# **ACADEMIA STELLA MARIS**

Academia **Stella Maris** 

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"Academia Stella Maris offers an environment where the Holy Spirit is invited and where the beauty of the Liturgy and the Eucharist is presented. It is a place where the children can identify their God-given gifts and where we instil in our students the truth that they can change the world with God by their side."



STÉPHANIE MONTOJO ACADEMIA STELLA MARIS PRINCIPAL & FOUNDER

With the help of her husband John, Stephanie founded ASM in 2016. She has been in the field of education since 2004 and is a member of the Ontario College of Teachers. She has obtained three bachelors from the University of Ottawa: Lettres Françaises, Psychology and Education

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#### **OUR MISSION**

ASM aims to support each student along their path to academic and personal success through the development of their intellect and God-given gifts while promoting virtue and strong character.

#### **OUR SCHOOL**

We deliver a rich bilingual curriculum infused with the beauty of our Catholic faith. ASM is a think-outside-the-box Catholic school pulling away from the influence of the industrial revolution on education. Our students are not categorized by age and grade but predominantly by their personal academic level. This helps our students not to fall behind and gives the gifted the chance to be challenged. We recognize parents as the primary educators of their children and support them in their children's academic and spiritual formation.

# **ASM'S STORY**

ASM was founded in 2016 in the parish halls of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Metcalfe and Paroisse Sacré Coeur in

2017

Bourget.

#### 2016/2017

Offering one hybrid program (1 day/week) in the basement of Saint Catherine of Siena (Metcalfe) and in the parish hall of Paroisse Sacré Coeur (Bourget)

#### 2017/2018

Offering one hybrid program (1 day/week) in the basement of Saint Catherine of Siena (Metcalfe) and in the parish hall of Paroisse Ste.

Euphémie (Casselman)

#### 2018

ASM received Archbishop Prendergast's Episcopal Blessing

#### 2018/2019

Offering a full-time program and 2 hybrid programs in our current location in Limoges

#### 2019/2020

Full-time program and 3 hybrid programs

#### 2023-now

gr.K-12 programs and now offering the OSSD to our high school graduates

#### 2020 - 2023

Full-time program and 5 hybrid programs gr.K-11



# **Our Future**

Where to next, Lord?



# WHAT MAKES ASM DIFFERENT?

Academia Stella Maris is the only school in the Ottawa Valley offering a unique blend of **both hybrid and full-time**Catholic bilingual programs.

# **UNIQUE APPROACH**

Academia Stella Maris' wish is to steer away from the effect of the industrial revolution on education. We believe that education should not be a one-size-fits-all experience but a personalized journey. We are trying to break the mould of education with our different programs, using a blend of teaching methods (classical, experiential, independent studies), and customizing curriculums to fit the students.

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We also recognize that children are collaborative beings. Collaboration is a big part of our education, nurturing learning, self-discovery, awareness of one's own potential, talents, compassion and creativity.

We offer circumstances, "a soil", where the children can cultivate their talents and recognize the diversity of gifts in the school community. This is done while transmitting a love of learning and understanding, which we believe will propel them forward in their studies.

Children are invited in a Catholic and loving environment to understand the world through the people around them and to become independent thinkers and knowledge-seekers.





## **FAITH-CENTERED**

"Catholic education aims not only to communicate facts, but also to transmit a coherent, comprehensive vision of life"

- Saint John Paul II

#### WEEKLY MASS/ RECONCILIATION

SENIOR RETREATS

#### **FAITH-INFUSED CURRICULUM**

SAINT OF THE MONTH

**DAILY CHAPEL** 

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

#### STRONG PRIEST PRESENCE

FOLLOWING THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

# **TESTIMONIES**



At ASM I found something I had never seen in a school before. ASM is so focused on identity in Christ – I could not ignore it, I just wanted to be part of it. As a teacher, I feel empowered through my teaching and my relationship with the students, to challenge them to wholeheartedly be who the Lord has created them to be. For my own personal life, what greater and more humbling gift than to help journey with students, most especially young men, on their path to becoming Christ-centered men.

**Yohan Louise (Teacher)** 

ASM has truly become an extension of our home, an extended family, a real community of Catholic families that share the same faith and values and which we feel safe and blessed entrusting our kids to. It has permitted us to be actively involved in the education of our children, in a family-like environment where our children feel very loved and comfortable learning and growing at their own pace: those who had more difficulties have leveled up and our fast learners are always challenged!

**Alvarez family** 

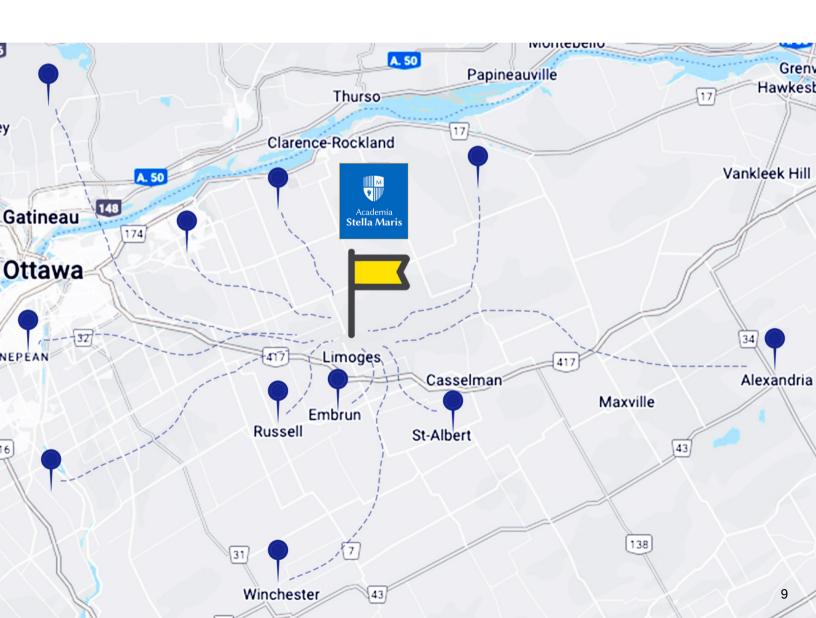


We always felt that there must be something more we can provide for our kids other than what the local public school was providing. It seemed like the time spent everyday there could be used better. As parents, we are the initial stewards of our kids' time especially at a young age. When we were presented with what ASM had to offer, we jumped at the chance to provide that early and rich foundation of education and virtues for our kids. The icing on the cake was the mission-oriented teachers and a school community of families that value the same ideas and virtues as we do.

**Detillieux (pioneer family)** 

This year some families travel up to 70 km to have access to ASM's unique education.

# 70 KILOMETERS



...We have nothing but wonderful things to say about our son Mateo's education at Academia Stella Maris. To start we are so grateful that this option in education exists, [since] we have been looking for an option that would allow us as parents to have a front row seat to our child's education in a school setting. We absolutely love seeing what he is learning; he has truly blossomed and his curiosity about topics such as nature, languages, music and Faith has greatly expanded.

...We are blessed to be part of the ASM community with Mateo. Yes, I say "community" because that is how I have felt since he has started. From the staff to other parents, the feeling of a common goal to see our kids thrive is very present.

We love everything about ASM, the values with God as its center, the diversity in languages offered (English, Spanish, French), the teaching methods and how engaging they are with us parents.

We are truly thankful to the teachers and all involved. We thank God every day for this wonderful opportunity to see our son in a school where he is not just a number and where we can work hand in hand with the wonderful staff.

De Almeida family

I love going to school, playing outside in the playground, doing math and art. My school is very special because here you get to go to mass, and my teachers are the best!

**Grade 2 student** 



Academia Stella Maris is an amazing school for all children. They instill a passion for learning and create a positive, low stress environment where each child is encouraged to develop its inner voice and purpose. You just feel and see the care all around when you walk into the school.

As a principal and a pedogical leader, Stéphanie has an innovative approach to education. She makes it creative. She embraced Audrey with open arms and adapted a curriculum to meet her unique needs. Audrey loves the diversity in the program and every day, she is excited to go to school. This hands on and attentive approach to education, has allowed our child to discover who she is and tap into her inner light.

For us, choosing a low stress environment was the only option to allow our child to grow and develop at her own pace. We love the teamwork established with the team and it's our belief that this is the key for Audrey to reach her full potential.

**Sophie and Scott** 



### **HYBRID PROGRAM**

Hybrid Programs offer the possibility to homeschoolers to learn outside the home. Our "à la carte" option makes it easy for parents K-8 to choose which thematic day(s) are best suited for their child's needs. High School students may choose a number of courses instead of a full course load. (see details on p.25)

#### **CRITICAL THINKING 1 & 2:**

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

Math, Literature, Spelling, Dictée, Phys.Ed, Theology Students engage with the complexity of God's world. Children are equipped to become truth seekers and independent learners.

#### **INVESTIGATION:**

**TUESDAY** 

Français, Études Sociales, Geography, History In this dominantly French program, students discover God's fingerprints throughout time and place.

#### **EXPLORATION:**

**THURSDAY** 

Sciences, Intro to Chem, Bio, Physics, Grammar, Nature Study, \*Business, \*Logic and \*Coding

(\*rotating courses)

Learners are inspired by the wonder and logic of God's creation, and exercise their gifts through hands-on projects.

#### **ARTISTIC/SPORT STUDY:**

**FRIDAY** 

Math, Writing, Visual Art, Voice, Guitar, Theatre, Phys.Ed, \*Photography

(\*rotating courses)

Students delight in what is good and beautiful. As creators, made in the image of God, they are invited to embrace their talents as they create wonderful work.



#### **FULL-TIME PROGRAM**

# The full-time program is the combination of all hybrid programs and is offered from grades K-12.

Full-time students receive more than the typical Ontario public education. Gr.K-8 have access to our full program while our high school students have access to our full high school course calendar (see details in the high school section)

Children have the opportunity to be instructed in a diversity of subjects, including Spanish, Nature Study, Photography, Business, Theology, coding, and Logic. Our full-time program is a great option for parents looking for a rich faith-filled education for their children.

These programs are delivered as a "living education". Our teachers (K-12) offer real-life learning opportunities: field trips, business initiatives, learning outside the classroom, Co-op placements, guest speakers, and project-based learning.



# CRITICAL THINKING





## **CRITICAL THINKING 1-2**

#### **MATH**

Abeka Arithmetic Saxon Math

#### DICTÉE

#### LITERARY ANALYSIS

Studying the Classics

#### **THEOLOGY**

Catechism of the Council of Trent

#### **CATECHISM**

Baltimore Catechism

Mass

#### **SPELLING**

Traditional Spelling Spelling Workout Spelling Wisdom

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

# **INVESTIGATION**

**ÉTUDES SOCIALES (grades 1-6)** Escales

**GEOGRAPHY/HISTORY (grades 7-8)** 

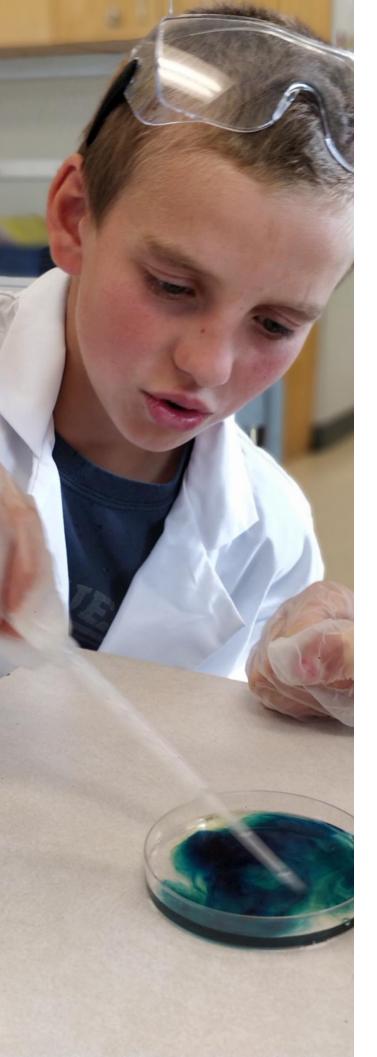
**GRAMMAIRE/ÉCRITURE**Guillemets
Échos

**ANALYSE LITTÉRAIRE** Études des classiques

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION** 







### **EXPLORATION**

**SCIENCES (grades 1-6)** 

Éclairs de Génie

INTRO TO BIO/CHEM/PHYSICS

(grades 7-8)

Exploring the world of...

**EARTH SCIENCE** 

(grades 7-8)

Abeka

**NATURE STUDY** 

**GRAMMAR** 

English Grammar Recitation Grammar Composition

**CURSIVE WRITING** 

Handwriting without tears

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION** 

**BUSINESS\*** 

MICRO BUSINESS FOR TEENS

**CODING\*** 

**PHOTOGRAPHY\*** 

(\*rotating courses)





# **ARTISTIC**

#### **WRITING**

**Writing Rhetoric** 

#### **VISUAL ART**

#### **MUSIC**

Recorder Guitar

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY\***

(\*rotating courses)

#### CHOIR (grades 1-12)

St Jean de Brébeuf Hymnal





## **KINDERGARTEN**

TRILINGUAL PROGRAM

Français, English and Spanish

PHONICS/PHONÉTIQUE

**MATH** 

In French and English

SCIENCES, ÉTUDES SOCIALES, NATURE STUDY, ART

Following the Hybrid Programs

MONTESSORI PRACTICAL LIFE

# HIGH SCHOOL

EARN YOUR OSSD WITH ASM



#### **HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

#### **EARN YOUR OSSD WITH STELLA MARIS!**

Secondary education is an important step in the development of the individual. Academia Stella Maris is committed to providing program options and individual support structures to help students achieve a successful outcome from their secondary school experience. In addition to their academic experience, high school students at ASM are encouraged to take on responsibility as leaders in the school and to volunteer their talents to help cultivate school culture, coordinate events and model virtuous living. Our students have access to spiritual retreats, curriculum based field trips, coop opportunities, and more Academia Stella Maris is an inspected school and is able to offer an inspected program for the final year of a student's education experience and award an Ontario Secondary School Diploma to those who are interested and eligible. Call us for more info.



# **COURSES OVERVIEW**

#### **ASM Courses Overview**

The Arts				
Visual Arts	Drama	Instrumental Music	Vocal Music	
ASM Visual Arts1	ASM Drama1	ASM Inst Music9	ASM Voc Music9	
ASM Visual Arts2	ASM Drama2	ASM Inst Music10	ASM Voc Music10	
AVI4M	ADA4M	ASM Inst Music11	ASM Voc Music11	
AVI4E	ADA4O	AMU4M	AMV4M	
		AMU4E	AMV4O	
Canadian and World Studies				
Geography	Canadian History	World History	Civics	
ASM World Geography	ASM Can History Post WWI	ASM World History	ASM Political Science	
ASM Can Geography	ASM Can History Post WWI -	ASM World History – modified	ASM Political Science -	
ASM Can Geography -	modified		modified	
modified	ASM Can Catholic History and			
	Identity			
	ASM Can Catholic History and			
	Identity – modified			
	CHI4U/CHY4C			
Health and Physical Education	1			
Physical Education	Nature Study			
ASM PhysEd9	ASM Nature Study9			
ASM PhysEd10	ASM Nature Study10			
ASM PhysEd11	ASM Nature Study11			
PLF4M	PAD4O			
PSK4U				
Languages				
English	Literacy	French	Français	French Literacy
ASM English9	ASM Lit Analysis	ASM French Immers9	ASM Francais9	ASM Fr Lit Analysis
ASM English9 - modified	ASM Canadian Catholic Literature	ASM French Core9	ASM Francais10	ASM L'Analyse
ASM English10	ETS4U	ASM French Immers10	ASM Francais11U	
ASM English10 - modified		ASM French Core10		
ASM English11U		ASM French Immers11		
ASM English11C		ASM French Core11		
ASM English11 - modified		FIF4U		
ENG4U/ ENG4C/ENG4E		FSF4O		
Life Skills				
Business	Guidance	Со-ор	Cross-Curricular	Cross-Curricular
ASM Starting a Micro	ASM Guidance10	ASM Co-op Elective:	General	Specific
Business11	ASM Leadership11	Discovery10	ASM Cross-Curricular1	ASM Cross-Curricular1:
		ASM Co-op Elective:	ASM Cross-Curricular2	Catholic Faith and
		Opportunities	IDP4U	Culture
		ASM Co-op Elective: Designing	IDP4O	
Mathamatica		GLN4O/Code linked to class		
Mathematics				
Algebra/Functions	Advanced/Calculus	Tech/Found/Workplace		
ASM Saxon Algebra 1	ASM Saxon Advanced Math	ASM Math Workplace11		
ASM Saxon Algebra 1 -	ASM Saxon Advanced math -	MEL4E		
modified	modified	MCT4C		
ASM Saxon Algebra 2	MHF4U	MAP4C		
ASM Saxon Algebra 2 -	MCV4U			
modified	MDM4U			
Science				
General	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Earth and Space
ASM General	ASM Biology	ASM Chemistry	ASM Physics	SES4U
ASM General – modified	ASM Biology - modified	ASM Chemistry - modified	ASM Physics - modified	
SNC4E	SBI4U	SCH4U	SPH4U	
Social Science and Humanities				
Theology	Philosophy			
Theology1	ASM Delicane			
Theology2	ASM Philosophy HZT4U			
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#### Please Note:

 Our Gr. K-11 uninspected program is at liberty to offer Français (FRA) courses, while our Gr. 12 inspected program is limited to FSL courses.

# **REGISTRATION & TUITION**

#### **Considering Academia Stella Maris?**

#### **VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

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#### **CONTACT US**

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ASM welcomes the opportunity to partner with you as you lead your children towards heaven. We consider it a great privilege to help each student meet the educational goals you have for them.

Admission is based on availability of space, student application and an interview process. We are pleased to accept new students at any time in the school-year or to add your child to our waiting list.

We are a fully-independent school, registered charity and have a Ministry of Education BSID.

#### Our students:

The salt of the earth, the light of the world. Tomorrow's hope!

#### 2024/2025 Tuition fees Note: Additional \$130-\$150 on tuition after April 30 2024

FULL-TIME PROGRAM Gr.1-8	\$7,570	\$7,570 children 1 & 2 \$3,785 child 3 \$1,892 children 4 & +
FULL-TIME PROGRAM Gr.K & High School	individual student \$7,650	\$7,650 children 1 & 2 \$3,825 child 3 \$1,912 children 4 & +
HYBRID PROGRAMS	\$1,775/program	No family discount available