
GRADE 9

Art 9 (\$125 fee applies which includes an extensive art supply kit that is to be used through Art 9-30)

This course enables students to have a greater level of understanding of what the creation of art forms involves – with critical skills and an appreciation of the role of art and artists in historical and contemporary society. The program concentrates on art fundamentals and working with the basic techniques and skills needed for drawing, painting, and sculpture as well as learning art vocabulary and history. After taking this course, students will be well versed in the basics of art creation, understanding and appreciation.

Prerequisite: None.

Choral Music 9 (\$25 fee applies which includes music folder for the year)

This course is a Performance Art course. Along with the Choral 10-20-30 students, the Choral 9 students form one mass choir of generally 60-75 members. These students rehearse together and perform at various venues and concerts, as a group. This course meets Tuesdays and/ or Wednesdays at lunch, as well as Thursdays, Block 5, 3:30-5:30pm. Additional rehearsal times are TBA during concert season.

Prerequisite: None

New Media 9 (\$10 fee applies)

In this course we will study creative software to produce and manipulate digital images, animations and/or videos. You may also use printing technology to turn your graphic design into a sticker! Students will practice digital citizenship and strengthen their critical thinking skills while engaging with powerful creative tools.

Prerequisite: None

Robotics 9 (\$70 fee applies)

In this course students will design, build, and program a robot to complete missions related to a relevant theme. As a project-based course, students will also identify a specific problem related to that theme. They will research various aspects of a problem and propose a combination of technical, social and political solutions to the problem. Students will use an appropriate Robot Control Language (RCL). This course is designed for students to prepare for the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) LEGO League. Students will attend and participate in one FLL showcase event hosted at FFCA and the Calgary Regional Championship.

Restrictions: The course is only offered in first semester to match the competition dates.

Prerequisites: None

Note: there are culminating events on a Saturday in mid-January and again in mid-February.

Drama 9 (\$25 fee applies)

This course provides students an opportunity to explore theatre in an effervescent and energizing familial community. Students grow personally and artistically in this course as they delight in the exploration of varying theatre concepts and skills through group and individual projects, such as Tableaux, Pantomime, Mask, Choral Speech, Ensemble Theatre, Comedic Scripts, and Monologues. Drama 9 students also enjoy various workshops with professional artists, exploring such avenues as Stage Combat and Improv Theatre. Basic acting exercises develop the fundamental skills of concentration, relaxation, trust, imagination, collaboration, self-confidence, and both verbal and non-verbal communication. Students will also be introduced to the vocabulary of the stage and the various roles and responsibilities of theatre artists. As this is a Performance Art course, each unit of study concludes with a performance on the stage. Students may also be selected to perform projects at lunch during *Theatre Thursday*. Students are required to attend after school performances of the Musical (first semester)/ One Acts (second semester) and Class Acts. **Prerequisite: None.**

Legal Studies 9: Law & Ethics (No fee applies)

In the first half of the semester, this course offers students the opportunity to explore the Canadian legal system through legal history, criminal investigations, forensic analysis, and mock criminal trials and Supreme Court cases. The second half of the semester challenges students to understand what they believe about right and wrong and how they formed those beliefs; they then apply that knowledge to difficult ethical topics facing our world today and consider the potential consequences of the choices we make. Ethics topics include, but are not limited to: capital punishment, stem cell research, the distribution of wealth and resources, and how to be an ethical citizen in an unethical world.

Prerequisite: None

Journalism 9: (No fee applies)

Students will study the basic principles of print and online journalism as they examine the role of printed news media in our society. They will learn investigative skills, responsible reporting, and journalistic writing techniques as they read, respond to,

and write their own news and feature articles. Students will conduct interviews, research, write, and design their own publications. **Prerequisite: None**

Outdoor and Environmental Education 9 (\$150 fee applies)

Environmental and Outdoor Education provides students with opportunities to experience the outdoors and their natural environment to help develop an understanding of ecologically sound practice. Students will engage in a variety of activities both in-class and outdoors that will provide them with the basic level of knowledge and skills necessary to pursue many outdoor activities in a safe, enjoyable, and responsible manner. It is hoped that students will finish the course with a life-long appreciation for outdoor pursuits and environmental issues.

Activities: Camping, cooking, shelter building, orienteering, canoeing, fire building, animal

Prerequisites: None

French 9 (\$25 fee applies)

This course is designed for students with little or no knowledge of the language of French. The course covers basic French structures, vocabulary and idiomatic expressions, and patterns of pronunciation, emphasizing both written and oral communicative skill. Cultural materials focus on French in the Canadian context.

Prerequisite: None

Spanish 9 (\$25 fee applies)

Students will learn how to use Spanish effectively and competently in a variety of situations and for a variety of purposes. Students will also acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes to be effective global citizens. Students will learn the basic skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing by applying different strategies in the classroom.

Prerequisite: 60% or better in Span. 8.

Guitar 9 (\$25 fee applies)

You do not need previous experience playing guitar to be successful in this course. All you need is a desire to learn, resilience and the will required to practice and play the guitar. Lessons are taught in a group situation with individuals of varying skill levels. This course will introduce areas of general music including chords, chord progressions, guitar technique, ear training, some theory and playing in a group (band) context. There may be an introduction to recording depending on class progression and interest. To participate in this course, you must have your own acoustic guitar or be able to rent one. Rentals are as low as \$15.00/month for a starter guitar at Long & McQuade of which 60% can go towards purchase if you want to keep the guitar. This is a great opportunity to begin or improve upon playing the guitar in a safe and collaborative environment.

Prerequisite: None

Film Studies 9 (\$10 Fee Applies)

In this course we will examine traditional movies as well as documentary. Students will be exposed to films spanning cinematic genres including Film Noir, Comedy, Thriller, Early Silent, Foreign, etc. The course will be equal parts film study and film production, as students will come together as a class to produce their own documentary piece.

Over the course of this semester we will view and examine films (critically, creatively, from a research aspect in writing and in discussion). Students will consult with professionals working in the field and discuss their creative and production process (for instance, what it's like to see a film through from inception right to its presentation), receive instruction in various production skills necessary to create a video documentary and complete a series of exercises from conceptualization through postproduction, culminating in production of a short documentary (to be worked on and completed as a class).

Prerequisite: None

Learning Strategies 9 (No fee applies)

The Learning Strategies Course is designed to assist students in making a smooth and successful transition in all core classes. It provides extra support for practicing and learning concepts from core classes, and it helps students improve their individual academic gaps by introducing them to a variety of a high school survival/study skills. Major focus will be on note-taking, test-taking, study and organizational skills, and on the integration and application of acquired knowledge and skills. Students will also work to improve their goal setting habits, time management, and self-awareness skills. The aim of this course is to improve motivation in students so that they develop self-confidence and self-esteem thus giving them the drive to learn and to become successful and independent individuals in school and beyond.

Prerequisite: None