

Swansea Junior and Senior Public School

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GRADE RANGE: JK to 8

Interesting Feature

Swansea School A Great Place

Swansea is a triple track school offering a regular English program as well as an Extended French program to students entering Grade 4 and Grade 7. We offer a balanced program of academics, sports, music and technology. Students are involved in many in-school and after school activities. The school has an attached shared-use swimming pool and recreation centre which runs many sports and fitness programs for the local community. Swansea Kids Place offers on-site school-aged childcare.

Swansea School is located south of Bloor Street and west of High Park. It has a history of over a hundred years. The school has an enrolment of approximately 650 students. Their ethnic backgrounds are highly diverse and the school takes every opportunity to celebrate its diversity.

Swansea Public School is a community of staff, students and parents who work collaboratively to promote a safe and respectful learning environment, where all students have the opportunity to achieve their potential.

We are dedicated to fostering a welcoming, safe and respectful community where all individuals strive for academic excellence and participate co-operatively in all aspects of school life.

Extended French Program

Extended French is a program in which French is not only taught as a subject but also serves as the language of instruction in other subjects. Students in this program spend up to 50% of their day in French instruction. The subjects taught in French are French Language Arts, Social Studies and The Arts. English Language Arts, as well as Mathematics and Science are taught in English. Students may apply to enter this program at either grade 4 or grade 7.





Computer Lab

Since 2007 students from grade 1 - 8 have had the opportunity to work in a state-of-the art computer lab. Swansea has 30 iMac computers and students create projects using iPhoto, iVideo, Garage Band. Students participate in podcasts, students news blog and help keep our website updated.



Music Program

Swansea's music program exposes students to music from many styles and historical periods, and a variety of vocal and instrumental options. All students are actively involved in creating, performing, dancing, singing and playing Orff and percussion instruments from around the world. Students in the junior grades learn the recorder and the senior classes play guitar.



Library

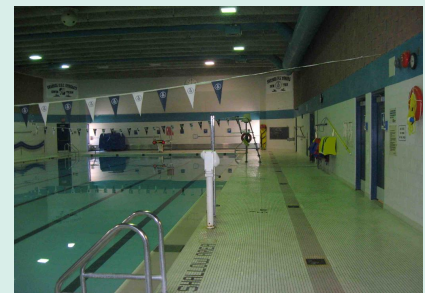
We are fortunate at Swansea to have a full-time teacher librarian. In addition to regular weekly class visits students have the option of participating in several reading programs - Blue Spruce, Red Maple, Silver Birch, and Boys Reading Club.

With a collection of over 19,000 items students have plenty of books to choose from for their assignments and school projects.



Swimming

Swansea shares a full-size pool with the community recreation centre. We have 2 on-site aquatic instructors who provide swimming instruction to all students from SK to grade 8. Annual aquatic events include swim meets and the Cardboard Boat Races.



Additional Features

- Special Education Programs
- Character Education Assemblies
- After School Remedial Programs
- Walking distance to High Park
- Skating Rink nearby
- Double sized playing field
- Backs onto a pond and forest



Student Life - Where You Belong

In addition to a challenging academic program that focuses on literacy, numeracy, arts, athletics and technology students can extend their learning through a variety of extra-curricular activities. At Swansea we believe in developing the whole child and encourage students to get involved in a variety of activities.

Sports - soccer, baseball, basketball, swimming

Arts - choir, band, drama, dance, visual art

Technology - robotics, ICT, Media club, yearbook

Student Leadership - Student Parliament, Me to We,

Peacemakers, Dare to Dream, Youth Talk Forum



What Sets Us Apart

Swansea is a school with a long history. It started as a two-room school house in 1891 and has gone through several expansions in 1928, 1953 and 1985.

Our staff consists of a very dedicated group of professional educators who are committed to providing an outstanding school experience for our students. Our teachers and support staff run very vibrant co-curricular programs in which we encourage our students to take part.

Swansea is a caring community who believes in "giving back". Every year we raise money to support our Holiday Fund, disaster relief (Tsunami, Haiti), and international aid. Swansea also cares about our environment and is now an Eco School where we practice the 3 R's.

In 1991 Swansea Public School celebrated its centenary. Over the years, the school's graduates have gone on to achieve great success in their careers and in community service, fuelled in part by the strong educational foundation gained at Swansea Public School.





Parent and Community Engagement

Our School Council is a vibrant and involved group of parents and community members who work tirelessly to make our school a great place to learn. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month. SSC members participate on Health & Safety, Communication and Fundraising committees as well as other school mandated and TDSB mandated committees. They organize several fundraising events - QSP, Christmas Craft Fair, FundScript, Chapters Night, pizza days and Dance-a-thon. These funds go to sponsor many events within our school - Welcome Back BBQ, Spelling Bee, Scrabble Tournament, Family Literacy Night.

Their mission statement is to develop a partnership between members of the Swansea School Community and to aspire to the highest possible standards of education in an inclusive, nurturing, safe and challenging environment.



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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