



*Nil sine fide et labore –
Nothing without faith and
work*

ONTARIO

ARCHBISHOP DENIS O'CONNOR

† CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

WHY CHOOSE THIS SCHOOL



Archbishop Denis O'Connor promotes **linguistic education with French DELF exams, and ESL support.**



Archbishop Denis O'Connor showcases **annual musical theatre productions**, emphasizing artistic talents alongside linguistic excellence.



The **Robotics Team**, recognized nationally and competitions winners, is seamlessly integrated into Tech Design and **Computer/IT/STEAM studies**



The school's **Ice Hockey program**, part of Phys Ed, caters to all skill levels, while strong sports teams include **Boys and Girls hockey & lacrosse.**



Religious education is **moderate**. Grade 9–12 students of **any faith** and religion are welcome with the expectation of mutual respect.

ABOUT THIS SCHOOL

Region:	Toronto East Catholic
Community:	Ajax
Grade offered:	9 – 12
Year Built:	1964
Population:	720
Team Name:	Chargers
Uniform:	Yes
ESL Support:	Yes
Website:	doc.dcdsb.ca/en/index.aspx
School Colours:	Green & Gold



Classic



Canadian International Student Services

MISSION STATEMENT

At Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School, it is our mission to be an inclusive Catholic learning community that inspires every student to achieve their full potential through faith and education. We recognize our call to love and serve from our Master teacher Jesus Christ, and we are committed to creating a Catholic learning community under the protection of Mother Mary.



FACILITIES

- Classrooms with Smart Boards
- Science labs
- Computer labs
- Art room
- Photography lab
- Music Room
- Chapel (and Chaplain)
- 21st Century learning classroom
- Double gymnasium with stage
- Sports field with running track
- Weight room
- Technology rooms – automotive, drafting, woodworking, culinary
- Cafeteria
- Library/Learning Commons with study areas



SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Grades 9 and 10 have several prescribed subjects, with few electives. Maths and Science are general classes encompassing all areas of these subjects. Grades 11 and 12 offer more student choice, more electives and specialized Math and Science options

Languages and Literature:

- English
 - note: Gr 11 English is NBE3 Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices
- English – Creative Writing/Writer's Craft (Gr 12)
- ESL – limited support
- Core French

Math and Science:

- Calculus and Vectors, Foundations of Math, and Functions
- Science, Chemistry, Physics, and Biology

Arts:

- Drama
- Media Arts
- Music – Instrumental, Guitar, Ukelele, Vocal
- Photography
- Visual Art

Social Studies:

- Geography
- History and Indigenous Studies
- Travel & Tourism
- Law, Politics and Social Justice
- Fashion, Food & Culture
- Family Studies
- Anthropology/Sociology

Business Studies/IT/Technology:

- Business Accounting, Marketing, Management Fundamentals, Economics, Entrepreneurship, IT in Business, Multimedia Solutions
- Computer Studies and Technology
- Communication Technology, Yearbook
- Construction Technology
- Technological Design / Robotics
- Transportation Technology

Physical Education:

- Healthy Living And Personal And Fitness Activities
- Health For Life
- Introductory Kinesiology (Gr 12)
- **Hockey Skills**

Religious Studies

1 Religious studies course is mandatory each school year.



STUDENT LIFE

Competitive sports and extra-curricular activities are offered to all students throughout the school year.

SPORTS: specific sports are offered by playing season and require try-outs. Offerings may change annually and additional fees may apply

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: may change annually and are based on student interest each year

** Students must be enrolled for the duration of the sport season to be considered for the team. Students who are already graduated from home country may be ineligible to be on the competitive school team.*



DAILY SCHEDULE

*SEMESTER SYSTEM

Monday – Friday

Period 1	08:45 – 10:00
Period 2	10:05 – 11:20
Period 3A – Lunch 1	11:25 – 12:00
Period 3B	12:05 – 12:40
Period 3C – Lunch 2	12:45 – 13:20
Period 4	13:25 – 14:35

The school operates on a semester system. Students take 4 courses per semester. Total annual = 8 courses.

The class schedule allows for 4 x 75 minute classes daily.

FALL SPORTS* (SEP-NOV)



- Basketball – Jr/Sr Girls
- Cross Country
- Football – Jr/Sr boys
- Golf
- Soccer – Jr/Sr boys
- Volleyball – Jr/Sr boys

WINTER SPORTS* (NOV-FEB)



- Basketball – Jr/Sr Boys
- Hockey – Jr/Sr Boys
- Hockey – Girls
- Swimming
- Volleyball – Jr/Sr Girls

SPRING SPORTS* (MAR-JUN)



- Baseball
- Golf
- Lacrosse – Boys
- Lacrosse – Girls
- Soccer – Jr/Sr Girls
- Track and Field



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Art Club
- Black History Club
- Breakfast Club
- Coffee House – spoken word, music
- Concert Band
- Dance Club
- Drama Club
- Eco-Club
- Games Club

- Homework Club
- LGBTQ club/support
- Morning Jam – Rock/Pop and Blues Club
- DO'C Music Class
- Musicals
- Peer Ministry
- Peer Tutors
- Prom Committee
- Robotics Club

- School Band
- School Choir
- Social Justice
- SOS – Stomp our Stigma
- Student Council
- Think Pink – Bullying Awareness
- Program Rap & Hip Hop Club
- White Pine
- Reading Club

SCHOOL FEATURES



UNIFORMS



All uniform items must be purchased from
RJ McCarthy
<https://www.mccarthyuniforms.ca/shop/school/81#allProducts>

Recommendation is 7 tops, 4 bottoms, and 3 sweaters to best meet your needs throughout the year.

All students must be in full uniform while on school property and while representing the school in the community. Students are expected to wear the school uniform proudly and neatly. A student will not be admitted to class if he or she is not in proper uniform. If a student is not admitted to class, he or she will be responsible for all work missed.

Mandatory Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Layer Shirt – Only McCarthy's Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School embroidered logo white or black long or short-sleeved golf shirt may be worn. • Second Layer Sweater – Only McCarthy's green zip polo, v-neck pull over, v-neck vest, Full Zip Fitted Jacket, all embroidered may be worn. • Black dress pant (both boys and girls)
Mandatory Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys and Girls: Dress Pants – Grey pants (McCarthy's label required – Pants must be worn around the waist • Shorts may be worn from May 1 to the Thanksgiving long weekend with socks. • Girls: X-Kilt – Grey with green plaid – McCarthy's with solid black, green, navy or white knee socks/tights
Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosiery/Socks – Patterned tights, pantyhose, sheer tights or ankle socks are not permitted. • Solid black, green, navy or white knee socks may be worn with the kilt. • With pants or shorts only solid white, black, navy or grey socks
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only low cut, solid black shoes are acceptable. Laces must be black and plain. The shoes must have a full back and closed toe.

- The following items may be worn with a student's uniform:
- **Belts:** If belts are worn they must be plain and black. No distracting or offensive buckles are permitted. No other makeshift belts are permitted (shoe laces etc).
- **Jewelry:** Must be neat, respectable and inoffensive. No spiked or studded bracelets, necklaces and earrings are permitted.
- **Undershirts:** Only short-sleeved PLAIN WHITE t-shirts are permitted under the school shirt The length of the sleeve of the undershirt must not exceed the length of the sleeve of uniform shirt.
- **Spirit days:** Throughout the school year, students will be allowed to share their school spirit by wearing an Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School sweater, jersey, hoodie or logoed item in place of a second layer.
- **Non-uniform day:** On non-uniform days students must be dressed in clothing appropriate for a Catholic secondary school. Parent and guardians will be contacted and students may be sent home if dressed inappropriately. No head wear is permitted. Shorts are not permitted before May 1.

