

# MONSIGNOR DOYLE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

*A Historical Overview of Faith, Learning, and Community  
Cambridge, Ontario*



Monsignor E.A. Doyle Catholic Secondary School Main Campus

**Monsignor Doyle Catholic Secondary School** is a separate secondary school located in the South Galt area of Cambridge, Ontario. Operated under the jurisdiction of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board (WCDSB), the institution boasts a rich history that closely mirrors the cultural and demographic growth of the local community.

## THE NAMESAKE: MONSIGNOR EMMETT A. DOYLE

The school was named in profound honor of **Father Emmett A. Doyle** (subsequently elevated to the rank of Monsignor). A foundational figure of the local Catholic community, he served dedicatedly as the pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Galt from 1914 until his retirement in 1967. Over his remarkable 53-year tenure, he guided the parish through an extensive era of transformation, overseeing an expansion of the local congregation from roughly 700 members to nearly 6,000 families.

## FOUNDING & ACADEMIC EVOLUTION (1976–1984)

The timeline of Monsignor Doyle CSS reflects historical milestones:

### 1976 **FOUNDING AND EARLY JUNIOR HIGH YEARS**

Monsignor Doyle officially opens its doors. At its inception, it does not function as a conventional high school. Instead, it is established as a junior high school serving students across Grades 7 through 10. During this era, Ontario provincial statutes only provided public funding for Catholic education up to Grade 10, requiring separate school students to transition into the public board or pay private tuition to complete their high school years.

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## 1985 PROVINCIAL FUNDING EXTENSION

A monumental shift occurs across Ontario when the provincial government extends full public funding to Catholic secondary institutions. In response, Grade 11 is immediately integrated into the curriculum at Monsignor Doyle, launching its journey toward full high school status.

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## 1987 COMPLETE SECONDARY TRANSITION

The transition finishes seamlessly. The intermediate grades (7 and 8) are completely phased out to localized elementary schools, allowing Monsignor Doyle to emerge as a full-fledged secondary school serving Grades 9 through 12.

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## CAMPUS GROWTH & STRUCTURAL EXPANSIONS (1995 & 2006)

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As the residential neighborhoods of South Cambridge boomed throughout the late 1990s and early 2000s, student enrollment quickly expanded past the building's physical footprint. The school completed two major capital renovations to accommodate this influx:

### 1995 INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION

The school engineered its first major physical addition to the original building structure, increasing operational capacity to handle the rapidly climbing baseline student population.

### 2006 MODERN CLASSROOM WING

Having previously relied heavily on portables, a massive two-story addition was completed at the rear of the school in the fall of 2006. This modern extension added 14 new classrooms, integrating the student body under a single roof.

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## SCHOOL IDENTITY, COMMUNITY, AND TRADITIONS

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### THE "HIDDEN GEM"

As the second-smallest Catholic high school within the WCDSB network, Monsignor Doyle is affectionately referred to by staff and students as a "hidden gem" due to its intimate community feel.

### ATHLETIC POWERHOUSE

Competing as the **Mustangs** (represented by their mascot, Morris the Mustang) in signature maroon and gold, the school is provincially renowned for its elite wrestling program, which has captured dozens of consecutive District 8 and CWOSSA regional titles.

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## HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

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Monsignor Doyle staff and students look forward to a future rooted in faith, acceptance, and hope. At its core, a school community thrives on the principles of inclusivity and mutual respect. Hope serves as the driving force that propels Monsignor Doyle forward. Together, these elements create a dynamic, nurturing environment to build a more compassionate and understanding world, starting here in the home of the Mustangs.