

# Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute

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**GRADE RANGE:** 9 to 12

## Interesting Feature

### 2012-2013 Features

**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE**-Our first cohort began in 2010. Our forty-five graduating IB students achieved higher averages than corresponding world averages. **EQAO**-Laurier is pleased to announce that the Grade 10 Literacy scores continue to improve with a 78% success rate in 2012.

**HONOUR ROLL**-Laurier is very proud of the five hundred and thirty students who achieved an overall average grade of 80% or greater.

**Better Than Mirrors**-is an excellent student initiated and led mental health forum established at Laurier.

## Hoc Tempus Est Tibi (This Time For You)

Come to Laurier and enter a school where fairness, understanding, and mutual respect are practised every day. Our beautiful natural setting provides a basis to integrate environmental awareness into our geography, science, art and physical education courses. Our well-rounded programs offer you many opportunities for apprenticeship and workplace experiences. At Laurier we are committed to the development of "character education". Our goal is to establish behaviours and attitudes that are beneficial to the development of principled and contributing members of the community. The administrators, teachers, and support staff are dedicated to helping students make the most of their high school learning experience.

## Co-curricular Engagement

Laurier's broad co-curricular program offers students many opportunities for involvement in teams, clubs, and performances. Student leadership groups such as the Student Administrative Council (SAC), Character Education, Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), United Cultures Club (UCC), Green Team, Yearbook Club, Better Than Mirrors, Model United Nations and our award winning Youth Action Team play an important role in ensuring an inclusive atmosphere is maintained at the school and assist in organizing special events.





### Pathways to Success at Laurier

Laurier has embraced the TDSB Student Success initiative founded on the principles that all pathways -apprenticeship, college, university and workplace- are equally valued and supported. We offer extensive Co-op programs and a Specialist High Skills Major in Hospitality and Tourism with plans for a SHSM in Sports and Entertainment. We offer an OYAP partnership with Borden.



### Fantastic School Facilities

At Laurier, we have excellent facilities, a great neighbourhood and beautiful outdoor grounds. We offer many subjects, including communication technology courses using "state of the art" equipment. Our well-equipped gyms and pool with spectator gallery are among the largest in the TDSB. We also feature a 900 seat auditorium for student and community performances.



### The Arts at Laurier

Laurier offers a wide variety of arts programs. Our visual arts courses allow you to express yourself through photography, painting, pottery and ceramics. Whether you play an instrument or love to sing, we have a course for you. Our popular dance courses explore African, modern, jazz and hip hop dance. On stage or behind the scenes our drama classes have a spot for you.



### Science Stands Out

Science education at Laurier stands out! You study in an environment where leading edge technology is integrated into all of the science courses. Three of our science labs are equipped with a computer at each lab station. We ignite excitement in learning science while delivering an academically intense program.



### Additional Features

- Student Ambassadors
- Championship Sports Teams
- Character Education Camp
- Me to We and Volunteer Now
- International Baccalaureate Diploma
- Girls' Space
- The Laureate Student Newspaper
- Peer Mediation

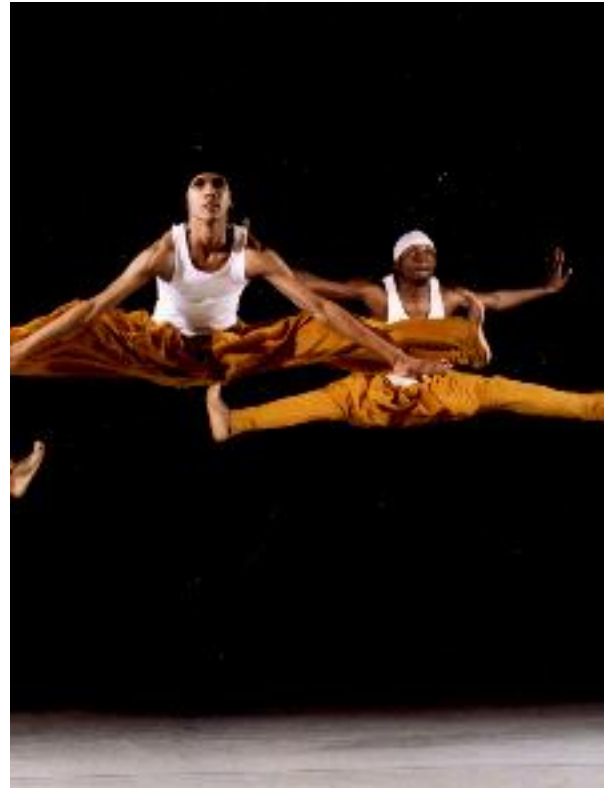


## Student Life - Where You Belong

The development of leadership potential is a high priority at Laurier. As a young leader of tomorrow, you strengthen your skills through a concentrated focus on student leadership and character education. In addition to a wide variety of student-run clubs, we offer leadership classes. These help you develop your understanding of personal and social responsibility and citizenship. Join one of our leadership groups, such as Student Administrative Council, DECA, Character Education and Volunteer Now.

We have clubs for the environment, earth and space, yearbook, and clubs such as our African-Canadian Student Association and The Muslim Students' Association. We are a very diverse school - our celebrations include Eid, Diwali, Kwanzaa and Christmas, to name a few. Our annual International Luncheon is a highlight for both staff and students.

We offer many sports: basketball, football, hockey, rugby, cricket, cross-country running, indoor and outdoor soccer, volleyball, golf, curling, swimming, field hockey, tennis, badminton and intramural lunch activities. Whatever you may be interested in, Laurier has something for you!



## What Sets Us Apart

Parents and students comment on our wide range of student leadership opportunities. We value our involvement in and beyond the Guildwood community. Laurier is the signature volunteer school for the Toronto Marathon. Laurier students work with the Second Harvest, Canadian Blood Services, Canfar, The Hospital for Sick Children and other charitable causes. All of these efforts strengthen Laurier's partnership with the community.

Our International Baccalaureate program, challenges students that are motivated and committed to learning to becoming global citizens. IB diploma candidates are also required to complete 150 Creativity, Action and Service hours. Our staff undergo special training to be qualified to teach this program. IB exams are set and marked externally.

Our Character Education program provides all students the opportunity to lead by example. Every fall our Grade 12 Character Leaders, along with staff, lead 100 students from Grades 9-12 in character building activities during a 3 day excursion to Camp Ahmek in Algonquin Park.





## Parent and Community Engagement

Laurier is proud of its strong parental involvement in the School Advisory Council. The school website, the newsletter, Parent/Teacher interviews, Grade 8 Parent Information night and our ESL Parents Information night offer opportunities for regular communication with the parents and the community. In partnership with the Canadian Afghan Student Success Initiative (CASSI), Laurier has hosted several parent and student information sessions with a focus on ensuring positive communication between school and home.

Laurier students and staff take pride in reaching out to the community. Our partnership with Guildwood News and Views allows us to share school events with the community. Volunteer Now and Me to We students volunteer at various community events and take on leadership roles in both the school and the community to effect lasting, global and local, social change.



## 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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