

HAWTHORN

SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



*Where her virtues and
character will flourish*





HAWTHORN SCHOOL

Est. 1989

Recognizing parents as the primary and most important educators

Purpose: To educate the whole person: mind, heart, and will

Vision: Equal priority given to the pursuit of academic excellence and the development of character



OUR MISSION

Work closely with parents in shaping the leaders of tomorrow. Provide a unique, well-rounded education that develops both character and intelligence, so that our students become confident women of integrity and faith committed to the betterment of society.



THE HAWTHORN DIFFERENCE

5 PILLARS

1. Pursuit of Excellence in Education
2. Personal Mentorship
3. Partnership with Parents
4. Leadership through Service
5. All-Girls Advantage



ACADEMICS

At Hawthorn we aim to cultivate wisdom and virtue, to know the truth, to love the good, to contemplate the beautiful. Integral to our classical liberal arts education is the development of cultural literacy and logical reasoning and critical thinking skills, while nurturing competent and confident communicators and thinkers, through an interdisciplinary approach.



DAYCARE

18 months to 4 years (co-ed)

- A nurturing environment where children can grow in all areas of development: social, emotional, cognitive, language, and physical
- Classrooms designed to encourage children's curiosity and exploration
- **Activities include:** indoor and outdoor play, quiet and active play, self-oriented and structured activities, as well as individual and group experiences



JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior to Senior Kindergarten (co-ed)

- Preparation for later critical thinking is facilitated by emphasizing order and providing a consistent learning environment
- **Core Classes:** Singapore Math, Phonics, Reading Mastery, Spelling, Penmanship
- **Specialty Classes:** French, Spanish, Art, Music, Health & Physical Education, Religion



LOWER SCHOOL

Grades 1 to 7

- **Core Classes:** Singapore Math, Poetry Memorization & Recitation, Phonics, Reading Mastery, Literature, Spelling, Grammar, Institute for Excellence in Writing, Penmanship, History & Geography, Science
- **Specialty Classes:** French, Spanish, Art, Music, Health & Physical Education, Religion
- Co-curriculars, Athletics



UPPER SCHOOL

Grades 8 to 12

- **Hawthorn Compulsory Courses:** Latin, Health & Physical Education, Religion, Ethics, Moral Theology, Philosophy, World History
- Reach-ahead courses in humanities and sciences (STEM)
- Master Discourse Presentation (Toastmasters training)
- Ontario Secondary School Diploma, Hawthorn School Diploma

CHARACTER EDUCATION



MENTORING PROGRAM

The Mentoring Program serves as the cornerstone of Hawthorn's Character Education Program. Grade 2 - 12 students are each assigned a mentor. The mentor is a well-trained, experienced, female role model who meets with the student throughout the school year to provide personal guidance.

FAITH & SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Hawthorn's Catholic-inspired education is intended to achieve the harmonious development of the whole person: mind, heart, and will. The classical liberal arts curriculum leads students to seek, know, and love the truth about who they are, the meaning of life, and the dignity and respect of every human being as children of God.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteerism is an integral part of Hawthorn's philosophy of service. From our youngest students to our graduating class, opportunities abound to help care for each other and the wider community. In giving back, we not only aim to improve the lives of others, but we also gain a greater sense of connectedness, meaning, and health in the flow of our own school days.

STUDENT LIFE



ATHLETICS

Sports at Hawthorn provide opportunities for students to develop their physical capacities, as well as provide balance to the rigour of academics and an arena for character development. School teams compete in the Conference of Independent Schools Athletic Association (CISAA) and comply with the CISAA Constitution and Sport Guidelines.

CLUBS

Choir, Drama, Schola Cantorum, Book, Yearbook, Leaders of Tomorrow, Craft, Design, and more.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Opportunity to be part of a "living classroom" and experience other cultures.



HOUSE SYSTEM

Each student, Kindergarten to Grade 12, is inducted into one of our four houses of which they remain a member throughout their Hawthorn years. Each house is named after an inspirational woman who has had a significant impact in the world and who exemplifies the qualities that we wish to see in our students.

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My years at Hawthorn were transformational in so many ways. It was here I truly found the love of learning.

Farzana Meghani, '99



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