



RUDOLPH HENNIG JUNIOR HIGH GRADE 9 ELECTIVE COURSE INFORMATION for 2017-18

Students register for their TWO electives through Power School Flex scheduler using the same steps that they have used all year to register for Flex periods.

This year, they are able to register at 6pm on June 1st.

An instruction guide is available on the school website if your child has difficulty remembering how to register.

It is very important students select their TWO courses carefully, as the timetable is built around student requests. Once timetables are made, requests to change options will only be considered if there are exceptional circumstances.

All Grade 9 students participate in the following classes:

- English - Math - Science - Social Studies - Physical Education - Health - Fitness

Grade 9 Elective Course options

Students will have the opportunity to register **two** elective courses from the choices listed below.

PLEASE NOTE: ELECTIVES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDENT UPON STAFFING AND STUDENT INTEREST

Art 9 – This program introduces the student to a variety of media such as painting, sculpture, drawing and design. The major components of the course are:

1. Drawing - all the ways we record visual information and discoveries; object, animal, & figure drawing.
2. Compositions - all the ways images are put together to create meaning; design elements.
3. Encounters with Art - where we meet and how we respond to visual imagery; art history discussion.

There is a \$20.50 fee for this course.

Bring on Books 9 – Students will be exposed to a variety of genres and authors. They will have the opportunity to read novels of their choosing, and to engage in questions and presentations designed to be an enjoyable way to explore literature. Student input and interest will affect the course outline. There is a \$5.00 fee for this course.

Computers 9 – The grade 9 course is geared towards students interested in learning about the operations of computers over and above their use in our everyday classes. This course will deal with advanced image manipulation, multimedia programming and 3D modeling. Students will be responsible for preparing materials to be shown on our in-house T.V.'s plus other school related media projects. Students will be required to have their own headphones and USB stick (8 GB is recommended). There is an \$11.00 fee for this course.

Drama 9 – In Drama, you will develop emotionally, physically, intellectually, imaginatively and socially in order to construct a positive self-concept through participating in various dramatic experiences. We will study the following disciplines: movement, speech, improvisation/acting, technical theatre and theatre studies. You will write, rehearse and perform various types of projects and will take part in fine arts showcase performances. We will also develop skills in areas such as puppet making, stage fighting, theatre make up, set and lighting design, mime and masque. Please note: this is a performance based class. There is an \$11.00 fee for this course. Students may not register in both Musical Theatre and Drama.

Fabrication 9 – This course+ is a project based program with the main focus on shop and machine safety. Students demonstrating the necessary safety will have the opportunity to dive into the Construction and Fabrication units. Our new CNC router is a main focus of the program. Wood working projects might include chess pieces and board, night stand, signage and clocks, just to name a few. Students will draft a sheet metal toolbox and fabricate it. Lastly, there will be ample opportunity to tackle many ceramic projects throughout the year. There is a \$40.00 fee for this course.

Food and Fashion 9 - This course is designed to provide students with practical, hands on learning experiences. In CTF, students have the opportunity to solve problems and produce useable products. Half of the year will be spent in the sewing lab, learning skills and creating projects. The other half of the year will be spent in the kitchen learning skills and preparing food. There is a \$40.00 fee for this course.

Band/ Instrumental Music –The program is designed to give interested students an opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument as a part of their regular school studies. Short and long range objectives of this program are:

- To understand melody, harmony, rhythm, tempo and tone colours in order to play a variety of styles and types of music. e.g. full band, small ensemble, jazz and popular and solo literature from various periods of history.
- To develop personal traits such as leadership, dependability, poise and determination.

Students will be expected to take part in public performances and festivals as they occur.

We have various instruments available at the school. To rent an instrument from the school it will cost \$60.00 for the year. If we do not have the instrument that your student is interested in playing, it will be the parent's responsibility to rent or purchase that instrument for the student. There is also a music sheet cost of \$25.00 for this course.

French 9 – Those students with an aptitude and/or a special interest in languages should continue their studies in French 9. In the future, these students will have the many advantages and opportunities that knowing a second language brings. The four skills needed for successful communication (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) are all continued to be practiced in class through a variety of activities, assignments, and projects. For example, students will be writing and presenting **dialogues/skits**, listening and singing French **songs**, watching **videos**, and playing French **games** throughout the year. Units studied are Sports and Exercise, Housing, Community and Holidays and Celebrations. Students will continue to be introduced to French **culture**, both Canadian and European. Students may also attend a cultural **field trip** and will have the opportunity to sample authentic French **food** (crêpes, baguettes, cheese, and more) at “**Café**” days. Students who may be planning to attend a University following High School should consider continuing their studies of French throughout their Junior High years.

History of the World through Film 9 - Students will be able to enjoy and examine in a fun manner famous events, issues, and people of the twentieth Century through Film. Students will learn about events such as the Great Depression, WW1, WW2, the Cold War, Rise and Fall of Communism, and people such as Gandhi, Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, JFK, Romeo Dallaire, and Terry Fox, to name just a few of the events and people. We will be dealing with some mature themes such as war, genocide, racism, and human rights, so students must have parents sign a permission form allowing the watching of movies with a mature rating. There is a \$5.00 fee for this course.

Leadership 9 – Leadership is designed specifically for students who are prepared to investigate and develop their leadership potential through participation and planning of activities and service projects within the context of school and community. (As this is the first time that we are offering this course students may not have previous leadership experience.) Students build attitudes and knowledge in providing service to others; identify school and community needs and provide appropriate services, activities and projects to meet those needs; identify their roles and responsibilities within a group context; develop team building, leadership and citizenship skills; develop organizational skills with respect to time management, project planning and group work; and complete school and community service hours. There is a \$10.00 fee for this course.

Musical Theater 9 - Musical Theatre will provide an intensive environment focusing on the dramatic and musical disciplines of singing, acting, improvisation, speaking, dancing and movement. Students will develop an appreciation for the creative process that is involved in putting together a production, including both performance and technical aspects. There is an \$11.00 fee for this course. Students may not register in both Musical Theatre and Drama.

Outdoor and Environment Ed 9 – Students will be taught the basic knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for safe, comfortable outdoor experiences in all seasons. These experiences may include mountain biking, winter/summer camping, geo caching and orienteering, outdoor cooking, winter/summer structures creation (snow huts/igloos), archery,

snowshoeing and cross country skiing, ice skating and downhill skiing. This elective may also have field trips to experience activities outside the school. There is a \$27.50 fee for this course.

Sports Acceleration 9 – This course is designed to allow grade 9 students to gain a greater understanding of sports training. Students will be instructed in proper sport specific training with a main focus on hockey. Students will have ice time October through March. As well, students will have the opportunity to participate in and explore a variety of other recreational sporting activities. There is a \$50 fee for this course.