COLLÈGE SAINT-CHARLES-GARNIER

FRENCH HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

INFORMATION BOOKLET

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Host families

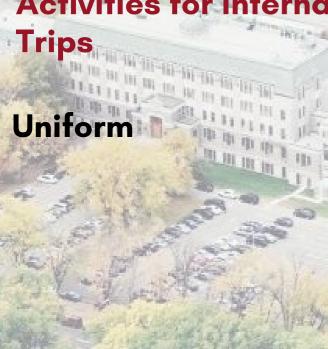
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WHY CHOSING COLLÈGE SAINT-CHARLES-GARNIER

- More than **50 year** offering international programs to teenagers.
- A **specific team** dedicated to the international students in place and available **24/7**.
- **Committed teachers** who cultivate the pleasure of learning around **innovative projects**.
- **Personalized** services and an exceptional **support and follow-up**.
- A **real immersion** program (15-20 international students over 860 regular students).
- We chose and manage our own host families
- A living environment historic and modern.
- **11 profiles** during school schedule, letting students develop their passions
- A rich **student life** (+80 extracurricular activities)
- Great location (10 min from Downtown and 10 min from the malls).
- Québec city is a safe and easy to move around city.



"TRUTH IS MY SHIELD"

OUR STUDENTS ARE:

Autonomous Cultivated Persevering Curious Responsible Critical thinkers Committed Respectful Able to make decisions Open to differences Confident Positive

ARE ALL ABOUT

Founded in 1635, Collège Saint-Charles-Garnier is a **private high school** with an average of **860** local students and 15 to 20 international students per semester.

Our French High School program offers a French immersion in the school and with our **host families** in an inclusive and welcoming environment.

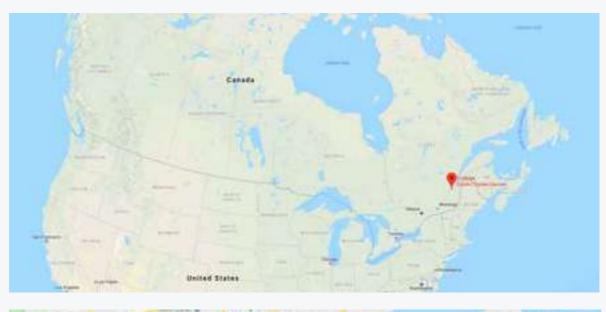
No need to be bilingual, student only need to start with a level A2 of French.

In the **heart of the city**, this magnificent stone building enjoys an immense land. There is an easy access to downtown, and shopping centers.





WHERE IT ALL HAPPENS





We are located on one of the most important avenues in the City

- From the school to dowtown: 3.8km
- From the school to the shopping centers: 3.5km

QUEBEC CITY

- Recognized by UNESCO
- Renowned for being a safe, friendly and pittoresque city
- Capital of the province of Quebec
- Population : 600 000
- 100% French environment
- Weather in winter is between -10 to -30 degrees and between 20 to 35 degrees in the summer.
- 275 km from Montreal, 800 km from Toronto and 875 km from New York
- Château Frontenac
- Old Quebec
- Plains of Abraham
- Museums, historical and cultural sites
- 3 ski resorts such as Stoneham and Le Relais
- Montmorency Falls and a lot of outdoor facilities nearby (kayak, hiking, rafting, treetop trekking, etc.)
- Ice Hotel, Winter Carnaval, snow tubing slide park and Summer Music Festival (FEQ)
- Frequent and reliable bus service
- Direct bus lines between the school and downtown (frequency every 10-15 minutes)
- Student monthly pass (+/- \$65.00)



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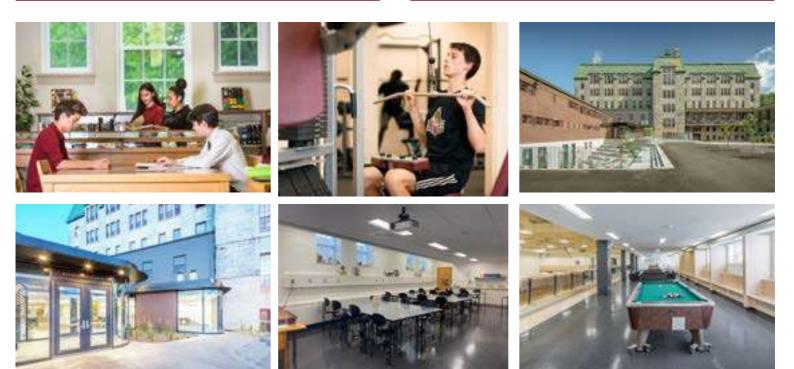


FACILITIES



- 2 indoor gymnasiums
- 1 Training room (gym)
- A large sports area with 2 soccer fields, a football field and a 100 meter runway
- 5 well equipped science laboratories, including 1 robotics laboratory
- 2 Plastic Arts rooms

- 1 classroom designed for dance and interpretation classes
- 1 classroom specialized for music (and 7 other classrooms for practice)
- 1 library
- 1 cafeteria with affordable prices
- 1 auditorium





FACILITIES









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SUPPORTING STUDENTS SUCCESS AND WELLBEING

HOST FAMILIES





The houses are easily accessible by bus, bike or by foot from the school. The families live in safe neighborhoods.



The life in a French speaking host family offers a real immersion experience, because the French environment goes further than just in the school. The families keep in touch with the school in order to discuss the students development.

We select and manage our host families directly.

We have a group of **experienced host families** that have been part of the program for several semesters.

We have a **various range of profiles**: families with young children or teenagers, young couples, retired couples, single parent families, etc.

Despite the different profiles and compositions of our host families, all of them embody **the values of our program and respect our policies.**

The role of the families is to support all the aspects of the **students' life in Quebec** (the language, needs/health, the city, the weather, social practices, among others). **Students are members of the family**.

We place 1 or 2 international students per family.

HOST FAMILIES HOW DO WE CHOSEN THROUGH A DETAILED PROCESS :

NEW FAMILIES ARE CHOSEN THROUGH A DETAILED PROCE DOCUMENTATION, VERIFICATION, VISITS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- Criminal records and recommendations are always verified
- We match the personal information of the student with the family's profile
- We personally analyse the profiles and match the student (we do not work with an agency)
- You receive the information of your new family prior to your arrival to Quebec
- The host families' coordinator does a regular follow-up with host parents and student.



Meals ans snacks are provided by the host family.

- Breakfast is taken at home with the family.
- Students bring lunch to the school
- Diner is taken at home with the host family.

Families will take into consideration allergies, and special diets like glutenfree, lactose, etc.



STAFF DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Experienced **counselor** for all the matters concerning the international students: in charge of school performance, attendance, behavior, adaption, personal development and communication with parents or agents.

French teacher with sound experience in teaching French as second language to young international students.

Host family coordinator

A team of trilingual employees that support and guide the activities of the students.



Fanny Raymond Director of the international programs



Maria Morales Marketing and coordination of summer French immersion programs



Michaël Gauthier Coordinator and teacher of the international students



Maude-Émilie Têtu Coordination of the languages courses, short term and summer French immersion programs



Maxime Dessureault Coordination of the short term and summer French immersion programs



Martine Watine Coordinator of the host families



I**sabelle Badie** Coordination of the "English in Victoria" program

SUPPORTING Students success And wellbeing

Collège Saint-Charles-Garnier has always made it a priority to provide a healthy, inclusive and welcoming environment. Our entire team of teaching and support staff work together to help students navigate the challenges of adolescence, guide their personal experiences and support their learning.



STAFF

Dedicated **class tutor**: students benefit from the guidance that comes from every class group having its own teacher. As a direct **point of contact** between parents and the College, the tutor keeps **communication** flowing smoothly with a personal touch. Our team of professional support staff includes a school **social worker, guidance counselor and special education technicians**, all dedicated to fostering student **wellbeing and success**. Four **supervisor educators** are available and attentive to the needs of the students. They ensure a **quality presence** throughout the day. They provide **front-line services** to meet the daily needs of the student (first aid, locker problems, elevator key loans, sports equipment loans, lost items, general information, etc.).

PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH

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Collège Saint-Charles-Garnier offers to its students a study program focused on:

- the development of intellectual abilities, knowledge and judgment;
- training in ethical discernment and openness to various beliefs;
- the development of a sense of overcoming and the pursuit of excellence;
- openness to the world.

The College aims to pursue specific objectives in educational activities on five levels:

NTELLECTUAL

MORALLY AND Socially

> PHYSICALLY AND Psychologically

	7TH & 8TH GRADE	9TH GRADE	10TH GRADE
COMMON CORE	 French (oral and written) - FSL Mathematics Sciencies and technology Ethics and culture History Geography Physical Education 	 French (oral and written) - FSL Mathematics History Science and technology Physical Education Spanish 	 French (oral and written) - FSL Mathematics Ethics and culture History Science and technology Physical Education Spanish Learning méthodologie
ENGLISH	Intensive English or advanced English + journalisme	Intensive English or advanced English	
ARTS	One option must be selected : dramatic art, plastic arts or music		
PROFILE	Students must select one of 11 profiles. See next page for more details.		
	11TH GRADE		
COMMON CORE	 French (oral and written) - FSL Mathematics Enlgish (advanced; intensive as an option*) Global Issues Financial Education Ethics and culture Physical Education 		
OPTIONS*	Three options must be selected among:Intensive English - ChemistryJournalism• Spanish • Multi-Sport• Physics • Geography• History• Art and culture		
ARTS	One option must be selected : dramatic art, plastic arts or music		

MORE DETAILS

Profile, arts, English and options: subject to availability at the time of registration. The selection of a profile is mandatory (7th to 10th grade). An extra cost will apply to the tuition fees depending on the profile. **All the main core and optional subjects are mandatory and recognized abroad for the validation of studies.**

11 PROFILES FOR GRADE 7 TO GRADE 10

SCIENTIFIC PROFILES 1) SCIENCE OR 2) ROBOTICS

These two profiles will please those who like to discover about the universe surrounding them, those who wish to understand everything. 1) \$100* 2) \$225*

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WORLD AND CULTURE PROFILE

This profile gives more opportunities for those who are open about the world to discover new cultures and enrich their view of the world.

\$80*

ARTISTIC PROFILES 1) VISUAL ARTS - 2) MUSIC - 3) THEATRE - 4) DANCE

Burn the dancefloor, expose your creations and become an accomplished artist! These profiles offer a dynamic and creative way of learning and developping self confidence, concentration, perseverance and imagination.

1) \$80* 2) \$100* 3) \$100* 4) \$590*

ATHLETIC PROFILES 1) BASKETBALL - 2) GOLF - 3) SOCCER - 4) Multisports

Improve your athletic and tactical skills et live to the rythm of sports thanks to our various athletic profiles.

1) \$375* 2) \$2,600* 3) \$450* 4) 225*

Profiles are mandatory; fees are additional to the tuition fees; *estimated rates.

Intensive English Program

KEEP YOUR ENGLISH GOING!

As your French keeps improving, you can also improve your English by participating in our Intensive English program. It allows our students to reach the objectives of English Language Acquisition (ELA). Supervised by a team of highly qualified teachers, the students will have :

- 175 additional hours of English classes
- 1 full day of activities in English per cycle of 10 days
- 1 language assistant from England is available
- Possibility of improving their English during a trip to England
- Possibility to participate in the programming of activities of the International Exhibition

The program is compatible with all the profiles offered!

Your French immersion will not be compromised if you participate in the Intensive English program!

The program is available for all students!

All the common-core classes are still given in French. There will just be more English classes and activities!

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

More tahn 80 extracurricular activities offered The variety of activities changes from year to year Activities offered by semester Schedule of activities: at lunch time or after school All the activities are taught in the College facilities Registration and payment during the school year

Costs vary from \$0.00 to \$500

STUDENTS COMMITTEES

Parties Intercultural week Class presidents Official photographs of the school Environment Scenography Amnesty International Students coffee: l'Estaminet Student journal Garnier Spectacle Arts week Yearbook 11th grade Bal (graduation) Fashion show



LINGUISTIC

International club Creative writing workshop Writing contest Creative writing Italian, Spanish, German Chinese, Japonese, Rusian, Arab and Portuguese Sign Language



VOLUNTEER WORK

Hospitals Food bank and low income help associations School crossing guards

A RICH AND EXCITING STUDENT LIFE !

SPORTS

Athletics Badminton Hockey "cosom" Basketball **Cross-country** Football Rudby Soccer Futsal Cheerleading Ultimate frisbee Volleyball Fencing Outdoor activities Aikido Yoga Gym/Workout room

BE PART OF THE "EXPRESS"! OUR SCHOOL TEAM





Sports facilities

2 indoor gymnasiumsTraining room (gym)Professional Running track2 soccer fields1 football field

Indoor gymnasiums are open for personal training from Monday to Thursday from 7:15am to 8:15am





ARTS

Theater Musical comedy "Improvisation" Dancing Drawing Cinema Singing and choir Guitar and piano Singing group Harmony Music groups Magic Drumline

WORKSHOPS Photo Robotics Young Democrats Young Entrepreneurs Theater Reading Initiation to stage technique

SCIENCE

Canadian Chemistry Contest Various mathematics contests Science Challenges Creative engineering challenge Science expo ïle aux Basques internship

SOCIOCULTURAL

School radio Role playing game club **Board** games Budding geniuses Chess

ACTIVITIES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ACTIVITIES, OUTINGS AND TRIPS WILL BE ORGANIZED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY (1 PER MONTH).

DISCOVER SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS, HAVE FUN, GET TO KNOW QUÉBEC'S SURROUNDINGS AND OTHER CITIES!

EXEMPLE OF ACTIVITIES

ICE HOTEL RAFTING TREETOP TREKKING HIKING SNOWSHOEING CIRCUS SCHOOL ESCAPE GAME SUGARSHACK













EXEMPLE OF TRIPS

MONTREAL OTTAWA NIAGARA TORONTO









The international students can also participate in the trips that the Collège organizes each year. Whether it is to discover a new culture or society, to do sports or for humanitarian aid, they are a great opportunity to enrich even more their cultural knowledge.

Cost from \$450 to \$4,000

Some places we have visited in the past: North America: Cities like Toronto and Niagara, Washington, Chicago, New York, Boston, etc.

Europe: Italy, Spain, Germany, Portugal, Czech Republic, Austria, England, Greece.

Other destinations: Costa Rica, Peru, Nicaragua, Senegal.

Once per year, the Coordinator of the international students organizes a trip for them. Some places we have visited in the past: Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Niagara Falls. Cost from \$ 450 to \$ 950

UNIFORM

International students, such as regular students of the College, must wear the uniform (also known as "**The Collection**") and comply with the rules established in this regard. Students have the liberty to mix and match items from the collection.

UNIFORM POLICY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Considering that their stay is for a short period, some exceptions are allowed for international students.

Top of the uniform

- Polos and shirts (white or black) that are not in the collection can be worn only when wearing the sweater from the collection. These shirts or polos should resemble those of the collection (cut, without any type of print, extra pockets, folds, etc.). T-shirts are not allowed.
- Short sleeve or long sleeves (white or black) will be allowed to be worn underneath the garments in the collection.).
- All other items must be from the collection

Bottom part of the uniform

- Beige pants and skirts: from the school collection only.
- Black pants that are not in the collection can be worn, but they must be straight and without any branded logos or extra folds. They should resemble as much as possible to the pants of the collection. Black jeans are not allowed.

Shoes

- Tennis can only be used in Physical Education class.
- No sandals or boots or ankle boots allowed.
- The students can not wear shoes with a heel of 4.5 cm or more. The shoes must be black, leather or suede, with a black or gray sole not exceeding 2 cm (same for the heels). They must not be damaged and must release the ankle completely. If it is a lace-up shoe, these should be black and tied.









CREATE YOUR OWN STYLE WITH THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS OF "THE COLLECTION"

Physical education uniform

Students will get shorts and a t-shirts for the sport class. These garments must be used exclusively during the sports class. There are changing rooms available for students.

Winter clothes

It is not possible to wear jackets or sweaters (that don't belong to the collection) in the College. Students arrive to school, leave the jacket, sweater and snow boots in the locker and enter classes with the uniform only.

If you do not have winter clothes, we advise to buy them here in Quebec, especially if they will spend a full year with us (it is advisable to have an appropriate winter jacket and boots). For both the staff and the host family it will be a pleasure to guide them and accompany them to buy their winter clothes.









UNIFORM PRICES

Prices showed are an average price. Complete information will be provided once registered to our program.

Polo	\$35
White shirt	\$45
Skirt	\$65
Pants	\$65
Cardigan/sweater .	\$60
Bermuda shorts	\$55









FAQ'S

School schedule

- Regular classes start at 8:30am and finish at 3:30pm
- Some days international students migh have French class from 3:30pm to 5pm
- Lunch 1hour and 10min

Do I have to be bilingual to participate to the program?

 No, we ask for a A2 level minimum to succeed in the program. Students do a diagnostic test online to see if they have the minimum of French required.

Can I go skiing?

- Yes! there are different ski stations near the city, one of them is only 30 minutes away from the College by car.
- You can go with your host family or friends.
- Transportation is made by the host family, shuttle bus of the ski station or by taxi.

Who will pick me up at the airport?

• Your host family

When will I get the information about my hostfamily?

- Fall semester students : by the end of June
- Winter semester students: by the end of November

How do I get to the school everyday?

 Most of the students get by public bus or walking. Since our host families' houses are well located, students can get easily to the school every day.

What do I do during the weekends and free time?

 Students spend time and do activities with their host family; but they also spend time with their friends as they do at their homeplace.

OTHER POSSIBLE EXPENSES

- All costs are estimated and subject to change.
- The chosen option for extracurricular activities and sports will have a direct impact on their cost. The extracurricular activities function on a semester basis. Sports function according with the sport season.
- Sports and workshops are not related to the "profile" chosen by students from 7th to 10th grade.
- Books are given by the school, as well as the white shirt from the uniform

Extracurricular activity during fall season	
(sport, workshop, club, etc.)	\$250
Extracurricular activity during winter seasor	ı
(sport, workshop, club, etc.)	\$250
Monthly bus pass	\$65
Uniform (3 pieces)	\$185
Fall festival and Winter festival	\$50
Trip (NYC)	\$950
10 activities with International students	\$350
School supplies	\$150
Profiles are mandatory for students	
from 7th to 10th grade*	Starting at 80\$
Study permit (Canadian embassy)*	\$150
CAQ (government of Quebec).*	\$150
Personal expenses (per week)	\$120

USEFUL LINKS











Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada



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