



RUDOLPH HENNIG JUNIOR HIGH GRADE 8 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 8 students participate in the following classes:

- English - Math - Science - Social Studies - Physical Education - Health - Fitness – Learning Strategies

All Grade 8 Students will take CTF (Industrial Arts and Food & Fashion Studies). There is a \$60 fee for CTF.

Grade 8 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 8 – 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.

Musical Theater 8 - 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 a \$11.00 fee for this course. Students may not register in both Musical Theatre and Drama.

Drama 8 – 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.

Band 8 –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 learn the basics of playing their instrument, including reading music, proper tone production, articulation, and use of dynamics.
- 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.

Computers 8 – Advanced Microsoft Office skills including MS Publisher, image manipulation (Gimp), basic multimedia production, basic programming (Scratch) and 3-D modeling (Sketch-up). This group will be responsible for running our in-house TV's. The variety in this course comes from the student; students will direct their learning through project-based activities. 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.

Dance 8 – This course is designed to allow grade 8 students to gain a better appreciation for dance, to enjoy and foster a healthy lifestyle, and to explore new activities such as aerobics, yoga and a variety of dance styles. Students will be expected to change clothes for class. There is a \$5.00 fee for this course.

Fast & Convenient Foods 8 – Fast and Convenient Foods provides time for students to prepare and eat food. While cooking they will demonstrate safe and sanitary food handling, proper measuring skills and the importance of efficient work habits. There is a \$46.00 fee for this course.

Film Production 8 – Like watching movies? Short films on YouTube? Is your favorite genre comedy, horror, action, or romance? Let's learn what it takes to create a quality, entertaining film. This is a project based course where you will study movies, short films and production techniques such as directing, storyboarding, camera angles, plot twists, lighting, editing etc. in order to create your own masterpiece short film by the end of the course. Students will be required to have their own headphones and USB stick (8 GB is recommended). There is a \$5.00 fee for this course.

French 8 – Those students with a special interest in languages should consider continuing their studies in French, Canada's other official language. These students will have **countless future advantages and opportunities**.

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 Animals, Clothing, Food, and Holidays and Celebrations. Students will continue to be introduced to French **culture**, both Canadian and European. Students will be attending a cultural **field trip** to the **Creperie in Edmonton** and will also 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.

Outdoor Education 8 – In outdoor education 8 students will engage in a number of activities that will challenge them physically and mentally. Students will be taught different skills and outdoor experiences throughout the year. These experiences will include mountain biking, orienteering and navigation, outdoor cooking and knot craft, first aid, wildlife management, cross country skiing and snowshoeing, survival techniques, archery, rock climbing and cooperative games. There is a \$27.50 fee for this course.

Sports Acceleration 8 – This course is designed to allow grade 8 students to gain a greater appreciation for hockey. Students will learn sportsmanship and will enhance their skating and stick handling skills through scrimmage games. When ice time is not available, students will have the opportunity to participate in and explore a variety of other recreational sporting activities. Personal equipment is required (helmet with cage, gloves, elbow pads, skates, and stick). There is a \$50 fee for this course.

Challenge - This is a problems based class designed to enhance and extend core curriculum. Initially students will be given problems to solve of the teacher's choosing. As students' progress in their problem solving abilities students will choose their own problems to solve and towards the end they will chose and solve problems collaboratively in small group or whole class collaboration. Our Challenge class is a class that revolves around Action Research and student lead Problem Solving. Problems may be related to Numeracy, Literacy, Technology, Robotics, World Issues, the Environment or other. **Action research** is either **research** initiated to solve an immediate problem or a reflective process of progressive problem solving led by individuals working with others in teams or as part of a "community of practice" to improve the way they address issues and solve problems. This course is recommended for students with a core average of 80%.