

# A love of learning

*IB program challenges students, broadens horizons*



*Meaghan Osborne, left, and Adam Nunes, both Grade 12 student at Assumption, will graduate from the school's International Baccalaureate program this year.*

(Windsor, Ontario, Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017) – It hasn't always been easy for Meaghan Osborne, but thanks to a lot of hard work and dedication, the road ahead is full of a vast array of options.

"I love to learn," the Grade 12 student at Assumption College Catholic High School replied when asked why she entered the school's International Baccalaureate program. "I always wanted to learn more, and I wanted more of a challenge, and I wanted to be around like-minded students who are engaged in their education."

The internationally renowned program, now in its eleventh year at Assumption, aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

The program:

- Offers a framework for learning which encourages students to become creative, critical and reflective thinkers.
- Encourages students to make connections between the classroom and the real world.
- Develops internationally minded learners to become responsible members of local, national and global communities.
- Helps students to develop the attitudes and skills needed for both academic and personal success.
- Increases understanding of languages and cultures and explores globally significant ideas and issues.

*Did you know that WECDSD provides transportation for IB students coming to Assumption from the LaSalle and Lakeshore areas?*

Adam Nunes, a Grade 12 Assumption student from Tecumseh who plans to go into mechanical engineering, said IB has better prepared him for his future academic plans, noting that the program requires students to study a second language.

“Universities want to know who you are,” he said. “It’s not just about marks, but about how well-rounded you are.”

Osborne, who comes from LaSalle, said the curriculum in the program isn’t more difficult, but the workload is more challenging.

“The program is for people who want to work hard and further their learning,” said Osborne, who eventually wants to go to medical school. “If you’re motivated to get through it, then it’s so much more rewarding.”

One of the program’s most important components, Osborne said, is the teachers.

“Our teachers are amazing,” she said. “Every single teacher in the program is very passionate about their subject matter. They’re always there when you need them.”

The WECDSD is in the candidacy phase for new IB middle years programs at the Assumption College Catholic Middle School, and at Cardinal Carter Catholic Middle School in Leamington.

***Assumption will hold an open house, where parents and students can learn all about the school and the IB program, on Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. Assumption’s middle school, housed in the same building, will hold an open house on the same night at 6:30 p.m. Cardinal Carter’s middle school will hold an open house on Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School.***