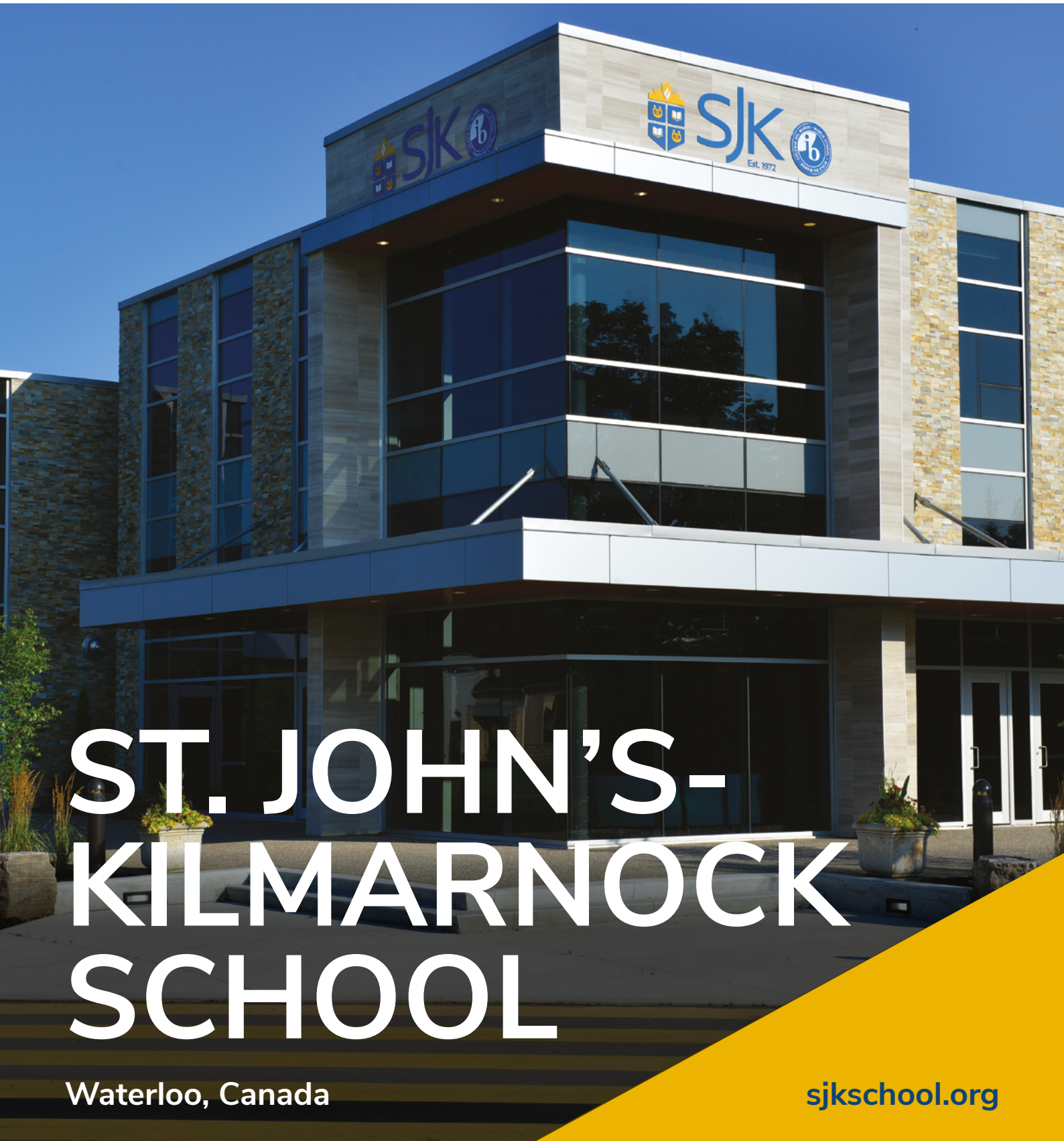




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ST. JOHN'S- KILMARNOCK SCHOOL

Waterloo, Canada

sjkschool.org

Welcome to SJK!

St. John's-Kilmarnock School (SJK) is the leading co-educational independent school in the Waterloo Region. Established in 1972, the School is located on a beautiful 40-acre natural campus. It offers enriched educational programming for students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 through its accredited International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum.

SJK School is located in Waterloo, Ontario, just one hour west of Toronto. This region is not only one of the centers of Canada's research and development in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, but also the center of Canada's knowledge-based economy with strong demand for skilled workers and great opportunities for immigration.

SJK is a diverse community of approximately 550 students, including 50 boarding students. SJK's exemplary record of post-secondary placement across Canada and internationally complements its mission of nurturing well-rounded, confident students in their pursuit of academic success, personal growth and social responsibility.



The SJK Advantages

IB CONTINUUM SCHOOL

SJK is one of only four boarding schools in Canada offering three levels of full IB Programmes. SJK curriculum encompasses and surpasses the Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum (OSSD).

100% UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE

All Grade 12 students graduate with double diplomas – the IB Diploma Programme & OSSD. Most SJK graduates are accepted by the top-tier Canadian universities, some of which are located near SJK, such as University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, and Western University.

DEDICATED TEACHERS

With a student/teacher ratio of 7:1, SJK teachers are inspiring, innovative, and caring. They support students with proactive guidance and counselling in four main aspects: (1) academics; (2) personal development; (3) university counselling; (4) mental health and wellbeing.

LANGUAGE SUPPORT

For multilingual learners,, SJK offers English as a Second Language credit courses to strengthen students' academic English.

ENRICHED CO-CURRICULARS

With 45 student clubs, 14 Varsity teams in nine Varsity sports, SJK encourages students to engage in an active and healthy lifestyle through a wide variety of co-curricular activities in athletics, arts, creativity, leadership, and services.

VAST CAMPUS:

SJK's 40 acres of campus has its own forest, pond, multiple large sport fields, in addition to spacious classrooms and learning spaces equipped with high tech facilities.



GO BEYOND

Inspired Teachers Inspire Students

Where students love to learn.

At SJK, the classroom is more than just four walls; it is a place where amazing things happen every day.

Students find excellence within themselves through inquiry-based learning, personalized learning paths and assignments that go beyond the textbook and classroom. Progressive approaches to teaching and learning are hallmarks of an IB continuum education.

We embrace a global perspective that exposes students to the opportunities and challenges of a connected planet. We know that an integrated approach and a love of learning are the best ways to meet the needs and expectations of our students.

SJK believes in the power of developmental relationships and that students learn best when engaged in purposeful, healthy relationships between teachers and young people.

Our School community is composed of inspired, outward- and forward-looking teachers whose academic and professional experiences are augmented by in-depth experiential learning in real time.



At Home In Nature

Our picturesque 40-acre campus is an integral aspect of the SJK experience and connects students to a natural environment as they work on real-world solutions.

Innovative, smart, natural, and safe, SJK has much in common with its home country, Canada. SJK ensures each student is at home here on the 40-acre campus.



Small School Advantage

Where students are known and nurtured.

At SJK, students are connected to their learning, each other and their community.

SJK prides itself on personalized opportunities and attention for its students. Each student at SJK is guided on their journey by talented faculty who ensure that learning and teaching focuses on the development of well-rounded and confident individuals.

This student-centred approach informs teaching and learning and enables students to identify and cultivate their strengths.



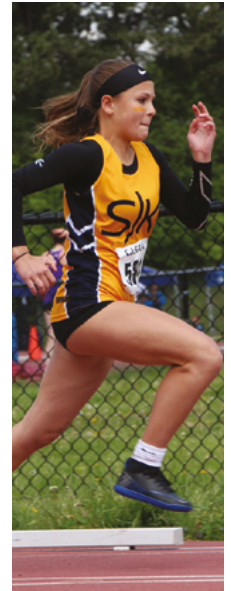
Co-Curriculars at SJK

Challenging the whole student.

Development of the whole child includes opportunities for academic growth in addition to opportunities to explore leadership, athletics, the arts, community service and other areas of interest.

The Co-Curricular Program at SJK helps develop the whole child and extends learning beyond the School's gate. Our programming is designed to challenge every student to push their boundaries by trying something new. We encourage risk-taking, understanding that we grow when we move outside of our comfort zone.

Our students know that it is safe to try new things at SJK.



Boarding at SJK

The best of both worlds.

SJK's boarding students enjoy a distinctive advantage of safe and convenient urban boarding life. The Boarding Residence is located adjacent to the University of Waterloo campus, within walking distance to the university food plaza and other urban conveniences.

The Boarding Program at SJK aims to promote and provide academic, social, cultural, and personal growth within a safe and inclusive residential community. Central to creating a vibrant residence is the development of mutual understanding, respect and responsibility in a supportive living and learning community.

Within a supportive and structured environment, students learn more about themselves as they grow together while developing lifelong friendships.



HIGHLIGHTS

- After studying at the campus during the day, students take the school bus to return to the Boarding Residence near the University of Waterloo with beautiful, quiet surroundings and urban conveniences.
- Single rooms in single-gender wings for all 50 boarding students to maximize the health and safety of each student and for students to have personal space after a busy day.
- Shared study room, recreational lounge, dining hall, and kitchen.
- Full time boarding staff members and a school Wellness Team provide care, support, and supervision for students 24/7 to ensure the students' safety and wellbeing.
- Full meal plan with all meals prepared by certified chefs with fresh ingredients.
- Students follow a healthy routine, including evening study time.
- Planned activities over weekends and holidays.
- SJK Boarding Residence remains open on all weekends including long weekends throughout the school year, except Christmas Break and March Break. Short-term homestay is arranged for our boarding students during these closures.

Beyond SJK:

The World Awaits SJK Graduates

100%

OF SJK GRADS EARNING THEIR WAY INTO **BEST FIT POST-SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES**

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OF SJK GRADS CURRENTLY COMPETING ON A VARSITY ATHLETICS TEAM AT UNIVERSITY (IN 7 DIFFERENT SPORTS)

45%

OF STUDENTS FROM THE THREE MOST RECENT GRAD CLASSES ENTERING **STEM** RELATED POST-SECONDARY FIELDS

(**49%** OF MALES, **39%** OF FEMALES)

- NATIONAL AVERAGE: **18.6%**

(COMBINED MALE & FEMALE)

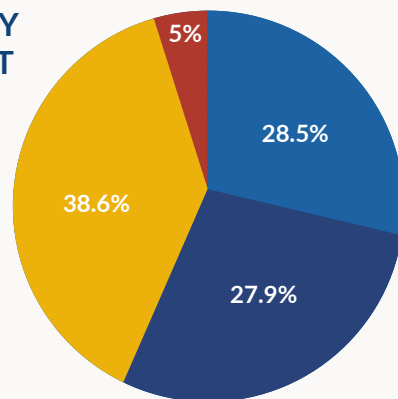
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SJK'S CLASS OF 2024
TOP FINAL IB SCORE

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DIFFERENT POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS TO WHICH SJK GRADS HAVE MATRICULATED OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS (IN 8 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES)

GRADUATE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM PLACEMENT



- Arts: humanities, languages, media studies, social sciences
- Business: commerce, business administration, accounting, information systems
- Sciences: mathematics, physical, life, engineering, computers
- Fine & Performing Arts

At SJK, how will YOU go beyond?

SJK is a community of students and educators who GO BEYOND each day, by pushing past the boundaries of what others expect of them, and what they expect of themselves.

To GO BEYOND is to....

Move past what you know by exploring the unknown, making new discoveries each day.

Ask questions, and explore new territory as you seek answers to your questions.

Think critically. Critical thinking leads to innovation.

Communicate in creative and compassionate ways; to bring your thoughts and ideas to others.

Be principled; to act with integrity and honesty, and with respect for the dignity and rights of others.

Be open-minded, growing as we experience new things, ideas and perspectives.

Show great care for the other people in our SJK community, and our global community.

Take risks, approach the uncertain with forethought and determination, and plenty of support!

Strive for balance, physically, emotionally, and intellectually.

Reflect on all that you have learned, accomplished and experienced, striving to deepen understanding.

How will you GO BEYOND at SJK?

SJK is delighted to welcome academically oriented new boarding students each new school year with September entries only. The admissions for the next school year starts in September on a rolling admissions basis until vacancies are filled. Early applications are preferred so that newly enrolled students would have sufficient time to obtain a Canadian Study Permit and Temporary Resident Visa (TRV), make travel arrangements, select academic courses, order uniforms and textbooks.

The SJK Admission Requirements for International Students Applying for Grades 9-11

- Please [complete and submit the application online](#).
- CAD \$100 application fee (payable by credit card)
- Please provide the following supporting documents:
 - Birth certificate, passport, or Canadian Permanent Resident Card
 - A recent photo
 - Report cards of the two most recent years
 - A personal statement (written independently by the applicant)
- Entrance Exam
 - Any one of the standard tests of TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo, or SSAT is sufficiently acceptable. Please see [English Language Test Benchmarks](#) on our website for details.
 - For those whose first language is English, an SJK entrance exam will be administered online.
- Admission Interview
 - The Admissions Team will conduct an interview with the applicant and parents via Zoom video conference.

DECISION OF ENROLMENT

Approximately two weeks after the completion of the admission interview, the Enrolment Team will inform the applicant of the School's decision. An **Offer of Admission** may be made to the applicant. The parents are invited to review the **Enrolment Contract**. Should the applicant and parents accept the offer, the parents will be required to sign the contract, make full payment of the Boarding Student Fee and one-time New Student Registration Fee.

Upon receiving the signed contract and full payment, a **Confirmation of Enrolment Letter** will be issued to the student and parents.

Once the student is enrolled, the Enrolment Team will support the student and parents to prepare for international travel and for attending SJK in the new school year.

Would you like to learn more about SJK school?

- Ask a question
- Arrange for a visit
- Learn more about our programs and admissions process
- Receive application support

We are here to support you. We look forward to meeting you and your family!



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