special west-end school**

- Suffused with warmth and a family feel.
- Educates students from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 7.
- Most students in Grade 8 and above continue at our Toronto campus, travelling on our complimentary shuttle.

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## Information Age

Seeking, finding and researching information on a vast scope of topics is essential to growing intellects and is a core skill in our information age.

- Students have access to library information centres across TFS.
- Each branch has its own lending library on-site, with printed and digital materials appropriate to the developmental and educational needs of students.
- The catalogues of all libraries at TFS have 24/7 online access.
- The Penturn Library in the Senior School contains a dynamic collection of fiction and non-fiction titles, DVD's, CD's and magazines, encyclopaedias and databases, subscription services and more.

## Integrated Technology

At TFS, we believe in the thoughtful integration of technology into our teaching and learning. We want to ensure that our students are not only technologically savvy, but benefit from the ways that technology can bring curricula to life and empower creativity and innovation.

- More than 1,000 computers and iPads available throughout the school.
- Mobile computer laptop carts available for classroom technology integration.
- Digital cameras for capturing videos and photos.
- Interactive whiteboards and clicker response systems to enhance feedback and discussions in class.
- Educational robotic systems at every branch.
- A dedicated digital media lab for curricular and co-curricular activities.
- Digital media studios with green screen, audio and video capture technologies.
- Assistive technology accommodations supported by teachers and technologists.
- Computer-equipped science labs.

## Stewards and Learners in Environmentalism

We take our responsibility to operate in an environmentally friendly way very seriously and our students are equally involved in helping identify solutions. Whether it's studying the impact of school-produced waste or the levels of pollutants in the Don River, our students have extensive hands-on opportunities to learn about environmental sustainability.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- ▶ TFS students have access to Geographical Information Systems (GIS) technology for exploring and analyzing our 26 acres of ravine.
- ▶ TFS Cougars TV offers live streaming of after-school sports and activities so that parents and friends can watch from anywhere.
- ▶ Students learn about solar energy by studying the solar panels on the school's roof and by using a mobile solar panel cart.
- ▶ La p'tite école offers parents the opportunity to tune in to live weekly streaming of Le Journal featuring Grade 1 students presenting the news in French.

### OUR GREEN EFFORTS AT WORK:

- ▶ Our school-wide Eco-council includes students, staff and parents working together to reduce the school's footprint and encourage sustainability. TFS has been certified by Ontario Eco Schools, a rigorous environmental education and certification program.



## CHILD CARE & CAFETERIA



# Services Supporting our Families

The services we offer at TFS are intended to make the lives of our students and parents easier.

## On-site child care on both campuses

- Available for students from Jardin d'éveil (age 2) to Grade 7.
- Options include before and after school child care, supervised study (Étude) from Grades 1 to 7, and child care on Professional Development days up to Grade 5 in Toronto and Grade 7 in Mississauga.
- Available either on a yearly or as-needed basis.

Interaction between our qualified and experienced staff and the children takes place in French, further developing students' French language comprehension and oral skills.

## Outsmarting GTA traffic

- Carpool through the secure third-party web-based service we offer, which matches TFS families with similar travel requirements to and from both campuses.
- Take the TTC – the Toronto campus is located right on Bus Route 124 (Sunnybrook) and is a short walk away from Lawrence subway station. Bus Route 11 (Bayview) is a short walk from the campus' main entrance and connects to the Davisville subway station.
- The Toronto campus can provide parents with a list of bus companies that offer private busing services.

## To and from Mississauga

- TFS organizes private bus transportation for students.
- The service is subsidized; updated costs are provided each year.
- Children are picked up between 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., and return home between 4:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Exact pick-up and drop-off times are set each summer, once final routes have been established based on demand.

## Mississauga based, Toronto bound

- Mississauga students who continue at the Senior School in Toronto after Grade 7 can access our complimentary daily bus service to and from various locations in Mississauga and Etobicoke.
- This free service is also available to other Senior School students (Grade 8 and older) who live in the Mississauga and Etobicoke area.
- To accommodate students' co-curricular and academic activities after school, two departures from Toronto are available, at 4:15 p.m. and 6:05 p.m. daily.

## Outfitting your child

Respect and pride in themselves and their school is an important part of life at TFS. Starting in Grade 1, all students wear the TFS uniform.

## NOURISHING MINDS AND BODIES

### LUNCH ON THE TORONTO CAMPUS

- ▶ Healthy hot lunches are provided to children in our Jardin d'éveil (age 2) and full-day Pre-Kindergarten as part of the program.
- ▶ An optional hot lunch program is available to students from Junior Kindergarten through Grade 1 at La p'tite école and at our Junior School.
- ▶ The Senior School has a full-service cafeteria, which serves breakfast and lunch daily. Lunch options include a salad bar, homemade soups, made-to-order sandwiches and hot entrée items.
- ▶ All food services on the Toronto campus are provided by Aramark Food Services.
- ▶ The Parents' Association also organizes Pizza Lunches for students on the Toronto campus on specific days throughout the year.

### LUNCH ON THE MISSISSAUGA CAMPUS

- ▶ Monday through Thursday, students can select from a menu of healthy, hot lunches, which are delivered.
- ▶ The Parents' Association on our Mississauga campus organizes Pizza Lunches on Fridays.

# Apply

## Take the Next Step

The best way to get to know TFS is to visit us. After all, there is nothing quite like seeing our school in action.

Our Admissions Department is always happy to meet with individual families, introduce them to our school and take them on a tour. We hold several Open Houses at each campus and branch throughout the school year.

At the Open House sessions, parents hear from the Executive Director of Admissions and that specific branch Principal, as well as from current students of all ages. Our students are happy to field your questions! Daytime Open Houses are followed by a tour to see our classrooms, facilities and observe student life.

The up-to-date list of our Open Houses by branch and campus can be found on our website, [www.tfs.ca](http://www.tfs.ca). You can RSVP for an Open House on our website as well.

To find out how we assess prospective students, and learn how to apply to TFS, please visit [www.tfs.ca](http://www.tfs.ca). All application forms are available online.

To reach our Admissions team directly, please email [admissions@tfs.ca](mailto:admissions@tfs.ca) or call 416-484-6533, ext. 4247.



## OUR MISSION

TFS – Canada's International School is a bilingual, coeducational and non-denominational independent school for students from age 2 to university entrance.

We ensure high educational standards and a Canadian and international perspective. In our caring and supportive learning environment, we enable and encourage students of diverse backgrounds to discover and develop their intellectual, physical and creative potential. We demonstrate our commitment to the development of the whole child through stimulating academic and co-curricular programs.

We prepare our students for the future.

## NOTRE MISSION

TFS – L'école internationale du Canada est une école indépendante bilingue, mixte et non confessionnelle. Son enseignement s'étend des classes enfantines jusqu'à l'entrée à l'université.

Elle offre une éducation de première qualité dans une perspective à la fois canadienne et internationale. Dans une atmosphère bienveillante et propice aux études, nos élèves, qui sont d'origines diverses, prennent conscience de leurs possibilités et développent leurs capacités intellectuelles, physiques et artistiques. Nos programmes scolaires et parascolaires sont motivants et témoignent de notre attachement au développement de l'enfant dans sa globalité.

Nous préparons nos élèves pour l'avenir.



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