



## Bee School Application

**Name of School**

Académie catholique Notre-Dame

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**Address**

50 Campus Drive  
Kemptville, Ontario  
K0G 1J0

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**Name of Applicant**

Michael Lalonde

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**Applicant's Job Title**

Teacher

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**Organization or Department**

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**Applicant's Email**

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**Applicant's Phone**

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**Are you the primary contact person?**

Yes

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**Briefly summarize why your school should become a Bee City School.**

Our school is in the process of working towards having a pilot project with beehives near the school grounds. Our school has students from kindergarten up to grade 12 and is located on a large campus with a natural area surrounding us. As a beekeeper myself, I'm well aware of the importance of pollinators and believe Bee City School would help with resources I could hand down to the students. Being part of Bee City School would also complement our values and project of having bees and educating students while also taking responsibilities within the wellbeing of the pollinators.

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**In order to enhance the understanding of the students and staff about the vital role that pollinators play in a healthy ecosystem, the applicant agrees to meet the following commitments required of all Bee City Schools:**

1. Adopt the Bee City Canada Resolution (see section G).
  2. Create a Bee City Pollinator Team.
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**Pollinator Team Members**

Michael Lalonde (teacher)  
Marie-Claude Roy (teacher)

Paige Hardy (student)  
Emilie Padbury (student)

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### **3. Develop a Pollinator Habitat Action Plan:**

We will be creating a garden area on campus and would like the assistance of Bee City Canada to help also implement a natural habitat on our campus (old University of Guelph agricultural campus in Kemptville, ON). We have the available space and would like to give it a specific purpose and make it a beneficial place for pollinators. Our plan would be to have an area dedicated to growing local plants that can be found in pollinator habitats. These plants would be: Lavender Hyssop, Rockcress, New England Aster, Beeplant, Lance-Leaved Coreopsis, Plains Coreopsis, Dwarf Cosmos, Chinese Forget-Me-Not, Purple Coneflower, Aspen Daisy, California Poppy, Annual Gaillardia, Globe Gilia, Tidy Tips, Sweet Alyssum, Bergamot, Baby Blue Eyes, Corn Poppy and Ohio Spiderwort.

We also have a garden that grows edible and ornamental plants that pollinators use. Students learn the importance of pollinators and their role in pollinating certain plants.

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### **4. Promote Education about Pollinators:**

We plan to educate our students and parents on the importance of pollinators and the impact they have on our ecosystem and life. We would also like to inform them on the impact we have on them and how we can positively impact their life... and in return our own. This would be done with virtual tours of pollinators in the wild and periods dedicated to students going outside and observing pollinators.

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### **5. Celebrate Pollinators:**

We plan to host an online virtual tour of the hives by visiting our bee yard and the process of opening a hive and viewing the different types of bees and their roles.

We also plan to spend time outside with the students to observe what is going on while having a focus on all the pollinators that can be seen and what they are doing. We would then follow-up with a group discussion or an activity that would consolidate what they have seen and learned.

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**I/we, the undersigned agree to:**

1. Publicly acknowledge Bee City School designation through publicly displayed signage, city/region/community website and other means.
  2. Annually re-apply for Bee City School designation. A renewal application will be sent to you.
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**Please submit a short 50-100 word write-up of why it's important to become a Bee City School.**

Our school is situated on the University of Guelph agricultural campus in Kemptville (Ontario). This natural habitat that surrounds the campus is quite large and would allow our students to study the natural environment of pollinators and also give an opportunity to have a dedicated area for pollinators. Also, being located on the campus also ties in to the agricultural values of the area and would allow us to educate the students and community on agricultural and residential practices that would help promote a healthy pollinator habitat.

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**Attach your school logo (png format) with any usage guidelines.**

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**Signature of Principal/Official**

Angela Certosini

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**Date**

02/05/2021