

CANADA Meets SPAIN

Dear parent,

Waterloo Catholic District School Board has teamed up with Ken's Education Group to provide this once in a lifetime opportunity. You are receiving this letter because **your son or daughter is eligible to apply for a space in the Canada-Spain Exchange Program**. This program is primarily for students who want to take a chance, travel, and learn in a safe and comfortable setting with the support of their school board.

The Ken's Exchange Program was initially created as an opportunity to join together two fantastic countries that differ in many ways, yet still complement one another. Both have such strong beliefs, and in today's world, it is vital that youth learn about respect, integrity, honesty, independence, hope, love, friendship and peace. Our programs work to teach students and provide them the opportunity to learn from one another, not just to learn a new language – a skill that is imperative in most workplaces today – but also to learn a new culture. An open mind and an open heart are skill sets that can never be replaced and are not easily taught; they are things that need to be lived. Students in Canada are taught about respect for other cultures, and having been raised in a multicultural society we assume that we know what this means. Our program shows students that they have much to learn, and it gives them the opportunity to practice what they preach and to truly experience that multiculturalism. We work on a student's development of their soft skills, imperative to their futures.



We encourage both friendship and family values. We inspire students to participate in family activities, whether it be volunteering, hiking, watching TV, playing board games, fishing, shopping or more. There are so many easy ways to show someone your culture and we at Ken's are there to guide you every step of the way.

For further information on this wonderful experience, please see our exchange program catalogue by scanning the following QR code. We are also happy to send it to you via email if needed, please email us.

Program Dates: **End of September- Nov 1st (host), Mid February-Beginning of March (travel)**

Please confirm your interest in the program and attendance at the inperson information meeting with both the school board and Ken's on January 23rd, 2024.

For further information or questions, please email us at

logistics@kens.es or email **Carla Santomero** from the school board at Carla.santomero@wcdsb.ca

We hope to have you join us in the **Waterloo-Aragon Spanish Exchange Program for 2024-2025!**



Program Catalogue 2024-2025

HOW CAN THE PROGRAM BENEFIT YOU?

- Diversify your abilities to deal with a multicultural world and labour force
- Step outside your comfort zone and learn to be more independent
- Develop Spanish language skills
- Make new friendships in a foreign country
- Be an ambassador for your school and country
- Participate as a family
- Improve your workplace curriculum
- Have fun and discover the wonders of a new culture

HOW DO I REGISTER OR GET MORE INFORMATION?

- Read the catalogue and see the conditions of the Registration Form
- Attend one of the parent meetings in 23rd January 2024
- Fill out the WCDSB interest google form and then the registration form and send to Ken's at logistics@kens.es
- Once we receive the registration form, you can begin the application process
- April 1st, 2024, accepted students are announced
- June 2024: Small orientation and sharing of the student partner profile and videos
- September 2024: Pre-Arrival orientation to prepare families
- January 2025: Pre Departure orientation for Canadians



DEADLINES:

- To receive the registration: February 13rd, 2024
- To complete the application: March 20th, 2024

DISCOUNTS (non cumulative)

- 100\$CAD for registration forms received by February 1st, 2024