

Victoria Park Collegiate Institute

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GRADE RANGE: 9 to 12

Interesting Feature

International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate Program provides highly motivated, academic senior students with an opportunity to earn the International Baccalaureate Diploma, which is recognized by universities throughout the world. The Pre-International Baccalaureate Program for Grades 9 and 10 is an enrichment program in English, Mathematics, Science, French, Canadian and World Studies and Technology that prepares students for higher education anywhere in the world.

Perge et Perage: These Latin words tell us to take action and pursue our goals with enthusiasm.

Victoria Park Collegiate Institute is located in a quiet residential area, close to the intersection of Victoria Park Avenue and York Mills Road. Victoria Park is truly a community school; our supportive and dynamic staff provides students with a wide range of academic and co-curricular opportunities.

The school offers a diverse range of programs in mathematics, science and technology, the arts, languages, the humanities, social sciences and business education. Finally, our well-equipped information centre allows students to learn with our teacher-librarians in a modern setting. Victoria Park gives teens an edge in achieving the necessary skills and knowledge for a well-rounded education.

Biotechnology

Victoria Park offers students a Biotechnology programme that gives them the opportunity to investigate biotechnology developments, theories and career applications with an emphasis on laboratory work.

Students use an interdisciplinary approach to understanding how the biotechnology industry operates and how companies research and develop a product from concept to market. Students develop essential skills required in the workplace and are prepared to contribute to industry from pharmaceuticals to agriculture.





Co-operative Education

The Co-operative Education and school-to work programmes link the school and our students to industrial, medical, commercial and business communities. This also includes our OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programme) in which students acquire both apprenticeship hours and high school credits at the same time.



Computer Technology

Computer technology programs, mobile labs and SmartBoards are used in a wide range of subject areas. We are also participating in a pilot project this year where Gr. 9 Applied students are using Ipods on a daily basis to improve literacy. We also use Read and Write Gold, a computer program which offers students support with their reading and writing.



Special Education

A variety of special education programmes and services are offered to meet the needs of all students, including students with exceptionalities, such as behavioural and communication disabilities. Students are placed in either self-contained classes or in integrated classes. We also offer a strong co-op programme to students with exceptionalities.



Literacy

There are several new and continuing programs to support literacy at Victoria Park including Literacy Leaders, daily sustained silent reading; White Pine Book Club; new high interest books; new computers; and writing workshops with guest authors. We also offer an English Literacy skills course to help students strengthen their literacy skills.



Additional Features

- Peer Tutoring
- Nutrition program
- Industry partnerships
- Caring and Safe Schools
- Motivational speakers
- Organic Farming
- Change Your Future program
- Silver Eco-school



Student Life - Where You Belong

Our school offers a very enriching environment for our students. We have over 60 clubs to choose from as well as a variety of sports teams. Victoria Park also has an extensive Peer Tutoring programme. Students have performed at the Sears Drama Festival, the Improv Festival and perform a fabulous musical bi-annually. As well, we are an Ecoschool, earning silver last year and aiming for gold this year. Our co-curricular activities enable students to develop leadership skills and participate in the arts, athletics and student government. Our students have excelled in provincial and national competitions winning awards in Drama, Science and Math competitions, and Business competitions.



What Sets Us Apart

Victoria Park C.I. is a school with a rich history and a strong sense of purpose and community. Our graduates have excelled in a variety of disciplines including the Arts, Engineering and Business, Sports, and the Humanities but, more importantly, have gone on to be strong members of their communities. We provide a safe and nurturing learning environment that not only emphasizes academic excellence but also focuses on the student as a whole. Students have the opportunity to explore their learning styles, develop their leadership skills, and participate in a wide variety of sports and arts. Our students receive regular monitoring and mentorship from senior students and staff. We have an exceptional graduation rate and many of our graduates have been accepted into Ivy league universities.





Parent and Community Engagement

We have an active School Council with regular meetings. Our School Council has sponsored workshops on various topics of interest to parents, including anti-bullying, "Communicating with your Teens", "Facebook for Parents", and "Dealing with Teen/Parent Conflict". Our community links include: Centennial College, CITI MOTIVE POWER, Change Your Future, OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program) with placements leading to careers as carpenter and electrician, partnerships with police and student Crimestoppers, Unity, SAL (Supervised Alternative Learning and Co-op. Our students also participate in Trinity Theatre, Boys2Men and Girls about Girls.



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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