

# John Fisher Junior Public School

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**GRADE RANGE:** SK to 6

## *Interesting Feature*

### **History**

John Fisher PS began in 1816 as a log schoolhouse in the agricultural community of Eglinton, north of the Town of York. Then located steps from historic Montgomery's Tavern, it was known as Eglinton School. It burned down and was rebuilt on Yonge near Castlefield behind what is now the Capitol Theatre. In 1850, a one-room brick school was built probably on the same site. In 1887, a two-storey, four-room school was built on Erskine.

John Fisher is the largest French Immersion Centre and oldest elementary school in the TDSB. The French Immersion program at John Fisher begins in Senior Kindergarten, and all instruction is in French until the end of grade three. English language instruction is introduced in Grade 4. Our staff is committed to providing an excellent bilingual academic program supported by a wide variety of extra-curricular activities in athletics, the arts, technology and other student interests. Of our 560 students, the majority (86%) come from homes where English is the primary language.

### **Green is In at John Fisher**

John Fisher is committed to making this planet a better place. Our students, staff and community have worked diligently for many years to make it an example of eco-conscious learning. We have been recognized for five years running with a Gold EcoSchools award and have received the Platinum level for 2009-2010.





## Le fait français

John Fisher is one of only three single-track French Immersion centres in the TDSB. We are dedicated to the promotion and ongoing use of French within the school, and our involvement in as many French cultural activities as possible.



## Character Development

Character development is an important focus for John Fisher and the TDSB. The 10 Character Traits have been widely promoted, and this initiative benefits both staff and students by fostering a climate of respect and cooperation conducive to better learning.



## Student Success

Student success is the fundamental mandate of educators. Through Teaching and Learning Critical Pathways, the school looks to identify areas of need and develop the most effective strategies to support student success.



## Community, Culture & Caring

John Fisher benefits from a deeply committed and caring parent and caregiver community that partners with staff in all areas and at all levels in the life of the school. From School Council to class volunteers, and coaching to graduation, our school is a place where the community feels at home.



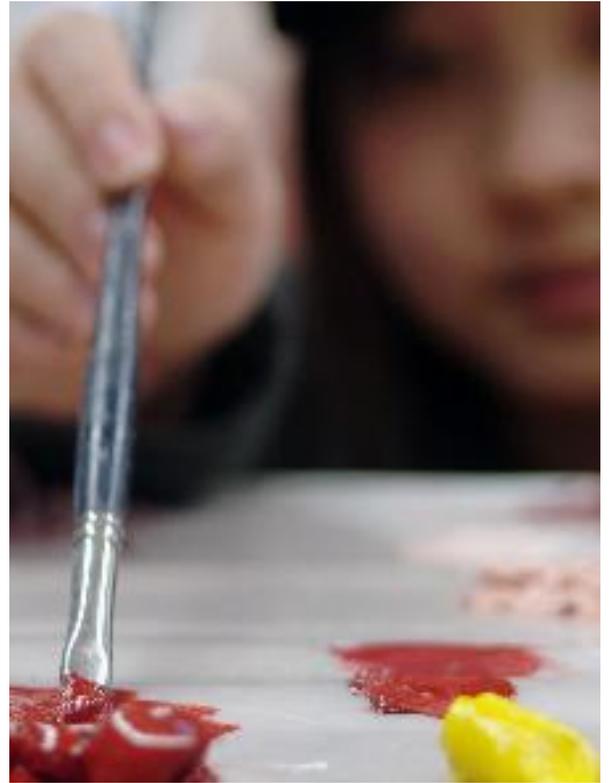
## Additional Features

- Platinum EcoSchool
- Award Winning Choir
- "Turning Points" French winners
- Concours d'art oratoire participant
- Excellent EQAO scores
- Top performing in athletics
- Dictée PGL participant
- Playground Pals program



## Student Life - Where You Belong

A student's life at John Fisher is very exciting as every day they learn something new. John Fisher offers many learning opportunities and activities. The days can at times start quite early if a student is involved in athletics, morning choir practice or drama rehearsal. It can go beyond school hours if he or she participates in the After 4 program, with activities such as Art, Science and Computer Game Design are offered. Students tell us they love Carnival, which is held each Winter, where they join with schoolmates of all ages to play games and celebrate. Others tell us how they will always remember their trip to the Island School in grade 5, or to Montreal in grade 6. For some, sports are their personal highlight, and they are proud of how well John Fisher performs in competitions. Finally, all agree that John Fisher is a place where everyone can make friends.



## What Sets Us Apart

As one of only three French Immersion Centres in the entire TDSB, John Fisher P.S. offers a unique opportunity for students to experience French in all aspects of their school life.

John Fisher has an excellent Physical Education program and a long history of athletic success in boardwide competitions.

Our choir program has been recognized as one of the best in the TDSB and will continue to be a focus of support in the future.

John Fisher benefits from deep and broad support from the community.



## Parent and Community Engagement

The John Fisher School Council meets monthly, and has many active sub-committees such as Safety, Educational Issues, Staffing, Fund-raising, Athletics, Environment, and Arts and Cultural Enrichment. Over 200 parent volunteers assist in a wide range of school programs including library, classrooms, excursions, special events (e.g., Carnival, Terry Fox Run), sports clinics and teams, and environmental initiatives. The School Council advocates with Board and provincial decision-makers to ensure quality public education for all children. All initiatives to upgrade the interior of the building, to green the school yard, to improve traffic safety (a successful Kiss 'n Ride Program was instituted in 2006) and to enhance the school's information technology capabilities have involved significant parent involvement.



## TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.

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