

Inside the Elementary School Classroom





# Elementary School students at St. George's love new challenges—and their teachers strive to help them meet and master each one.

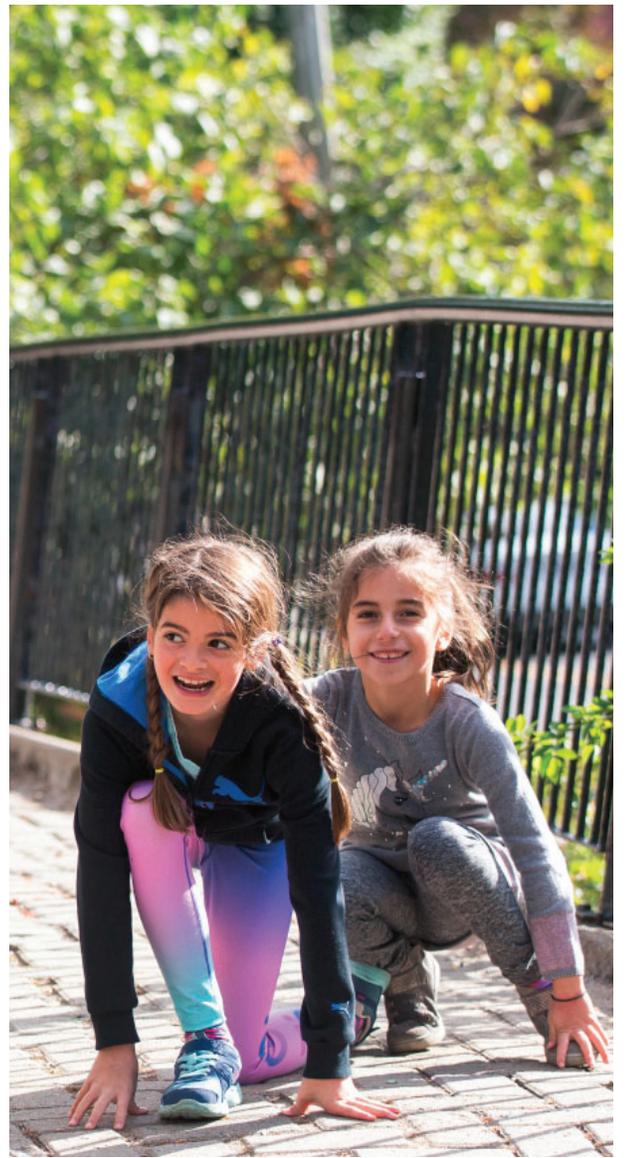
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School is about real learning for authentic living. From Kindergarten to Grade 6, St. George's Elementary School students not only learn the foundational skills needed for academic success, but also how to use their heads, hands, and hearts to make learning—and ideas—matter. Problem-solving, critical thinking, teamwork, and learning to write and speak effectively in English and in French are part of every St. George's student's daily experience.

St. George's classrooms are all about communicating, thinking, and doing; that's how children learn best. Our small class sizes of 12-16 students, and our dedication to responsive teaching, enables us to offer a rich and stimulating experience to every student. Our students learn how to grapple with new concepts and new material by diving in, supported by expert teachers who love their craft as much as they care for their students. St. George's Elementary School education is excellent preparation not just for High School and university, but also for living a life of meaning and purpose in an ever-changing world.

*“Research shows that human beings are born with an innate desire to explore, experiment, and imagine new possibilities – in a word, to innovate.”*

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DR. TONY WAGNER  
Education Expert, Harvard University  
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# LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Our students live and learn in a bilingual environment and spend an equal amount of time immersed in English and French. Due to a strong collaboration between our English and French teachers, our curriculum is aligned across languages: we teach similar reading, writing and book-choice strategies.

## ENGLISH

Our students develop a love of reading and writing English through our research-based literacy programs. Through literary circles, read aloud, animated discussions, debates and creative writing, students learn to read, think and write with confidence and purpose.

Narrative and formal writing are taught beginning with a strong base in grammatical concepts. Students then develop their writing skills through responses to literature, creative writing techniques, and descriptive language practices.

## FRENCH

We create an authentic French language learning atmosphere. We enrich our curriculum with field trips to French environments, and we celebrate francophone culture through author and specialist visits, as well as through school-wide activities. Our writing tasks and our discussions are inspired by the literature read in class or by student projects. Social Sciences, Ethics and Religious Cultures are also taught in French.

## SPANISH

In Grade 6, students are introduced to a year-long exploration of Spanish language and culture. Through the development of a rich vocabulary, students are invited to use their emerging knowledge of the Spanish language to analyze and discuss issues.



# STEAM PROGRAM

Our interdisciplinary STEAM Program integrates Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics in a hands-on, innovative approach.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

We equip students with critical thinking and problem-solving skills to understand the natural world. Through authentic contexts, and hands-on activities, students solve real-world challenges that affect their quality of life and their environment.

## ART

Our students actively engage in the creative process, exploring a wide array of materials, techniques and media while creating their own spectacular works of art. In doing so, students learn to think as artists, developing a spirit of play, discovery, and creation.

## MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is explored through problem-solving with an emphasis on authentic situations. Delving into the roots of mathematical concepts stimulates a greater depth of understanding of how math applies to everyday life.



# INTEGRATED APPROACH

## MUSIC

Students learn music fundamentals, both practical and theoretical. They learn to play in an ensemble with different instruments such as ukulele, trumpet, trombone, flute, clarinet, and saxophone. Students spend time exploring the possibilities of music through various activities: creative movement, singing, instrument playing, composing, listening, conducting, and dancing. Through the music program our students experience different cultures, languages and history.

## DIGITAL LITERACY

The Digital Literacy Program educates students to communicate effectively, gather information efficiently, and become aware of the risks and responsibilities associated with the safe use of technology. Students learn to use technologies to create and communicate information through videography, media production and robotics.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We develop physical literacy in our students by creating an understanding of the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle. The goal of the physical education program is to create opportunities for our students to learn through movement, and challenge themselves to develop lifelong participation in sport and physical activity.





# COMMUNITY LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

We believe that children discover themselves and their role in society as they support each other and their community. Starting in Kindergarten, students participate in community learning and leadership initiatives, which allow them to engage in learning beyond the classroom.

## CORE5 SKILLS

Developing confidence and resilience requires an awareness of one's responses to challenges and the ability to maintain a positive outlook on life. We teach students to become supportive of their peers, confident in accepting their own character traits, and persistent in the face of challenges.

## HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM

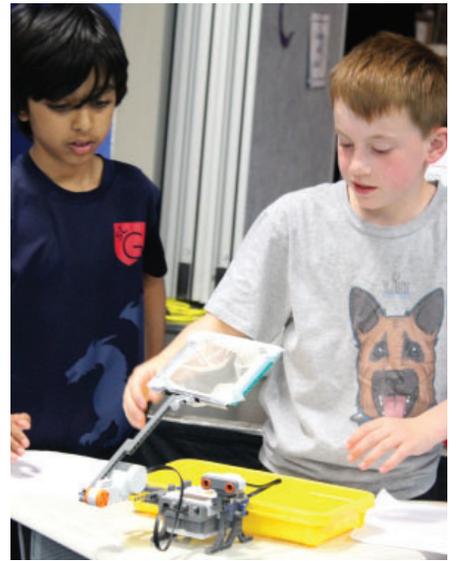
By the time our students reach Grade 6, they are emotionally and socially ready to leave Elementary School. Our Transition Program prepares our Grade 6 students for High School. Our Grade 6 students spend one day per week at the High School where they have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the campus and become accustomed to the daily routine.

*“At St. George’s,  
leadership isn’t a position;  
it’s about positive  
influence and action.”*

----- MICHAEL O’CONNOR -----  
Head of School







# EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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## **LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Student Leadership Team  
Green Team  
World Scholar's Cup

## **MATH, SCIENCE, MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY**

Robotics  
Minecraft Leadership  
Engineering: Design Create Build  
Intro to Coding  
Chess Club  
Industrial Design  
Product Design

## **ARTS**

Art Detectives  
Doll Making  
Bollywood Dancing  
Funky Feet  
Junior Glee and "E Minor"  
Artsparx  
Master Chef  
Photography  
Ukulele Club  
Knitting Club  
Puppet Making  
Club de Cinema

## **SPORTS AND FITNESS**

### ***Athletic Teams***

Interscholastic Soccer  
Interscholastic Basketball  
Interscholastic Flag Football  
Cross Country Running

### ***Recreational Sports***

Soccer Development  
Hockey Development  
Basketball Development  
Yogi Flow  
Flag Football  
Ultimate Frisbee

### ***Intramurals***

Q-Tip Hockey  
Matball



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