

Option Descriptions

Grade 7 options - Students only need to choose between being in Band or not as Band is a full year course. If they do not choose Band, they will be in Art for ½ the year and Keyboarding for ½ the year.

Art 7

Students will explore a different range of tools, materials and media to express how they feel, to think artistically and to value art. They will draw and create art, and they will examine the art that others have made. Projects include drawing, painting and 3D art.

Keyboarding 7

Computer skills are very important in order to be successful in today's technological world. Students will be learning basic computer keyboarding (typing with correct form and fingers), file organization skills and other technology skills. Students will apply correct keyboarding techniques in developing projects using various software, while becoming familiar with many of the facets of Google.

Band 7

In Band 7, students are invited to select their top three instrument choices. From there, Ms. Brousseau and Mr. Mueller strategically decide which instrument each student will play. We learn how to properly handle the instruments, how to put them together and how to make our first sounds. Very quickly, we are playing simple songs. By November we are performing full songs for Remembrance Day. Our biggest event of the year is definitely the Year End Band Concert. These typically have a theme. Students, in the past, have assisted in choosing the songs we play.

Discipline and maturity are important traits to possess in order to be successful in Band 7. A tremendous amount of learning occurs in a short amount of time. The most successful students are the ones that make the time to practice outside of class regularly. The payoff for this time spent is incredible. Our concerts are thrilling to be a part of.

Grade 8/9 options - Students need to choose between Band and other. That means that if they choose Band, they will stay in Band for the full year. If they do not choose Band, they need to choose 2 of the remaining options (Art, Drama, Training and Vehicle Maintenance) If they do not choose Band, they will be in one option for ½ the year and the other option for ½ the year.

Art 8/9

Students will continue to explore a different range of tools, materials and media to express how they feel, to think artistically and to value art. They will draw and create art, and they will examine the art that others have made. Projects include drawing, painting and printmaking.

Band 8/9

Band 8/9 is a direct continuation of Band 7. Students must take Band 7 in order to register in Band 8/9. Students further develop their ability to play the instrument they selected in grade 7. Performances include the Remembrance Day ceremony, Christmas Concert and Year End Concert, among others.

Drama 8/9

We will continue to develop responsive and expressive movement from Drama 7, along with the exploration of talking and speaking, to meet the demands of verbal communication on stage. We will be using games and exercises to build upon their theatre skills and knowledge. We will be practicing using a green screen, recording voice productions and performing in a larger play.

Training 8/9

Foundations of Training/Sports Performance provides students, particularly competitive athletes, with opportunities to further develop their physical and tactical abilities in all areas of sport. This course combines classroom theory and practical application in the areas of personal health, wellness, and performance. Also included are topics such as proper weight training techniques, training principles, self-management skills and nutrition. The purpose of Sports Med/Performance is to provide students with the opportunity to learn a wide variety of knowledge, skills, and attitudes through personal fitness.

Vehicle Maintenance 8/9

Vehicle Maintenance is an introduction to vehicles and looking after your vehicle. Many students will be getting, or have recently acquired, their learners license. This course is designed with new young drivers in mind. Students will learn the basics of looking after a vehicle. They will learn simple things like checking oil and fluid levels, changing a tire, how to clean/wash and look after their vehicle. They will get an introduction to how a motor vehicle works and runs. The goal is to give the students a basic understanding of how vehicles work and the confidence of how to do basic simple maintenance on them. This course will give every student the confidence to own and operate a motor vehicle without fear, and will enable them to handle roadside situations, as they will likely be able to diagnose or solve the issue (flat tire, dead battery, etc). The class is designed to be fun and informative. No one will be expected to pull and rebuild motors or get all covered with oil. It will mainly be classroom orientated with the occasional "field trip" to the parking lot where the instructor will demonstrate simple maintenance techniques.