

PROSPECTUS

HITHERFIELD PRIVATE SCHOOL

Within Reach... Beyond Expectations.







TO REACH FOR HIGHER THINGS...

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At Hitherfield School we believe that by fostering integrity, tolerance and acceptance, we empower the student to contribute positively with compassion and respect in the global community.

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FACT SHEET

At Hitherfield we believe that every child is unique, and has his or her own strengths and interests. With individualized programs, particularly in Math and Language, Hitherfield nurtures growth, success and confidence in all students. Developing confidence, decision-making and respect are key components at Hitherfield and daily life at school.



AVERAGE CLASS SIZE OF FOURTEEN



HITHERFIELD **HAWKS**

PRESCHOOL JK-SK



GRADES











CLASSROOMS MAC LAB

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GYM

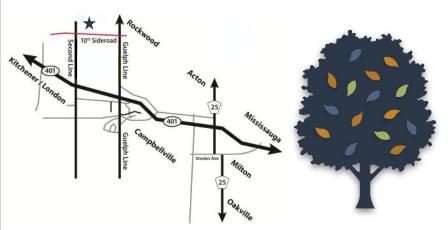
BUSSING AVAILABLE



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2439 10th Sideroad Campbellville, Ontario





Hitherfield Private School is located in a rural setting, just west of the GTA. When pulling into the driveway you will not fail to be impressed by the location of the school sitting high on the hill. At the pond all children delight in learning about natural environments, and our open fields offer ample space for play, orienteering, cross-country skiing and running, walks and art activities.

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Our aim is to prepare all students for high school and for life.



WHY HITHERFIELD

Hitherfield students enjoy coming to school!

Hitherfield fosters high expectations of students, that are tempered by dedicated teachers and the individual support and guidance they provide. Through school trips, workshops and discovery activities in the fields or at the pond, students learn and come to respect the world around them. At Hitherfield traditional values go hand in hand with nurturing critical thinking, creativity and discovery. In addition to this, respect in all of its many connotations is very important at Hitherfield.

Hitherfield students have access to an environment that encourages a love for the outdoors. The school has an on-site pond, approximately 110' across that gives students a chance to learn about the relationships and dependencies of ecosystems. Hitherfield is not only known for academic performance, but takes pride in local humanitarian initiatives as well. By participating in events such as the Terry Fox Run, Food Drives, and Rummage Sales, students learn to understand and empathize with others less fortunate than themselves.









LOWER SCHOOL

ACADEMICS

- Weekly individualized math and spelling quizzes
- 2 periods of introductory core French.
- Exceptional physical education programming
- Music and drama, including yearly plays and concerts
- Raz Kids membership
- Reading buddies to improve auditory and oral reading skills

HOME FORMS

- Small classes with an average size of 12 students
- Rotary schedule with teachers who specialize in taught subject matter
- Teachers are committed to nurturing a true love of learning in every child

STEM LEARNING

STEM based curriculum:

- Allows students to develop a passion for learning
- Bridges the gap between traditional values and modern technological trends

TECHNOLOGY

• Students use our Mac Lab to increase technological fluency and use learning platforms, such as Raz Kids to be exposed to new information and improve literacy

CO- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Sports tournaments (SSAF)
- Piano lessons
- Spelling bee
- School clubs
- Swimming lessons
- After-school programs
- Winter crafts

ETHICS

 Students learn key concepts of respect, empathy, cooperation, responsibility, honesty and equality through day to day lessons and interaction

LEADERSHIP & RESPONSIBILITY

Hitherfield students have great opportunity to be exposed to and gain leadership experience. At school we instill the necessary values in students that will allow them to be effective and eager leaders. Through various positions, such as running for House Captain, being a Club Leader or becoming a Bus Monitor, Hitherfield offers endless opportunities for students to build confidence in their leadership roles and abilities.









UPPER SCHOOL

ACADEMICS

- Weekly individualized spelling and math quizzes
- Exams twice yearly
- Daily core French.
- Intermediate Raz Kids membership
- Exceptional physical education programming
- Performance arts (Plays and Concerts)
- Weekly music/drama

HOME FORMS

- Small classes with an average size of 12-14 students
- Rotary schedule with teachers who specialize in taught subject matter

LEADERSHIP & MENTORING

- House Captains and Club Leaders mentor students of the Lower School
- Students are able and encouraged to present special interest topics during assemblies
- Reading Buddy Opportunities
- Bus Monitor

TECHNOLOGY

- Laptops are introduced in grade 4 integrating technology into the classroom as well as reducing student's environmental impact
- Students use our Mac Lab to increase technological fluency through scratch programming, office softwares, and Intermediate Raz-Kids

CO- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Sports tournaments (SSAF)
- Piano lessons
- Spelling bee
- School clubs
- Rock climbing lessons
- After-school programs
- Winter crafts

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- Opportunities for community and student environmental leadership learning
- Annually alternating field trips/ outdoor studies within North America



ARTS & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We believe that "the ARTS" are essential for childhood development.

MUSIC



Lower school students play recorders, learn music notation and sing.

Upper school students continue with the recorder or may select an instrument of choice.

Private piano lessons are also available as an extra- curricular activity.

Students are able to audition for the Hitherfield Choir and present their talents at local venues.

ARTS

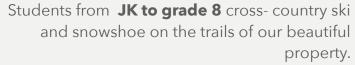
Students JK TO GRADE 8

present "May Plays," over the course of four nights. Production performances help students gain confidence in public speaking and teach about effort, cooperation, and commitment.

All students engage in an annual school-wide production as part of our dramatic arts program. This play incorporates all students, with the eldest having the most demanding roles and the younger children having carefully choreographed routines with lines.

Additionally, each class from Grade 1 to Grade 8 presents their own play.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



They are challenged by sports tournaments through the SSAF and throughout the year follow our Hitherfield Physical Education program.



JK TO GRADE 3

Students take part in swimming lessons through Making Waves in Milton.

GRADE 4 TO 8

As a part of gym curriculum, students engage in rock climbing weekly.

BUS SERVICE

We bring Hitherfield to you through our bussing service. Our bus stops at key points in Milton, and surrounding areas. Each year, we do our best to accommodate as many students as possible. Please contact the office for information on our current bus route.

TOURS

A trip to Hitherfield is the best way to experience what the school has to offer. We promote challenging and insightful educational programs, as well as outstanding extracurricular activities. Visit Hitherfield during the school day to get a true sense of our culture, philosophy, and approach to learning.

We have Open Houses every Wednesday from 9:30a.m. -10:30a.m. Meet with our Vice-Principal, tour our classrooms, computer lab, gymnasium and expansive grounds to get a sense of what Hitherfield is truly about!

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

We encourage you to visit the school, meet the teachers and speak with the students as you consider our school for your child. We accept students from 2.5 years to grade 8 throughout the year, providing space is available.

Admittance Procedure

- After a personal tour of Hitherfield School, parents will have an opportunity to explore the facilities, speak with teachers and have their questions answered.
- Potential students are then invited to spend a "trial day" at Hitherfield (½ day for JK/SK children), so that they can experience for themselves the learning environment, teacher interaction and the children they will be with. At this time, teachers will ascertain the general readiness and interests of the child, and will share these observations with you. This "trial day" also enables you, as a parent, to get feedback from your child. We want you, as well as your child, to be happy!
- Upon admittance, an academic assessment will be scheduled for each child entering Grades 2-8. The cost for this is \$200.00 and takes ½ day of testing.
- A "Confidential Teacher's Observation Form," from your child's current teacher needs to be completed and submitted, along with the following forms and deposit:
 - 1) A completed "Application for Admission to Hitherfield Form"
 - 2) A "Parent Information Form"
 - 3) A "Student Information Form"
 - 4) A deposit of \$1500.00 (which is part of the annual fees)

After several frustrating years with the public school system, and a long search for the **perfect private school**, we enrolled our daughter at Hitherfield and have never regretted our decision. She needed to be challenged and given work that would allow her to learn, grow and not be mired in boredom. We've been thrilled with the scholastic challenge she has received, but **she has gotten so much more from the Hitherfield experience than we expected.** The Hitherfield environment allows *all* of the kids to know, support, and help each other, regardless of age or grade. Interacting with, and helping the younger students has given our daughter an invaluable education in understanding others. These aspects of Hitherfield, along with the Upper School trips and major projects, has provided our daughter with an amazing scholastic journey.

~Allyson & Mike Marcolini

We have two children in Hitherfield. We had transferred to Hitherfield as we were concerned our children were not developing the basic skills in reading, writing and math. We worried about the transition, but it has turned out to be the **best move we made for them**. Hitherfield has provided a safe learning environment. Both children have **grown and flourished**. The curriculum provides opportunities for both **individual and team learning** experiences. The small class sizes allow the teachers to get to know their students, thereby allowing them to adjust the course materials to meet the needs of each individual student. Technology is used at all grade levels to enhance the learning experience. The end of year play has been a highlight for our children and us. Overall, Hitherfield provides a quality education that prepares students for the future.

~Katherine and Shane DiTommaso

