Canadian Student Leadership Conference (CSLC)

Attendance Application

About the Conference

Imagine 250 leadership advisors and 750 students gathering in an action-packed three days to learn leadership skills and activities, make new connections with peers across the country, exchange ideas, and have fun!

Throughout the conference, students will attend a series of workshops to further develop their leadership skills, build confidence, and discover new ideas to help them make difference in their own schools and communities. From workshops on school climate, to personal growth, to student council democratic initiatives, delegates choose which sessions appeal most to them. In addition to those sessions, the CSLC program includes spirit groups, cultural moments, community outreach, and special events. Students will also be billeted with families in the host community. Their time with their billet families enables them to experience the culture and heritage of the host school’s community first-hand, and allows them to become part of that community for a few days.

For more information, please visit: <https://studentleadership.ca/>

CSLC 2017 – Startup Leadership

This year’s conference is being hosted by Waterloo Regional School District and will take place at Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School. The theme is “Startup Leadership” and will focus on innovation and entrepreneurship, as the Waterloo region is well-known for its innovative spirit and “startup” culture. Speakers from across North America will present, including the founder of War Child Canada, Dr. Samantha Nutt. Additionally, during the pre-conference, students will have the opportunity to visit Niagara Falls, Canada’s Wonderland, Toronto, and possibly even attend a Blue Jays game!

For more information, please visit: <http://cslc2017.studentleadership.ca/>

Why do I need to apply?

In the name of fairness to all, each student interested in attending the conference is asked to complete the “application package” (it’s not very extensive, so don’t worry!); this gives the students the opportunity to highlight their skills, needs, and desire to attend, and it allows the advisors (Ms. Degenhardt) to identify those students who are best suited to attend the conference each year. While sometimes it does come down to names in a hat, it is important that each student interested put their best into their application.

Additionally, it is important to remember that even if you are not selected to attend the conference for the next year, you may still have the chance to go in the future, and it is **not personal**. So, please do your very best, and check in with Ms. Degenhardt if you have any questions.

Application Requirements

Please complete the following. Please note that you can respond to the questions below in *whatever manner best suits you; write it out, make a video, come see me in person, whatever works!*

1. Describe yourself: who are you? What grade are you in? What are your grades like? What different classes/clubs/activities are you involved in at St. JPII? Are you involved in any extra-curriculars?
2. Describe your involvement in Leadershipor other school activities (athletics, clubs, drama, etc.) at St. JPII of the past school year; how have you contributed your time and talents to making our school a better place?
3. If you are not currently a member of Leadership at St. JPII, how do you feel this conference would apply to the activities, etc. that you are involved in?
4. What skills do you possess as a leader you would like to hone? What skills do feel you are lacking that you would like to improve on?
   * Please consider this within the context of how you answered question 1.
5. How do you think the conference could benefit you?
6. Explain why you feel that this is an important opportunity for you, and how you intend to use what you learn at this conference to improve our school/community.
7. Are there any factors (finances, time away from school), that may inhibit you from being able to attend the conference? If so, please describe them, and, if applicable, what your plan is to overcome these obstacles.

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to touch base with Ms. Degenhardt!*