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Stanstead

OUR SCHOOL

- Founded in 1872
- Grades 7 through 12, girls and boys
- Boarding and day
- · Located in Stanstead, Quebec, a town of approximately 3000 in Southeastern Quebec
- 1.5 hours from Montreal
- A five-minute walk to the United States border

ACADEMICS

- Average class size of 11 in the junior school and 15 in the senior school
- Teacher-student ratio of 1:7
- English curriculum, French in all levels
- Advanced Placement offerings
- Art, Music and Drama
- Exceptional university placement rates
- Graduates attend top North American universities
- Personal advisors and helpful teachers
- ESL programs and ESL support
- Learning resources
- Summer language camps

BOARDING LIFE

- Safe, supervised environment
- Exposure to diverse cultures and languages
- Extensive interscholastic and intramural athletics
- Multiple club options, including Community Service
- Engaging weekend activities
- Foreign exchange opportunities

FACILITIES

- Two residences for boys, one for girls and one co-ed Grade 12 residence with separate wings for girls and boys; new junior girls residence opening fall 2023
- Live-in house directors in all residences
- Two gymnasiums, three fitness centres, two squash courts, hockey training centre
- Off-campus pool access
- Full indoor hockey arena, two tennis courts, exterior basketball court, outdoor rink and beach volleyball court
- Six soccer and rugby fields
- A vibrant and well-equipped student centre
- Performance space for drama and music
- Art rooms with pottery studio
- Dining hall with delicious, healthy options
- · Health centre with 24-hour nurse & counsellor

At This Point in Our History



Head of School Michael Wolfe addresses the graduating class at the 2022 Baccalaureate and Prize-Giving.

Happy Birthday to us! This year marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of Stanstead College in 1872. It took a full year to build the school, and actual classes didn't begin until January, 1874. The school has run uninterrupted since. Not even a devastating fire in 1938 could curtail the school year. **Everyone simply found alternative spaces to carry** on, not quite as usual but as best as they could.

Not all changes are as dramatic or as destructive as fires, thankfully. For example, Stanstead College once operated a business college and a music conservatory, both of which earned esteemed reputations before closing in the late 1950s. From 1958 to 1979, Stanstead College was an all-boys school. As the 80s rolled around, the girls returned. The school operated a cadet corps for over 100 years. There was even a small ski-lift down the bank to the Tomifobia River in the back of the school.

In 1977, the school chose to no longer accept provincial funding so it could set its own policies, including allowing Quebec francophone students to enroll without certificates of eligibility.

Stanstead College continues to evolve. Over the past 20 years, the school has seen the development of an elite hockey program, the construction of the Pat Burns Arena, a new Grade 12 residence and—currently under construction—a new junior girls residence and a wellness centre. We have seen record enrolment over the past few years.

It has been a privilege and an honour to oversee a number of these changes as head of school for the past 17 years. This year will be my last, as I prepare to retire and we transition to our next head of school, Joanne Carruthers, our first female head and long overdue! Stanstead College will continue to be in excellent hands.

As our history shows, Mrs. Carruthers and I are just two in a long line of people who have worked to make Stanstead College one of the top small independent schools in North America. For 150 years, teachers, administrators and staff have consistently understood that what draws young women and men to our school is their dedication to providing the very best quality education and opportunities for personal growth and development.

I hope you will enjoy this edition of SC Magazine and learning more about what makes Stanstead College special!

Michael Wolfe Head of School



WhO is the Stanstead College graduate?

The Stanstead College experience instills in its graduates the skills, knowledge and values necessary to achieve their goals and to contribute to their communities as responsible, global citizens.

The Stanstead College graduate...

- has developed the learning skills and understanding of his or her own individual learning style to achieve success in university and lifelong personal and professional growth.
- has acquired the capacity to think in a critical and creative manner in order to recognize. address and solve complex problems and make reasoned and ethical decisions.
- has the ability to search, assess, select and use local, national and international information in both an autonomous and collaborative manner in order to deepen his or her understanding and problem solving skills.
- is prepared academically with qualifications recognized and accredited around the world to ensure the best possible university placement.
- demonstrates a high level of self-discipline. respect towards others and responsibility to community and society.
- has developed an appreciation and respect for diversity and an ability to integrate and communicate effectively in different cultural settings.
- understands the value of teamwork and commitment to collective endeavours.
- has developed leadership skills and understands the responsibilities of a leader.
- has developed a healthy, active lifestyle and appreciates the benefits of competition in team and individual sports.
- is committed to the importance of building sustainable environments and communities in an interdependent global context.



Grade 12 Class of 2021

In 2022, 100% of our Grade 12 graduates received acceptances to 4-year colleges. There were 66 students in Grade 12. Our graduates received offers from many post-secondary institutions, including 34 Canadian, 41 American and 15 international schools across 6 provinces, 16 states and 6 countries. A third of the class chose majors in science, engineering or health while just under one third chose social sciences or business.



2022 University Acceptances

Canadian Schools

Acadia University* Bishop's University* **Brock University** Carleton University Concordia University* Dalhousie University* **HEC Montreal** Humber College Huron at Western* King's at Western McGill University* McMaster University Memorial University of Newfoundland Mt. Allison University Queen's University* Richard Ivey School of Business Ryerson University St. Francis Xavier University St. Mary's University Trent University University of Alberta University of British Columbia University of Calgary* University of New Brunswick University of Ontario Tech University of Ottawa* **University of Toronto*** University of Waterloo* University of Windsor Western University*

Wilfrid Laurier University

US Schools

Arizona University Bentley University Boston University * Brown University * Clarkson University College of the Holy Cross Connecticut College Cornell University * Drexel University* **Emmanuel College** Gordon College **Howard University** Hult International Business School Lehigh University* Lynn University* Merrimack University Miami University Mt. Holyoke College Northeastern University* Quinnipiac University* Rollins College* Savanah College of Art and De-sign Seneca College* Southern New Hampshire University St. Andrews University* St. Cloud State University* St. Lawrence University SUNY Buffalo

Temple University Trinity College **Union College*** University of Arizona* University of Connecticut* University of Pittsburgh University of Vermont* University of Washington Seattle University of Wisconsin - Madison Utica College Virginia Tech* Wentworth Institute of Technology Yale University*

International Schools

Coventry University Herriot Watt University ieUniversity Spain* IÉSEG School of Management* Northumbria University University of Central Lancashire University of East Anglia University of Surrey York St John University

*Final placement

Fields of Study

SUNY Stony Brook

Syracuse University

Arts Astronomy Aviation Biochemistry Biomical and Electrical Engineering **Biomical Sciences Business Administration** Business Management and Design Chemistry Economics Enalish Fashion Design

Food and Nutrition Science History Humanities Kinesiology Liberal Arts Management and Organizational Studies Mathematics Physical and Mathematical Sciences Physical, Earth, Math & Computer Sciences **Physics**

Political Science PPLE: Philosophy. Politics, Economics and Law. **Pre-Veterinary Science** Psychology Public Administration Science Software Engineering Sport Management Teaching English as a Second Language

College Campus Continues to Grow

Work is now under way on two new facilities to meet the growing needs of our Stanstead College community This past spring, the school's existing health centre was demolished to make way for a new Wellness Centre, which will have modern examination rooms and offices for the nurses and school counselor, as well as living accommodations for two staff members plus an overnight nurse. There will also be separate overnight facilities for boys and girls.

While the centre is under construction, the health team has temporarily relocated to Alumni House, the former Advancement and Communications offices.



New Wellness Centre.

Next to the Wellness Centre will see the construction of a new residence for junior girls. The addition of a new girls prep hockey team last year has added to the demand for spaces for young girls. The residence will also relieve pressure in Webster House, which is currently housing girls in Grades 7 to 11. A new home for the junior girls will create a more balanced campus, allowing juniors and seniors to have their own space to bond.



ALOS!

New junior girls residence.

Hockey Training Centre

During the fall 2021, The Jankowski Family Training Centre was opened to the Stanstead College community. Located in the former bus garage between the Amaron and Mackay Gyms, the centre has allowed hockey players to train in the off season and in their free time. The 60-by-30-foot centre includes synthetic

ice, regulated boards and plexiglass, radar gun and readout sign, stick-handling machine, two shooting tarps, resistance machine and a skate-changing area.

The centre was completely funded by donations from alumni, including a significant contribution by the Janskowski family (Mark 2012, David 2015).



Inside the Jankowski Family Training Centre.

Mark Jankowski earned an NCAA men's hockey championship with Providence College and spent four seasons with the Calgary Flames and later with the Pittsburgh Penguins and Buffalo Sabres. David played for four years with the St. Lawrence Saints (NCAA D1).

"In Their Own Words..." "It's like everyone there is rooting for you.

Not just the teachers but peers and staff members too. We don't have our families around so we have to depend on each other." These are the words my Grade 7 daughter said to me over Christmas break when I asked her what she liked most about her school. Need I say more? Don't get me wrong, I really like the mandatory study period in the evenings that has helped her rank at the top of her class and the requirement to do a different sport every semester that

- Amberly Leasure, mother of Sarah Leasure, Class of 2027

keeps her active. But mostly, I like that she's happy."

Stanstead College - Year One

Construction on Stanstead Wesleyan College started in 1872, and in August 1873 the hope remained that the facility could open by the middle of November.



However, cold and harsh winters had slowed down the process and it was now the middle of the school year. Stanstead Wesleyan College finally opened on January 7, 1874 to complete the school year.

The new building was massive for its time. Constructed of granite and brick, it was advertised that it could house all teachers as well as 200 boarders and 100 day students plus servants! Rooms were furnished at a cost of \$3 per week, and each one consisted of a closet, chairs, bedsteads, bedding, a wash-stand, a stove, a bureau, a mirror and a table.

When the idea of building a school in Stanstead had first been discussed, the option of making it a ladies

college had been thoroughly examined, but the proponents of a co-educational establishment had prevailed – making it the first of its kind in Canada. Both sexes would attend the same classes, but they occupied different sections in the classrooms and were not allowed to talk to one another. They had separate entrances to the building as well as separate grounds. The only time they could mingle was during meals and in the parlour when chaperoned by members of the faculty.

In its first year, out of the 139 students, 71 were ladies and 68 were gentlemen. Approximately 20 students were boarders. Stanstead Wesleyan College's first graduate would also be a young woman, Clara J. Stevens, who would graduate with a MEL (English) Ladies Collegiate diploma.

Different degrees were available based on the student's gender. Ladies could choose a three-year course in English, a four-year course in Modern Languages or a four-year course in Classics. Gentlemen had their pick among a common English course, an Academic course, a teacher's preparatory course (normal school), college preparatory, the Industrial and Scientific Department or the Commercial Department (which offered penmanship, bookkeeping, banking and commercial law). Also available were classes in fine arts (music, drawing, painting, etc.).

When all gathered on June 30 for the first closing exercises, most felt satisfied in their choice of Stanstead for the location of this new school. In 1873-1874, Stanstead was a wealthy town that could hold its own against the large cities of the province without many of their pitfalls.

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September 9: 150th Opening Day Ceremonies 23: 20th Annual Golf tournament

October 15: SC 150 Classic Car & Bike Rally

20: Toronto area reunions27: Ottawa area reunions

November 5: Painchaud Family Performance
- Haskell Opera House *S

12: European reunion in Germany

17: Halifax reunion

24: Quebec City reunion

December 17: 150th Anniversary Carol Service

2023

January 14: Bromont SC Family Ski Day

21: Chinese New Year Celebration

- Lion Dancers and Martial Arts Workshop

February 9: Mexico reunion

18: Alumni Hockey Weekend

25: Collingwood SC Family Ski Day

March 2: Calgary reunion

3: Vancouver reunion

4: Whistler SC Family Ski Day

April 12: Boston reunion

13: New York City reunion

May 13: Homecoming & Montreal 150th Celebration

June 3: Inaugural SC Fondo - Come cycle the Townships



Academics at Stansteac College

Students at Stanstead College engage in experiential learning, critical thinking, problem solving and teamwork.

Small class sizes from Grades 7 to 12 ensure that students receive the attention they need. Based on Quebec Ministry of Education guidelines, with core subjects of Mathematics, English and French at all levels, our rigorous academic program encourages a high level of achievement that contributes to an excellent acceptance rate at first-choice universities.

With an advisor system to keep track of individual progress and educational resources such as evening study and a learning centre, students are well prepared to reach their goals.

Students receive their high school leaving certificate from Quebec upon completion of Grade 11, then complete their studies in Grade 12. This intensive preparatory year provides students with a rigorous academic program leading to a Grade 12 diploma recognized across Canada, the United States and around the world.



ESL and English support

Stanstead offers ESL support as well as a structured ESL program for Grade 7 to 9 with an aim of integrating students into the regular academic stream as quickly as possible. All students sign a contract agreeing that they will speak English during the academic day.

The goal is to prepare our non-English speakers for the language demands of university in North America. With that in mind, the school arranges TOEFL and IELTS testing for students in senior grades.



What about Grade 12?

Stanstead College is one of only a small number of schools in Quebec that offer a Grade 12 year. Ours is based on Ontario Grade 12 pre-university courses as well as a wide selection of Advanced Placement courses.

Our program offers:

- Classes averaging 17 students
- A diverse and challenging curriculum, including Advanced Placement courses
- Comprehensive career education and university guidance
- Committed faculty and staff
- Exclusive co-ed Grade 12 residence
- Comprehensive co-curricular activities, including athletics, the arts, a wide variety of clubs and in community service
- Leadership and travel opportunities
- Lifelong friendships with students from around the world



Why AP?

Advanced Placement offers the student academic enrichment, the development of study and test-taking skills, and, in many cases, first-year credits at college and university. AP allows students to choose enrichment in their stronger subjects and the development of study and test-taking skills. In addition, the external testing offered by the AP program is valuable in the university admission process because, unlike school marks, exam scores are comparable regardless of where the exam was administered. The AP curriculum truly completes our school program and complements the Stanstead mission. Stanstead College also offers the possibility of independent online courses.

The University Guidance team

- helps students discover what post-secondary options are available
- narrows those options down to a clear post-secondary goal
- guides the students through the process of achieving that goal

Whether it's helping students prepare for SATs, organizing university visits or compiling applications, the University Guidance team helps students make good choices. **That's why Stanstead College students are accepted at top universities**

throughout North America and around the world.

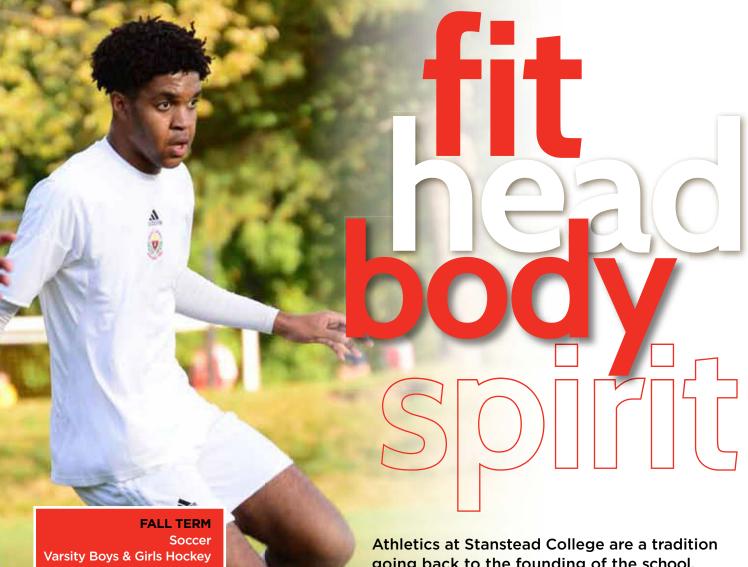
Grade 12 options

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Chemistry
- AP Comparative Politics
- AP Economics
- AP English Literature/Language
- AP French
- AP Human Geography
- AP Physics
- AP Statistics
- AP Studio Art
- Advanced Functions
- Calculus
- Chemistry
- English
- Linear Algebra
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Psychology
- Statistics

Check out "Academics" on our website for course options in other grades.

stansteadcollege.com/university-guidance





Cross-Country Running Outdoor Pursuits Badminton

Ultimate Frisbee Beach Volleyball

WINTER TERM

Basketball Hockey Squash **Swimming Cross-Country Skiing** Curling Volleyball Yoga

SPRING TERM

Rugby **Tennis** Golf Lacrosse Softball **Badminton** Track going back to the founding of the school. We wholeheartedly believe that a healthy body coupled with the spirit of sportsmanship lead to better self-discipline and a sharper mind.

Plus, sports are fun. Because Stanstead College is a small school, students who might not make a team elsewhere have the chance to try a new sport for the first time. With afternoon sports mandatory for all students in all three terms, new athletes get to discover what it's like to push themselves physically and mentally while enjoying the undeniable camaraderie of being part of a team.

But Stanstead is also a dominant athletic school for top student-athletes. As the banners in our gyms and arena attest, Stanstead College is consistently competitive in the local high school league and in elite North American hockey leagues. Our varsity boys and girls hockey programs in particular are recognized as among the best in Canada.

Being a Spartan means representing your school with pride and espousing the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, respect, discipline and honour. Become a part of a great tradition of athletic excellence.



Emery G. Photography / Bishop's Athletics

Jamal Mayali, Class of 2016

Jamal was an MVP basketball player over two years at Stanstead College and went on to compete at McGill University, helping the team earn the RSEQ provincial championships in 2018 and 2022. In the 2020 and 2021 seasons. Jamal was named team MVP and was an RSEQ First Team All-Star. In 2019 and 2020, he was ranked No. 1 in Canada for 3-point shooting (52% and 48%). As team captain, he led the Quebec league in scoring in 2022 with an average of 18.3 points per game, earned second team All-Canadian honours and was named McGill's player of the year.

"Stanstead was able to unlock my full potential as a student-athlete by challenging me in the classroom and on the court. This made for a seamless transition to university. I received undying support from the staff, students and community every step of the way. My short- and long-term goals were just as important to Stanstead as they were to me, which provided me a successful career as a Spartan and now as a McGill student-athlete'



The prefect system recognizes and develops student leaders. They serve as role models for other students and represent the spirit of the school.



Residential Life

Stanstead College has four residences - Bugbee House for junior boys, Colby House for junior girls, Davis House for senior boys and Webster House for senior girls. Each offers a safe, nurturing environment for students from around the world to live and work together. Each residence is overseen by live-in house directors and their families, teachers-on-duty and student prefects who make sure the environment is one of respect and cooperation.

Faculty Advisors

Each Stanstead student is assigned to an advisor who follows the student's academic progress, troubleshoots when necessary and generally helps ensure that the student is getting the most out of his or her experience at the school. The advisor also acts as the liaison between the school and the student's parents. It's a relationship that ensures no student falls between the cracks.



Meals

Stanstead College has a fully equipped dining hall offering a variety of healthy meals, including vegetarian options. Family-style lunches with assigned seating are another way for students to meet and interact with their peers in a pleasant, courteous setting.

Eric T. Webster Student Centre

The student centre is a popular meeting place for students during free time. Equipped with a tuck shop, giant-screen TV, projector, music system, pool table, ping pong and foosball, the centre is a place to relax and meet up with friends.

Health Services

Stanstead College has 24-hour nursing coverage and clinics throughout the day. A full-time professional counsellor is also based in the Health Centre to respond to the emotional needs of the students. In addition, a doctor comes to the school once a week to attend to the students' health needs. Stanstead College also has access to a dedicated physiotherapist and a life coach.

CLUBS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Community Service Yearbook **Music Jam Tabletop Games** Art **Pottery** Chess Fishing **Robotics** Yearbook **Dance** Chinese Yoga **TED**x Cooking Learn to Skate Skating **Fencing** Jr. Leadership Habitat for Humanity trip ... and many more!

ACTIVITIES ALL YEAR LONG

Winter Carnival
All-Campus
Cafe Cappuccino
Variety show
School play
Class trips
Shopping & movies
Excursions





In a few days, he'll be on stage with his friends playing the

number for the entire school at the end-of-year Variety Show.

This much-anticipated event is just one of many opportunities students have to express themselves creatively at Stanstead College.

The arts are built right into the academic program. Music at all levels of experience is offered in Grades 7 through 11 (mandatory in Grades 7-9. The class allows students to start on a new instrument of their choosing or develop their skills on those they already play. In addition to theory, students gain practical playing experience in group and solo settings.



The Christian Williams Art Centre is home to our Art Department, offering classes in all levels - mandatory for Grade 7-9 and optional for Grade 10-12, including Advanced Placement Visual Arts in Grade 12. The Art Centre includes dedicated spaces for creating visual arts, including a full pottery studio. A walk through the hallways of our school reveals the fruits of student creativity on the walls.



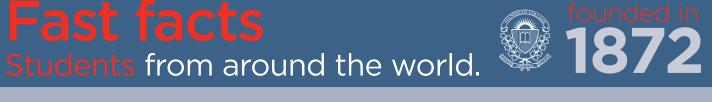
Finally, Drama is offered as an option in Grade 10, with students learning the history and fundamentals of drama, from Greek tragedy and improv to writing and performing their own scripts.

Outside the curriculum, club options allow students to jam with other musicians, practice creative writing or create art for pleasure. The Drama Club produces a major production each spring, performed before the full school as well as the public.

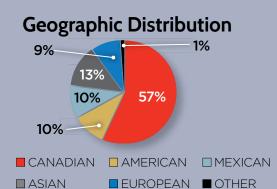
As with the Variety Show, the annual Café Cappuccino brings the school together each spring to cheer on their peers as they perform live. And as with many activities at Stanstead, students are often joined by teachers on stage.

"The memories and connections we make with these kids, young people discovering music, taking chances with adult leadership - we are so lucky," says Café Capp organizer and physics teacher Erik Van Dyke.

Like the chords of an electric guitar, the arts are all around at Stanstead College.







GIRLS & BOYS 48% 52%

OF FACULTY live on campus

GIRLS & BOYS grades 7-12



STUDENTS from



STUDENTS





Complete our online application form; you can find the link anywhere on our website. Your application should include:

Contact a member of the Admissions

team. If possible, visit the school during a Campus Visit Day or by appointment.

- three references (two from your current school and one personal);
- a short essay about your goals and how Stanstead College can help you achieve them;
- school transcripts (report cards) from the last two years;
- photos;
- and a copy of your birth certificate.



Have an interview in person or online with a member of our Admissions team. Tell us why Stanstead College will be a better place by accepting you.

Acceptance:

Applications are received and accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year. However, it is important to note that places are limited. Priority will be given to applications submitted before the end of March.



Tuition 2023-24

Canadian/USA Boarding* \$63,795 CAD (tuition & residence)
International Boarding \$79,770 CAD (tuition & residence)
Day Student** \$25,455 CAD (tuition)

*Applicable for Canadian and American citizens domiciled in Canada or the United States

**Applicable for Canadian and American students living locally with parents or legal guardians. International students, please communicate with the Admissions Office for more information. Stanstead College does not permit homestays.

Commitment

Stanstead College is committed to providing admission opportunities to as many qualified applicants as possible. Our Financial Aid Program is designed to bridge the gap between what a family can afford and what it costs to attend Stanstead College. For the 2022-23 academic year, over 45% of the student body received scholarship funding and/or financial aid amounting to over \$1.8 million.

Awards are currently available to new and returning Canadian and American students. Visit stansteadcollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-aid to learn more.

Volatiabout summer?

What About Summer?

With three decades of experience, Stanstead College Summer Camps offers specialized programs that always keep in mind what summer should be – fun! Whether you join us to learn a second (or third!) language or

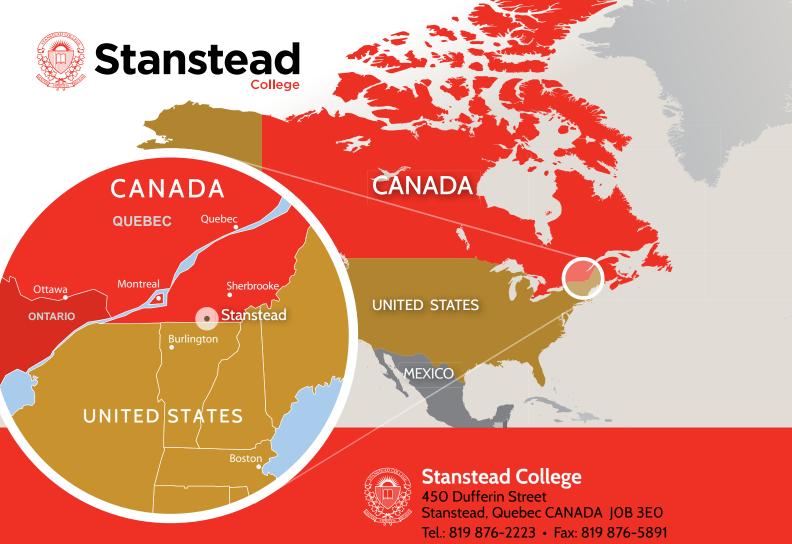
to push your hockey skills to the next level, Stanstead College offers quality, fully supervised summer sessions that young campers will never forget.

Visit www.<u>stansteadcollege.com/</u> <u>summer-camps</u> to learn more.









Parting words...

"We should all value ourselves, value our differences and love ourselves for them, because without even knowing it, we are all teachers and students. Through every interaction you have at Stanstead College, you learn something. Sooner or later, and without even knowing it, this place and its people teach you a life's worth of lessons." - Sofia Paradis, co-head prefect, Class of 2022

"If Stanstead were a person, it would be an energetic, loud and a very dramatic person. Stanstead loves Saturday night bonfires, sports tournaments, Wednesday half-days and All-Campus activities. Whoever meets Stanstead usually becomes one of their loyal friends. Thank you, Stanstead, for being such a good friend." Rosemary Lefebvre, co-head prefect, Class of 2022



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