

SCHOOL PROFILE

SELWYN HOUSE

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INFORMATION

TYPE OF SCHOOL

Independent college preparatory school for boys in Kindergarten through Grade 11 (senior year in Quebec high schools). The school was established in 1908.

LOCATION

Selwyn House School is in Westmount, on the island of Montreal. Our three-building campus is located at the corner of Argyle Street and chemin Côte St-Antoine, one block north of Sherbrooke Street West, near Westmount City Hall.

LICENSING

Quebec Ministry of Education

ACCREDITATION

Cum Laude Society (U.S.)
Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education,
Recreation, and Dance

MEMBERSHIP

- Quebec Association of Independent Schools (QAIS)
- Canadian Association of Independent Schools (CAIS)
- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- International Boys' Schools Coalition

ENROLLMENT

- 540 students
- 240 – Elementary School (Kindergarten to Grade 6)
- 120 – Middle School (Grades 7 and 8)
- 180 – Senior School (Grades 9 to 11)

CLASS SIZE

Depending on the grade level and the course offered, the average class size varies from 12 to 22 students per class.

FACULTY

Fifty-six full-time and 13 part-time teachers: all have bachelor's degrees; 28 have advanced degrees. The average teaching experience of the faculty is 16 years, and the average age is 41 years.

ALUMNI

The Old Boys' Association has been in existence since 1953. It has its own board of directors, and the President of the Old Boys' Association is also on the school's board of directors. With the assistance of the Advancement Office, the association runs social events throughout the year to help Old Boys keep in touch with one another. Reunions are held each year in Canada, the United States, and England. As well, Old Boys are invited back to the school for Founder's Day and Career Day and to alumni hockey, basketball, ball hockey and tennis tournaments. In addition, the annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament raises funds for the Old Boys' Endowment Fund, which provides needs-based bursaries. Old Boys are an integral part of the school, as they offer their time and resources to assist the school in any way possible.

SCHEDULE

The Selwyn House academic schedule runs on a ten-day cycle, Monday to Friday, Week 1 and Week 2. This schedule allows an equitable distribution of periods to different subject areas, lessening the impact of holidays and sports dismissals on academic class time. These days are fixed for the year and are indicated on the year's calendar. In Middle and Senior Schools, each day consists of 75-minute academic classes, and in Elementary School, a day consists of 85-minute periods in the morning and 80-minute periods in the afternoon.

School begins at 8:15 a.m. The end of the school day varies depending on the day and the grade. In Middle and Senior Schools, the day ends any time between 2:45 to 4:30 p.m. depending on the schedule. All Elementary School students finish school at 3:25 p.m.

FACILITIES

Selwyn House has a three-building campus that is linked by a tunnel.

LUCAS BUILDING

This century-old building, which is located at 95, chemin Côte St. Antoine just behind the Westmount City Hall, was renovated in 2008. It hosts the Elementary & Middle School classrooms, the dining room/auditorium, the art room, the learning co-op room, the physics, chemistry, biology, Middle School and Elementary School science labs and the Admission Office.

MACAULAY BUILDING

This newly renovated building is located on Stanton Street just opposite the Lucas Building. It accommodates Senior School classrooms, a new Student Leadership Centre and international foyer, the Academic Guidance Office, the Macaulay gymnasium, and the wrestling and weight-training rooms.

SPEIRS BUILDING

This new building hosts an underground state-of-the-art double gymnasium with a climbing wall, a students' agora, a new library, conference rooms, computer labs, Advancement and Business Offices, the student counsellor's office, and the Argyle Shop (school uniform store).

LIBRARY

The beautiful two-storey Geoffrey Wanstall Library, located in the Speirs Building, hosts a reference library, silent study area, junior library and a reading room. Students receive story hours and library services, and the library is always available for quiet study. Thirty-five thousand print and non-print items in French, English and Spanish form the core of the Wanstall Memorial Library.

SPORTS FACILITIES

In addition to its two gymnasiums, 28-ft climbing wall, its wrestling and weight-training rooms, the school also uses outside facilities such as fields, arenas, a rowing basin, curling club, tennis courts, baseball field and a golf range. Three school buses are specially dedicated to the extensive sports program.

TECHNOLOGY

Selwyn House provides wireless Internet access for students, staff and faculty in all areas of the school. Every student and staff member has access to all available resources, which include: Internet, online research services, printers, scanners and digital

cameras. All classrooms at Selwyn House are equipped with ceiling-mounted computer projectors and interactive white boards.

Each faculty member has a laptop for administrative and pedagogical use. The Pedagogical Technology Coordinator is available to assist students and teachers to learn the best way to use each resource in the school.

LAPTOP PROGRAM

The Selwyn House School ACCESS Program ensures that every Grade 7 to 11 student has his own laptop for use in school and at home.

In addition to a fully equipped desktop computer lab, laptop computers are available for any Elementary School class to sign out and use in the classrooms. Wireless network solutions allow any classroom to become a class that can fully integrate Internet and computer technology.

Weekly updates, including upcoming events, activities, and Parent Association announcements are sent to parents via email.

NETCLASSROOM

Netclassroom is a secure online service for students in Grades 7 through 11 and their parents. Test and assignment due dates and scores, schedules and attendance information are available through this secure portal.

PARENT ASSOCIATION

As an integral part of the unique Selwyn House triangle of commitments, parents play an important role at the school, and the entire Selwyn House community benefits from the work of our parent volunteers. Parents may choose to be involved in any of the following committees: Admission, Argyle Shop, Class Parents, Special Events, Fundraising, Community Service, Library, Lunch Service, Parent Education, and School Decorating.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

One-hundred per cent of the graduates continue their academic studies at college or university. Over the past five years, students have attended local English and French CEGEPs, as well as the following schools and universities: Columbia, Harvard University, Hotchkiss, St. Paul's School, Phillips Exeter Academy, Westminster School, Lower Canada College-Grade 12, Middlebury College, Neuchâtel, Oxford University, Tabor Academy, The Taft School, Trinity College School, and Phillips Andover Academy.