

Option Programming

at Michael Strembitsky School (2020-2021)

All Junior High students are required to take French, one full year course and three trimester courses.

Please read the course description carefully and thoughtfully before making option selections. There will be no changes in option classes once schedules have been given to the students in September.

There are limited spaces in all classes. We do our best to include a “top” choice for each student in his/her schedule, but this is not possible in every situation. If more students than we have room for request any particular option, decisions will be made through the random selection process.

French as a Second Language instruction is mandatory for Junior High students and so it is not listed as an option.

Options will be offered dependent on the following factors:

- Number of students enrolled at each grade
- Staff availability to teach courses
- Ability to timetable courses



Fine Arts Options: (Full Year)

Art (Gr. 7, 8, 9)

In Visual Arts, students will have the opportunity to create masterpieces while working with a variety of media including clay, paint, collage, oil pastels, watercolor and mixed media. Student engagement is promoted through meaningful connections between art forms and other subject areas. Students may have opportunities to participate in workshops or field experiences with guest artists. (\$30.00 materials fee, including an art supply kit and consumable materials for take-home projects)

Band (Gr. 7, 8, 9)

In Band, students will have the opportunity to play, listen and read music while developing an appreciation for the value of music. Students learn to play a band instrument and obtain skills that help them towards musical appreciation and mastery. Focus will be placed on rhythm, tempo and playing as a group. Instruments are provided for rent or students may purchase their own instruments. (\$100.00 fee: \$75.00 towards instrument rental fee and \$25.00* materials fee, for band shirt and consumable materials such as reeds, oils, etc.)

Culinary Arts (Gr. 7)

Culinary Arts focuses on the artistic side of foods. In this new grade 7 option, students will have more time to practice their skills in the kitchen while engaging their creativity as they explore design elements that they get to taste when they're done! Areas of focus include food sculpture, pancake art, plating, food pairing, cake design, and more. (\$60 fee for consumables)

Drama (Gr. 7, 8, 9)

In Drama, students explore the world around them by assuming different roles and building self confidence through performance. The focus of the course will be on orientation, movement, speech, improvisation, theatre studies and technical theatre. (\$10.00 materials fee; for makeup, costuming, prop supplies)

Technical Design (Gr. 7, 8, 9)

Students will be introduced to the design process and will learn practical skills to help them communicate their ideas. They will be presented with design challenges where they are encouraged to be creative and problem solve. When the design process is complete, we will use the equipment in the construction room to make our designs a reality! (\$60.00 materials fee, take home projects)

Career and Technologies Foundations/CTF: (Trimestered)

Building and Construction (Gr. 7, 8, 9)

The Career and Technology Studies course focuses on skills and knowledge related to the design, construction, fabrication and maintenance of a product. Students will be encouraged to further their knowledge of design to apply in project work and building of useful products. Students will use a variety of materials, as well as hand and power tools. An emphasis is placed on proper and safe work habits. (\$40.00 materials fee, for take-home projects)

Foods and Nutrition (Gr. 7, 8, 9)

Students will learn safe and sanitary food handling procedures, and comprehension of recipe terms and techniques. Students will be expected to examine Canada's Food Guide in order to make healthy choices and demonstrate efficient work habits when preparing simple recipes. (\$40.00 material fee for consumption)

Leadership (Gr. 7, 8, 9)

Learning to lead students will be active and responsible citizens contributing positively to the quality of their environment, community and society as a whole. Students will learn about their personal strengths and style of leadership. They will understand the value of group work and mentoring. (No fees)

Film Studies (Gr. 7, 8, 9)

Students will develop their appreciation of film by studying the techniques used to enhance character development, plot development, mood, conflict, theme, and point of view in a variety of different films. The Film Studies course focuses on developing students' awareness of film as a form of art and visual media. Students will also have the opportunity to examine how elements of filmmaking, that is, sound, music, cinematography, and special effects, come together to enhance the audience's overall viewing experience. In addition, students will explore and create videos utilizing the knowledge and skills gained throughout the course. (No Fees)

STEAM "Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math" (Gr. 7, 8)

Coding students will integrate STEAM disciplines and challenges through different types of coding and robotics, connecting to authentic situations and current events. Utilizing 21st century technologies like microbits, 3-D printing, coding software, and more, students extend their development of 21st century competencies. (No fees)