

Italian Heritage Month

June 2021



TDSB & Province of Ontario Information

The Board of Trustees passed a motion in May 2012 to recognize Italian Heritage Month every June.

The Province of Ontario passed Italian Heritage Act in June 2010. The *Italian Heritage Act states, "Ontario is home to more than 1,350,000 Italian-Canadians. Since the 1880s, the Italian-Canadian community has made and continues to make significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of the province of Ontario."*



Theme

This year the theme for Italian Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board is:

Made in Italy





Italian Canadians

Italo-canadesi ([Italian](#))

According to the Canada 2016 Census:

4.6% of Canada's population

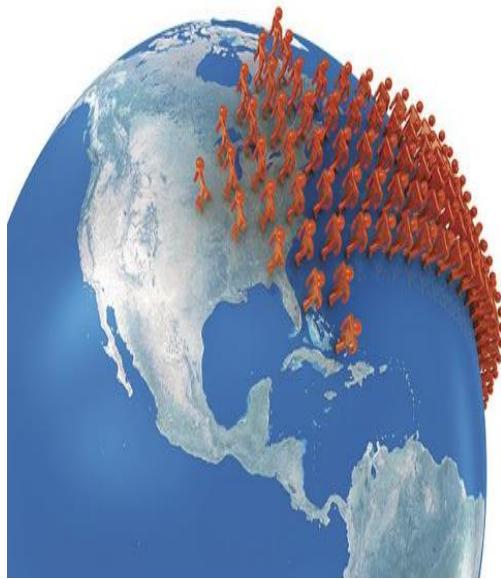
Italo-canadiens ([French](#))

1,587,970 (total population)

511,680 Italian Canadians located in the Greater Toronto Areas

Toronto is home to the fourth largest population Italians

32.2 percent of the ethnic Italians in Canada living in the Toronto



Italian Immigration to Canada

The first Italian to land in Canada was the explorer Giovanni Caboto (John Cabot) in 1497.

The first settlement of Italians in Canada did not occur until 1665 when soldiers from areas of what is now present-day Italy were recruited by the French army to be part of their Carignan-Salières Regiment.

The second large wave of Italian immigration occurred in the years following the Second World War until the mid-1970s.

The majority of these immigrants entered Canada through Halifax at Pier 21, More than ninety percent of Italians that entered Canada between 1946 and 1967 were sponsored by relatives in Canada.

“Enemy Aliens”: Italian Canadians internment in Second World War

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Italian Canadians, were once considered enemies of the state.

During the Second World War, approximately 600 Italian-Canadian men were interned in camps in Canada after Italy allied with Germany and joined the war in 1940.

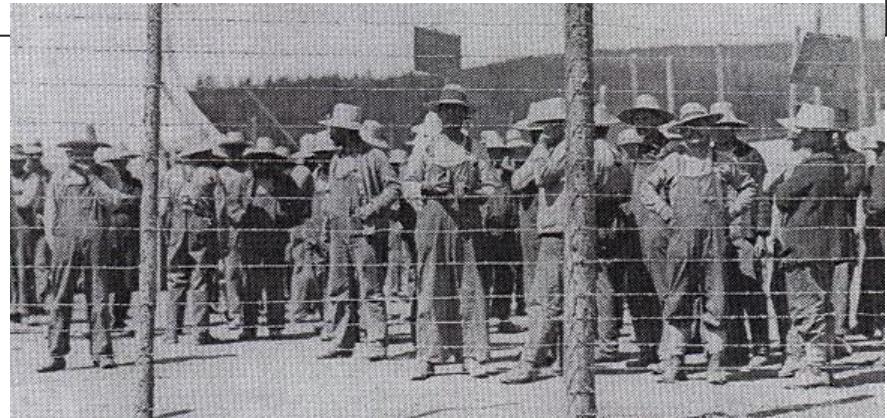
An estimated 31,000 Italian Canadians were declared “enemy aliens” and considered a threat to the safety of Canada.

In May 2021 , Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will issue a formal apology for the internment and treatment of Italian-Canadians during the Second World War.



Trudeau to apologize to Italians mistreated in Canada during WWII

Source: [The Canadian Press Articles Posted June 14, 2019 and Apr. 14, 2021](#)





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Some Interesting Facts About Italy

The Italian Flag



“IL Tricolore”

Source: National Geographics for
Kids

The Italian flag is tricoloured with vertical stripes, It is called “IL Tricolore” in Italian.

The three colours on the flag are pale green, white and red. Green represents hope, White represents faith and Red represents charity. The colours of the Italian flag represent hope (green), faith (white) and charity (red).

The three stripes on the Italian flag are all equal in size. When hoisting the flag, the green stripe is always placed nearest to the flag post.

The flag was inspired by the French flag of similar design.

The flag was first adopted by the Cispadane Republic in 1797.

The national day to celebrate the Italian flag is known as the Tricolour Day. The celebration is held annually on January 7. The purpose of the day is to remember the official adoption of the tri-colour as a national flag.

Geography

The mainland of Italy is a long peninsula that resembles a tall boot, that juts out of southern Europe into the Adriatic Sea, Tyrrhenian Sea, and Mediterranean Sea.

Italy's location has played an important role in its history.

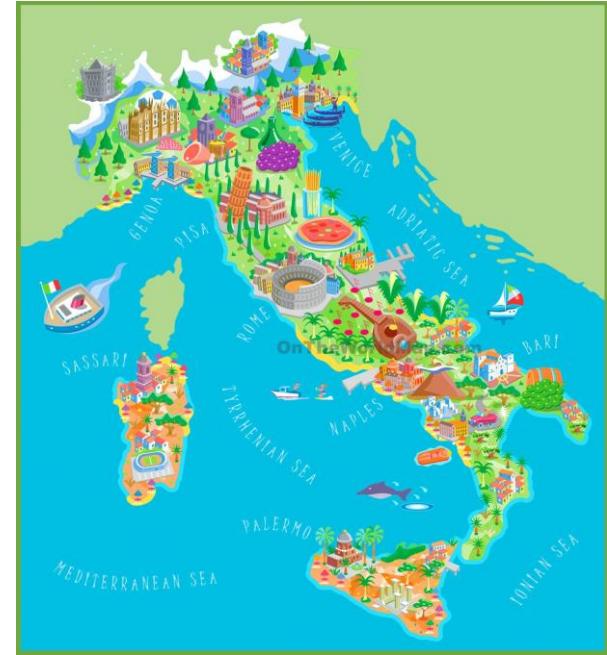
Source: National Geographics for Kids



Image: CoolFactsForKids.com

Some Fun facts about Italy

- Area: 301,340 sqm
- Population: 60 Million
- Capital city: Rome
- Official Country Name: Repubblica Italiana / Italia
- Political system: Republic
- Main language: Italian
- Currency: Euro
- Europe's three active volcanoes, Etna, Stromboli, and Vesuvius are all located in Italy.
- Almost four-fifths of Italy is either mountainous or hilly.



Source: Italy Facts for Kids Facts about Italy and Italians – Verona Tours 2017 (wordpress.com) and <https://www.learningescapes.net/fun-facts-about-italy-for-kids/>



Parli Italiano?

About Italy: Language

- Of all the Romance languages, Italian is the closest to Latin.
- There are only 21 letters in the standard Italian alphabet. The Italian alphabet doesn't have the letters J, K, W, X or Y.
- Every Region of Italy has its own dialect and accent

Source: "50+ Fun and Interesting Facts About Italy" --Take lesson
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Speaking Italian

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Ciao! – Hello or Goodbye

Buon giorno! – Good morning

Arrivederci! – Goodbye

Per favore – Please

Grazie – Thank you

Prego – You're welcome

Ti amo! – I love you

Nonna – Grandmother

Madre – Mother

Padre – Father



1 - uno	6 - sei
2 - due	7 - sette
3 - tre	8 - otto
4 - quattro	9 - nove
5 - cinque	10 - dieci

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Fun Facts About Italy: Culture

- “La famiglia” (the family), is a very important part of the Italian culture.
- According to Italian culture, you must respect your elders.
- Fashion is also important in Italy. Some of the world’s most sought-after designers, such as Armani, Versace, and Prada, hail from Italy.
- Italians are known for communicating with hand gestures and facial expressions.
- First impressions are important to Italians, so be sure to demonstrate respect and politeness toward others.

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Fun Facts About Italy: Arts & Sciences

- Italy is home to the world's oldest university, the University of Bologna founded in 1088.
- Some of the most well-known artists and authors including Dante, Da Vinci, and Michelangelo—are from Italy.
- Italy has more masterpieces per square mile than any other country in the world.
- Many of the most influential scientists and mathematicians were born in Italy, including Galileo Galilei and Alessandro Volta



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Fun Facts About Italy: Food & Wine

- Italy is the world's largest exporter of wine. However, it's the second largest producer of wine after France.
- On average, Italians eat half a pound of bread and pasta consumption is estimated to be about 70 pounds per person annually.
- Bread is not meant to be an appetizer. Rather, Italians use it to wipe the remaining sauce off their plate.
- When dining in Italy, don't ask for salad dressing or other condiments. Olive oil is the only acceptable "condiment" in Italy.
- There are over 140 types of pastas. Some of these pastas are only native to specific regions.
- Italians consume over 45 bottles of wine per year, per capita.

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The History of Pizza

“The first pizzas were simple, flatbreads topped with herbs and olives. When tomatoes were brought back to Italy by explorers from the Americas in the 1600s, they were topped on the flat breads, too.

A legend says that, in 1889, to honor the Queen Italy Margherita of Savoy and the Italian Unification, the pizza maker Raffaele Esposito created “Pizza Margherita”, with tomatoes, mozzarella, and basil, which contained the red, white and green colors that are represented on the Italian flag, and the Margherita pizza was born.”

Source: [History of Pizza | Kidstir](#)



Italian superstitions!



Fun Facts About Italy: Superstitions

- Italians believe that the number 17 is unlucky because when the Roman numeral for 17 (XVII) is rearranged it looks like VIXI, which means “I have lived,” a symbol that’s associated with death.
- Italians believe that the cornicello charm, which resembles a chili pepper or a small horn, will protect them from the evil eye.
- According to Italians, placing a hat on a bed is bad luck.
- Don’t give someone your best wishes. Instead, say “*In bocca al lupo*” or “into the wolf’s mouth,” as this means “good luck.”
- Italians believe that if someone brushes over a single person’s feet with a broom that he or she will never get married.

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Made in Italy!: *Inventions!*

Made in Italy!: Inventions!

Jeans

- Originated in the Italian city of Genoa where sailors began wearing them in the 17th-century;
- It is thought that the word ‘jeans’ actually derived from the French word for Genoa, Genes!
- Surprised?

Source: <https://www.essentialitaly.co.uk/blog/life-changing-italian-inventions-2>



Made in Italy!: Inventions!

Radio

- Guglielmo Marconi, an Italian inventor and electrical engineer, who sent and received the first transatlantic radio signal in 1901.
- He won a Nobel Prize for Physics.
- His invention was used on board the RMS Titanic, saving hundreds of lives in the disaster.

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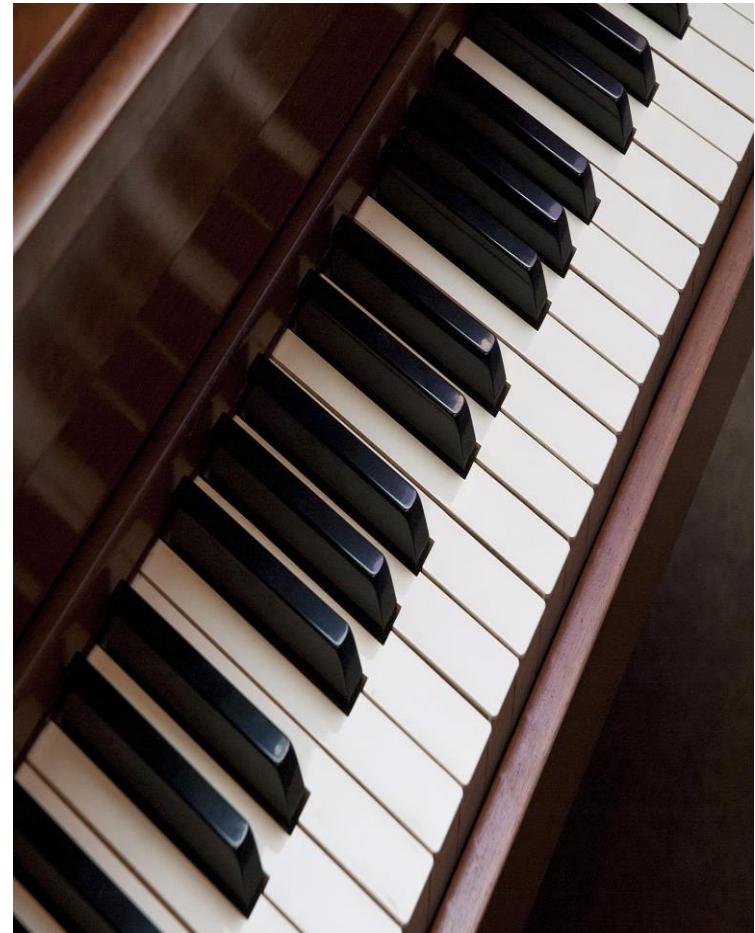


Made in Italy!: Inventions!

Piano

- Bartolomeo Cristofori invented the piano.
- He built his first piano in 1700.
- His actions transformed the performance of music

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Made in Italy!: Inventions!

Eyeglasses

- Although the exact date is not certain, it is thought that the first pair of glasses with corrective lenses were made in Italy in the late 13th century.
- Romans had long used glass to magnify text, but these were the first glasses that sat on the nose.
- They were originally used mainly by monks



Made in Italy!: Inventions!

**Batteries were
invented in Italy**

- Italian scientist Alessandro Volta created the first battery in 1800.
- The volt – the unit of electrical power – is named after him.



Notable Italian-Canadian

The Honourable Frank Iacobucci

The Honourable Frank Iacobucci, CC, QC, LLD, LSM, retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. Amongst his many accomplishment Mr. Iacobucci was inducted into the Italian Walk of Fame in 2010. His recognitions include:

- *Chambers Canada*—Senior Statesperson in Aboriginal law (2016-2021); dispute resolution: most in-demand arbitrators (2021)
- *Chambers Global*—Senior Statesperson in Aboriginal law (2014-2021)
- *Best Lawyers in Canada*—Leading lawyer in Aboriginal law, international arbitration (2006-2021)
- *Best Lawyers in Canada*—2020 Aboriginal Law Lawyer of the Year in Toronto
- In December 9, 2020 the Federal Government introduces his Bill to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Source: <https://www.torys.com/people/iacobucci-the-honourable-frank>



Source: torys.com

Notable Italian-Canadian

Frank Crudele, Actor

We proudly announce that Frank Crudele is a former Toronto District School Board student as he attended Downsview Secondary School. He was born near Bari, Italy and the family moved to Toronto, Ontario when Frank was twelve years old after living in Montreal for two years.

Frank is an accomplished actor having worked with several exceptional Directors including Martin Scorsese. His countless roles have included those for feature film (cinema), film (TV series) and film (TV film). His characters are those of leads, supporting actor/leads amongst other proficient contributions.

Source: <https://www.e-talenta.eu/members/profile/frank-crudele>



Source: alchetron.com

Notable Italian-Canadian

Linda Evangelista

Linda Evangelista, is a supermodel with Italian roots within the province of Ontario! She was raised in St. Catharines, Ontario.

She has graced many fashion covers, represented several beauty brands – best known for Revlon, L'Oréal, the Versace fashion house and Prada fashion house and L'Oréal.

Her exciting career also includes appeared in a music video, “Too Funky” with several other top supermodels with former artist George Michael.

She proudly received Canada’s Walk of Fame in Toronto (2003).

Source: <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Linda-Evangelista>



Source: hearingreview.com

Notable Italian-Canadian

Maria Montessori

Born in Ancona, Italy in 1870, Maria was an Italian educator and the creator of an educational system that continues to operate around the world that adopt the Montessori approach to teaching young children. In 1907, the first Montessori called, Case dei Bambini, was opened for children aged 3 - in Rome. She wrote a book that captured the techniques in a book called, *The Montessori Method*, that's been translated into 12 languages.

Though she graduated as the first woman in medicine, her focus was on the educational challenges that children with disability faced intellectually. Her professional journey entailed continued studies in the field of philosophy, psychology, and education.

Maria was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in three consecutive years: 1949, 1950 and 1951.

Source: <https://montessori.org.au/biography-dr-maria-montessori>



Made in Italy: Forza Italia



- Soccer is the most popular sport in Italy
- The Italian National Anthem is sung before every sports match

Italy National Soccer Team Logo

The Logo features a crest with “Italia” in letters and the Italian flag below. In small letters between “Italia” and the flag, ‘FIGC’ is visible, an abbreviation for the Federazione Italiana Giuoco Calcio (Italian Football Association). The stars honour the four World Cup victories.



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy_national_football_team

Italy National Soccer Team

The Italy national football team has officially represented Italy in international soccer since their first match in 1910.



Italy National team is also known as Azzurri. Savoy Blue is the common colour of the national teams representing Italy. It is the traditional colour of the royal House of Savoy, which reigned over the Kingdom of Italy from 1860-1946

Italy- FIFA World Cup

1934 - FIFA World Cup was the second edition of the FIFA World Cup. Italy was the second World Cup champions.

1938- FIFA World Cup was the third edition of the FIFA World Cup. Italy won the title in the final and hold the distinction of the sole World Cup champions under the same coach

1982- FIFA World Cup was the 12th edition of the FIFA World Cup. Italy was World Cup champions.

2006 - FIFA World Cup was the third edition of the FIFA World Cup. Italy won the tournament, claiming their fourth world cup title



Serie A - Italian Football League



- Serie A is also known as Serie A TIM due to sponsorship by TIM (Italian Telecommunication Company).
- Serie A is a professional league competition for football (soccer) clubs located at the top of the Italian football league. The second division was founded in 1929 and is known as Serie B. Some years later a third tier Serie C was founded.
- Serie A, as it is structured today, began during the 1929-30 season. It has been around for 123 years and going.
- The winner of the league is awarded the **Scudetto** and the **Coppa Campioni d'Italia**

source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serie_A

Serie A - Italian Football League



Gigi Buffon (goalkeeper) for Juventus

The scudetto (Italian for: “little shield”) is a decoration worn by Italian sports club that won the annual championship of their respective sport in the previous season.

The scudetto was created in 1920s to honour the winner of the national association football league. In 1929 rebranded as Serie A.

source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scudetto>
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coppa_Campioni_d%27Italia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coppa_Campioni_d'Italia)



The Coppa Campioni d’Italia is the trophy that in Italian football represents the victory of the Serie A championship



The top three teams in Serie A are qualified for the Champions League (one place also goes to the winner of the Coppa Italia) and the teams that are placed 3-6 will also get the chance to play in European Cup.

SERIE A TEAMS (2020-2021)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Home city</u>
Atalanta	Bergamo
Benevento	Benevento
Bologna	Bologna
Cagliari	Cagliari
Crotone	Crotone
Florentina	Florence
Genoa	Genoa
Hellas Verona	Verona
Internazionale	Milan
Juventus	Turin



Lazio	SS Lazio	Rome
Milan	AC MILAN	Milan
Napoli	Napoli	Naples
Parma	PARMA CALCIO	Parma
Roma	ROMA	Rome
Sampdoria	Sampdoria	Genoa
Sassuolo	ALBISSEGUOLO	Sassuolo
Spezia	SPEZIA	La Spezia
Torino	TORINO FC	Turin
Udinese	UDINESE	Udine

Juventus, Milan and Inter (Internazionale), along with Lazio, Fiorentina, Roma and Napoli, are known as the Seven Sisters of Italian football. Serie A is one of the most storied football leagues in the world.

source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serie_A

Made in Italy: Italian Soccer Players



Davide Calabria - Right back.

Italian professional footballer who plays for Serie A club Milan and the Italy national team



Filippo Inzaghi - Striker

Played in the Italy National team from: 1997-2007. Inzaghi played as a striker for several Italian clubs, and spent the most notable spells of his club career with Juventus and Milan, winning two UEFA Champions League titles (2003, 2007), and three Serie A titles (1998, 2004, 2011)



Gianluigi "Gigi" Buffon' - Goalkeeper.

Buffon is the most capped player in the history of the Italy national team
Italian professional footballer who plays as a goalkeeper for Serie A club Juventus

Made in Italy: Italian Soccer Players



Andrea Pirlo - Midfielder

An Italian professional football coach and former player who is the head coach of Serie A club Juventus. Considered to be one of the greatest of all time, Pirlo was renowned for his vision, ball control, technique, creativity, passing, and free-kick ability.



Francesco Totti - midfielder/striker

He is the second-highest scorer of all time in Italian league history with 250 goals. Totti spent his entire career at Roma, winning a Serie A title, two Coppa Italia titles

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