



# ST. JUDE'S ACADEMY

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# Mision, Vision, Values

## Our Vision

Our vision is to be the best private school in the GTA, one that is unapologetically nonconformist and where parents know that their children are getting a combination of experience and value that surpasses any other school—public or private.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to nurture well-rounded, confident world citizens in a secure and inspirational setting which supports students in their social, emotional and academic growth.

## Our Values

Solidarity, Nonconformity, Critical Thinking, Risk-Taking, Resourcefulness, Unpretentiousness and Responsibility.





# IB PROGRAMME

SJA is internationally recognized for providing an unparalleled educational experience. The school creates this experience by providing top-tier academics and student life for each student, creating an extraordinary learning environment. SJA adopts the IB Programme in their learning. Throughout the school, from the youngest learners in the Primary Years Programme (PYP) to our alumni, students are engaged in their academic pursuits and committed to improving the world around them. SJA top-tier education is based on the world leading educational philosophy: International Baccalaureate. The consistency of this program being offered from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 ensures the students are ready for every transition.

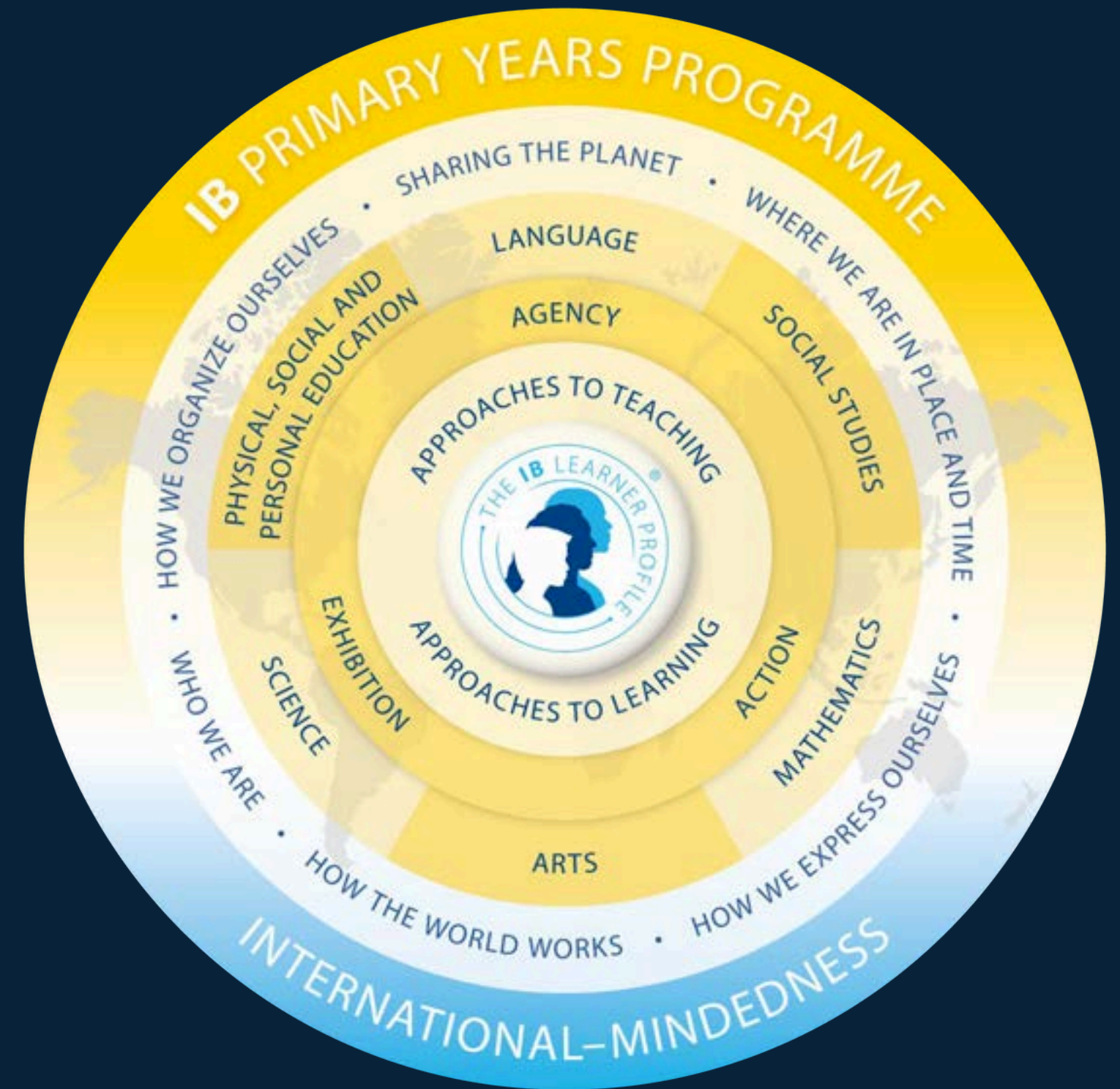


The International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) guides junior students from Pre- Kindergarten to Grade 6 by teaching them how to learn effectively, inquire for themselves and communicate.

# The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP)

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP) teaches students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6. The first program of the IB continuum, the PYP introduces students to their educational journey through an enriched body of curriculum taught by specialists and world leaders in IB education.

Students begin developing a skillset that will carry them through middle year grades, high school, into university and life beyond. As the PYP cultivates the whole student, students are inspired to become knowledgeable, inquisitive, caring, confident and diligent young people. St. Jude's Academy is more than just a typical elementary school. Students experience much more than a stagnant, one-classroom day. Through specialist-driven rotary classes, students have the opportunity to explore the subjects of French, Music, Art, Drama and Physical Education outside of the classroom, while core teachers conduct classes according to the IB PYP methods for the subjects of Math, English, Science and Social Studies.





The IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) prepares students in Grades 7 to 10 for their senior years of high school and their journey into university. Upon completing elementary school education, curriculum expects more independence and responsibility from students as they enter into a more intensive part of their journey. At St. Jude's Academy, we direct our attention towards making these middle years a supportive, comprehensive preparation for high school and university.

# The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP)

The MYP offers an inspiring framework that is comprehensive. By design, it encourages students to take what they are learning and “make practical connections” to real-life experiences.

The MYP is inclusive. It is for all students with all interests and academic abilities. The program helps develop learning skills: accountability, organization, self-regulation and collaborative work.

At SJA, MYP students are engaged through practical learning and internationally minded application. The program goes beyond academics. Our MYP focuses on the students as a “whole person.” The MYP engages students in social issues, student clubs, athletics, the arts and community involvement.

SJA students engage in independent work and are taught how to research, how to think both critically and creatively, how to communicate and, most of all how to collaborate. MYP projects provide SJA students opportunities to relay what they have learned.





The International Baccalaureate® (IB), and the Diploma Programme (DP) in particular, enjoys a high level of respect and recognition among the world's higher education institutions. For students, success in the IB often results in advanced standing, course credit, scholarships, and other admissions related benefits at many universities.

# The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP)

The IB Diploma Programme (DP) is an academically rigorous program that prepares students aged 16 to 19 for university. By tending to students' academic, interpersonal, whole lives, our program develops multi-talented, caring young people who are inspired to contribute good to the world using their unique strengths and talents.

The IB Diploma Programme is recognized by the world's leading universities and IB graduates are highly sought-after as the diploma prepares students for active participation in a globally evolving society.

The Diploma Programme has six main areas of study. All schools authorized to teach the DP have a similar structure, but may have different subject offerings due to their size and interests of the students. Students choose one subject from each area of study — three at the higher level (HL), which amounts to three credits over two years, and three at the standard level (SL), which amounts to two credits over one or two years. They then also take the theory of knowledge (TOK) class for two terms over two years, complete the extended essay and complete their Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) responsibilities. All courses are taught over the two years of the Diploma Programme.



# CLUBS



## What We Offer

- Art Project Club
- MedLife
- Deca
- Model UN
- Drama Club
- Public Speaking Club
- Math Club
- Computer Science Club
- Band Club
- French Club
- Student Council
- Video Game Club
- Art Club
- Women's Club
- Science Club
- Chess Club

# ATHLETICS

## SJA Athletics

At SJA, Athletics is more than just making the sports team — it's in everything we do. We prioritize students' physical and mental wellbeing above all else, and keeping them active is just one of the ways that we show our dedication to overall student success. Our students can participate in Physical Education every day, whether through regular gym class or the variety of sports offered for extracurricular activity. Intramural sports and field days encourage students to enjoy athleticism and even take athleticism beyond school.

## SJA Prep Basketball

At St. Jude's Prep, we embrace a holistic approach to education, intertwining academic rigor with a dynamic co-curricular program to shape well-rounded individuals. Through a rigorous curriculum and an esteemed basketball prep program, we empower each student to unlock their potential and cultivate both intellectual curiosity and athletic prowess.

Our commitment goes beyond academics; we inspire reflection, foster social development, and nurture a profound school spirit that resonates within every student. With a focus on character development, we instill values of integrity, teamwork, and resilience, preparing our students for success both on and off the court.





# CITIZENSHIP

The International Baccalaureate model is founded on principles of ethics, citizenship and global identity. At St. Jude's Academy, our community works to make a difference wherever we can, by organizing fundraisers and charity events for noble causes, and teaching our students to always act with integrity, kindness and upstanding character. For our Diploma Programme (DP) students, the IB's Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) program is an integral part of their education and their overall experience at school. Students complete a CAS Project as part of their requirements for the IB Diploma. Creativity calls for artistic, out-of-the-box thinking, Activity asks students to engage in some form of physical activity and Service incorporates community volunteer work into the student's academic life. All together, CAS contributes an element to the IB program that goes beyond the classroom in providing the student with invaluable interpersonal and collaboration skills, while encouraging them to become compassionate, active world citizens.

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## Houses

St. Jude's Academy has a rich and vibrant school culture largely because of our House System, which brings together staff and students from all different parts of the school, from Junior Kindergarten all the way up to Grade 12. Houses have been an integral part of schools for hundreds of years, and St. Jude's Academy students get to be a part of this very special tradition while they are a part of a House that accepts and welcomes them with open arms. Students are placed into their House before they even arrive at our school, ensuring that students feel a sense of belonging from the very first moment they cross our threshold. With the start of our 'Neophyte Week,' SJA House spirit is developed through camping outings, Spirit Day challenges and various team-building events.





## Community



Be a part of the St. Jude's Academy family. What sets us apart from other schools is the rare sense of family within our community. At St. Jude's, kindergarten students don't just know their peers — they know high school seniors. Our teachers don't just know their students — they know all of the students in the school. We see our school as a family because our school culture is welcoming, warm and accepting of others, and we value every unique individual. Parents, faculty, junior students and senior students alike are known and have a voice. Representation matters to us, and we take pride in fostering a tight-knit community which feels like home to many diverse people. We welcome you to be a part of our St. Jude's family.



## Student Life

St. Jude's Academy's inquiry-based approach to life allows students to try new things — to investigate, learn, inquire and find solutions. Whether it be assisting communities or groups in need, playing an instrument in the school band, creating a new club, competing for House points, joining a soccer or basketball team or travelling to Buenos Aires, our students have the opportunity to attempt something new, gather genuine skills and to experience, learn and grow!





## Arts



Arts at St. Jude's Academy is an enriched experience led by specialists in Music, Visual Arts and Drama. From as young as 3 years old, students explore multiple disciplines in the Arts and are encouraged to express themselves creatively. Although the IB program is primarily an academics-focused program, learning the Arts enforces a more well-rounded experience for the student, allowing them to flourish not only academically but artistically as well. Moreover, the Arts program at St. Jude's Academy is not an isolated experience, as topics explored in academic curriculum are weaved into the Arts curriculum. This makes students' learning applicable and relevant to different contexts, both interculturally and across diverse subject areas.

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