

# Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute

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**GRADE RANGE:** 9 to 12

## Interesting Feature

### Our Community Partnerships

Canadian Space  
Resource Centre  
Red Apple Day Care  
CISCO Engineering  
Thornccliffe  
Neighbourhood Office  
Citizenship Ceremony  
School Resource Officer  
Community Outreach  
Program  
Nutrition Programs  
Ontario Science Centre  
Skills Canada

Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute is one of the most diverse secondary schools in the TDSB. The secret to our student success stems from the many cultures that come together to create an amazing learning and social environment where students, staff and our community learn from one another. MGCI offers many unique programs; horticulture, financial securities, SHSM, leadership and our TOPS program, proclaimed by *McLean's* magazine as "best across the nation". We also have over 90 student-led co-curricular activities and a wide range of competitive team sports. At MGCI, we ensure that every student that enters our building has choice in programming and a safe learning environment where they fully apply their creative talents.

### Marc Garneau: What We Offer

In addition to the regular instructional programs mandated by the Ministry of Education, our school offers choices in a variety of program areas: Arts, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality, Co-operative Education, Languages and Athletics. We also offer core ESL and ESL-sensitive courses to our early language learners. Details of these programs can be found in the *Choices* document available at [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca). A hard copy is provided to students and parents in February of each year to assist them in choosing courses for the following year.





## Talented Offerings for Programs in the Sciences

TOPS is our enrichment program for students across Ontario who share a love and interest in mathematics and science. Our students work together for four years sharing goals and interests similar to their own. Grade 10 students experience a unique expedition to Algonquin Park, publish papers and present their findings. Students must meet all application requirements.



## Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

The SHSM program is supported by the Ministry, universities and colleges. Students' qualifications are recorded and the Red Seal is displayed on their diploma to acknowledge their achievements. The SHSM program prepares students to promote their ideas and concepts in a professional manner in any career they choose to pursue.



## English as a Second Language

ESL helps students to learn English and develop the academic skills they need for success. ESL-sensitive courses for newcomers are available in geography, history, business, math and science. Credit courses in English Literacy Development (ELD) are for students accelerating their literacy skills.



## Special Education

A variety of special education services are offered to meet the needs of all students, including those with behavioural, physical, and intellectual special needs. We also accommodate students with multiple exceptionalities. We have a support team that include teachers, counsellors, and educational assistants to help our students thrive and succeed.



## Additional Features

- Focus on Success
- Empowered Student Partnership
- Student Success Team
- Winterfest
- ECO Team
- Peer Leadership
- Pathways to Education
- International Week



## Student Life - Where You Belong

Marc Garneau students raise funds for Sleeping Children Around the World, Relay for Life, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Free the Children, Canadian Breast Cancer, Food Share, Youth Sarcoma and many others. We also offer a wide variety of sports including cricket, soccer, tennis, swimming and football. Students participating in our athletic program develop skills such as teamwork, leadership, and communication. They also develop a healthy and active lifestyle that they take with them when they graduate from Marc Garneau.

If you enjoy the Arts, Marc Garneau provides courses in drama, music, visual arts, photography and dance. Students participating in the Arts have been the recipients of numerous drama and dance awards, such as the Sears Drama Festival and the TDSB's Dare to Dance Competition.

Our Student Council is a large and active organization that promotes student leadership, school spirit, and is instrumental in the organization of our school's activities and events.

All of our students are encouraged to develop a well-rounded education which also includes participating in the various aspects of school life.



## What Sets Us Apart

### **Cooperative Education – *Test Drive Your Future***

Whether your pathway is university, college, apprenticeship or work, cooperative education offers you the opportunity to explore a variety of career options. Our mission is to prepare students to realize their vocational maturity. We have a wide variety of placements available to help qualify students for the dream job of the 21st century.

Through the Apprenticeship Program students can complete an apprenticeship in one of over 130 trades while still attending high school and graduate with experience that will be transferred to the regular program.

Once students graduate, they transfer their experience to the regular apprenticeship program. Accelerated apprenticeship programs linked to colleges are available to students in their last semester.

Our Dual Credit program provides students the unique opportunity to experience new and varied learning that appeals to their interest, strengths and learning profile. Students successfully completing these college-delivered courses earn both a secondary school and college credit.





## Parent and Community Engagement

We are partners with the Thorncliffe Community Association and the Flemingdon Neighbourhood Community Association. Students share team-building activities through the direction of Moorelands Community Services, Oolagen Community Services and the Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office.

Marc Garneau has a very active Overlea/Garneau Alumni Association. They hold regular meetings with the goal to raise scholarship funds for our students.

Marc Garneau has an active and supportive School Council that meets on a monthly basis. If you would like to participate in our meetings, which are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., please call the school for more information.



The Marc Garneau community is informed of important school related events and programming through our school web site and newsletter.

## 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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