

Jarvis Collegiate Institute

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GRADE RANGE: 9 to 12

Interesting Feature

200 Year Tradition of Excellence

At Jarvis, we celebrate over 200 years of the pursuit of excellence in academic and extra-curricular endeavours. We offer strong academic programs in Social Sciences, Math, Science, and English. Students augment their core studies with Business, Physical Education and the Arts. Newcomers & International students are nurtured in our ESL department with intensive language instruction and abundant leadership opportunities. Our Moderns Department, offering a French, Latin, Spanish & Mandarin program, support students' development as global citizens.

Nil decet invita Minerva.
Nothing is proper without Minerva's approval.

Welcome to the *first* public high school in Toronto, founded in 1807, playing an important role in Ontario's history. We are a vibrant and diverse multi-cultural community. Here, you will make friends from over 80 countries of origin, all integrated into one unified community. At Jarvis, diversity is our strength!

Situated in the heart of the city at Jarvis and Wellesley, the school is surrounded by a lively and colourful community rich with opportunity. Students will find our school easily accessible by bus and subway, and the reasons to stay for extra-curricular activities after school are plentiful. Come visit for a day and you will see why so many of our alumni stay connected for life.

Mathematics and the Sciences

With access to a wide range of courses, our students meet high academic standards in the areas of Mathematics and the Sciences and also successfully compete in national and international contests. Our Grade 12 math team placed second in Canada at the University of Waterloo Euclid Mathematics Contest, and consistently places in the top 20 schools. Students also participate in the American Invitational Math Exam, the American Math Competition and the Canadian Mathematics Olympiad. Our students achieve high scores on the Avogadro Chemistry Exam, the Chem 13 Exam and the University of Toronto Biology Competition.





English and Moderns

Jarvis students flourish with the rich offering of English courses that build a solid foundation of literacy skills as well as provide exposure to world literature. Writer's Craft and Media studies are also offered. The Moderns Department offers an impressive line-up of international languages including French, Spanish, Latin and Mandarin.



Social Sciences

Further promoting the development of global citizenship, the Social Sciences Department offers courses including: The History of Civilization, Canadian History, World Religions, International Law, Travel & Tourism, and World Geography. Numerous trips enhance these subjects, including visits to law courts, the stock market and even far away destinations like Europe.



Business Program - Certificate of Endorsement

A wide spectrum of Business courses are offered including Information Technology, Entrepreneurship, Financial Accounting and Co-op. Upon graduation, students who complete four or more business courses will receive a Certificate of Endorsement in Business Studies, demonstrating to prospective employers that a student has special interest, aptitude and training in this field.



Arts Education at Jarvis

Strong programming in Band, Strings, and Vocal Music is augmented by performances at Roy Thompson Hall, local community centres, and live recordings on CBC Radio 2. Students in music participate in Opera Atelier and trips. Drama students write and stage original productions, and win at the Sears Festival. Visual Arts Students contribute art to juried art competitions.



Additional Features

- Non-Semestered
- Enriched English & Math
- Gr. 9 Leadership Retreat
- Valued Community Partnerships
- Prep. for University, College, Work
- Strong Co-op Program
- Skilled Guidance Department
- Free After-school Tutoring



Student Life - Where You Belong

During high school extra-curriculars provide enriching opportunities for students to learn new skills, meet friends, pursue interests and help to balance the demands of academics. Involvement in extra-curriculars often provide the most enjoyable memories of the secondary school experience.

Athletics: Jarvis has an outstanding extra-curricular program offering opportunities for both competitive and recreational sports during lunch and after school. Besides many teams, we offer a variety of clubs such as Table Tennis, Cricket, Girls Only Swim Club, and numerous intramural sports, like archery, badminton, ultimate frisbee, and cross-country running. Jarvis has both strong Girls' and Boys' Athletic Associations that manage the intramural events. All students are welcome to participate.

Clubs: Over 40 social clubs meet for a range of activities including art, business, science, computers, stage crew, Multicultural Club, debating, chess, the environmental club, Ujaama, Girls Empowerment Movement, Yearbook Committee, Student Council, MSA and Stage Crew - to name but a few.



What Sets Us Apart

Social Activism at Jarvis: We pride ourselves on being a school where students from diverse backgrounds can feel at home. Diversity enriches each student's learning experience and offers unique opportunities for personal growth. Jarvis students are global citizens with a strong sense of character & social responsibility. Our students believe in helping each other and our 60 students train as Peer Leaders, running homework tutorials and charitable events, such as Me to We - raising funds for clean water, and a Vow of Silence - bringing to light issues such as violence against women. We train students in conflict resolution. Jarvis also has a strong QSA group that participates in an annual Unity Conference. We are dedicated to inclusivity and actively promote tolerance and respect for all through our annual Anti-homophobia Assembly, Black History Month, Asian Heritage Month and Bullying Awareness Week. Students foster a safe and welcoming community with the Empowered Student Partnership and host a Police-Student Basketball Game & Pancake Breakfast.



