



HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC

District School Board

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YOUR HOME, THEIR JOURNEY: BECOME A HOST FAMILY FOR HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DSB INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is proud of the continued success of our International Student Program, which will welcome students for the 2025-2026 academic year. As part of our commitment to fostering a globally minded community, this initiative provides students from around the world with an enriching Canadian educational experience.

Our International Student Program not only enhances cultural diversity within our schools but also offers local students opportunities to engage in meaningful cross-cultural experiences - broadening their perspectives and preparing them for an interconnected world.

International students will attend either St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School in Clinton or St. Michael Catholic Secondary School in Stratford. They will have access to the same enriching education experience and high academic standards all Huron-Perth Catholic DSB students receive while experiencing the warmth and hospitality of the local community.

The Board has seen significant growth in the International Education program and the demand for our area continues to expand rapidly. For September 2025, students from Brazil, Spain and Japan have already been accepted and will be joining our school communities.

We are also receiving new applications from students in these same countries as well as other areas. As a result, we are seeking additional families in Huron and Perth Counties willing to welcome international students into their homes for either one semester or the full school year.

The Board is working in partnership with a home-stay provider: MLI Homestay. Host families are compensated and commit to include the international student in family life and to provide:

- Three nutritious meals per day and snacks
- A private room with a door, a window, a bed and a desk
- A shared bathroom
- Supervised internet access

If you would like to host an international student, please visit mlihomestay.com.

For more information about the International Student Program, please visit huronperthcatholic.ca/programs-and-services/international-student-program/ or contact Chris Grace, Principal of the International Student Program (cgrace@huronperthcatholic.ca).

Together, let us continue building bridges to an enriched educational experience for all.

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