

Grade 9 Elective Courses – As described by the Teachers

ADA101 – Dramatic Arts

- Gain friends and social skills from co-operative games
- Develop confidence to share ideas and speak socially through low-risk group improvisations
- Learn how to relax through games and performance techniques
- Experience various theatre skills in a non-threatening environment

AMU101 – Instrumental Music

- Learn how to play a band instrument
- NO previous background required – you do not need to know how to read music
- Students with previous musical experience still take this course to learn how to play a band instrument
- Creates opportunities to get involved in extracurricular activities in the school

AMV101 – Vocal Music

- Singing, singing, singing.
- Allows students to sing in a choir setting with others who are interested in singing. Introduce harmony and melody.
- NO previous background required – you do not need to know how to read music
- Students with previous musical experience still take this course to increase their confidence
- Creates opportunities to get involved in extracurricular activities in the school

AVI101 – Visual Arts

- Drawing - learn how to draw, or get better at it
- Painting - learn to paint and use colour.
- Sculpture - proper clay handling while making various forms
- Print Making – introduction to print-making using linoleum
- History and Criticism - learn how to look at and talk about Art!

BEM10 – Business - Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset

- Learn what makes an entrepreneur thrive and develop skills needed to be successful in today's business environment.
- Hands on course taught in a computer lab using business software to gain practical transferable computer skills, tips and tricks that will help students in their other courses and the business world.
- Learn how to effectively use the MS Office Suite - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Outlook Email and other web-based software such as Canva, Brightspace etc.
- Students will plan and develop their own entrepreneurial ideas and communicate them to a target audience.

GLE101 – Learning Strategies – (Teacher recommended only)

- This course focuses on learning strategies to help students become better, more independent learners.
- Students will learn how to develop and apply literacy and numeracy skills, personal management skills, and interpersonal and teamwork skills to improve their learning and achievement in school and beyond.
- The course helps students build confidence and motivation to pursue opportunities for success in school and beyond.

PAL101 – Hockey Skills Academy

- Provides opportunity to develop hockey specific skills including stick and puck handling, passing, shooting, skating speed and various offensive and defensive strategies
- Three hours of on ice training, plus one hour of hockey specific weight training principles per week
- In class / gym days include mental health, nutrition and CPR certification

PPL10G (Girls) or PPL101 (Co-Ed) – Physical Education

- Ski-trip, bowling, ropes course, and biking just to name a few!
- Chance to meet new friends, engage in new games and activities
- Course is participation based

TAS10A (Hard Shop) + TAS10V (Soft shop)- Technology and the Skilled Trades

- This hands-on course will allow students to explore tools, equipment, techniques, and develop technological knowledge and skills ***within a few of the following sector*** rotations:
- **Hard Shops** - Communications, Construction, Green Industries, Hospitality & Tourism, Technological Design, and/or Transportation.
- **Soft Shops** - Communications, Green Industries, Hairstyling, Health Care, Hospitality & Tourism, and/or Technological Design.
- Design, build, and safely create prototypes, products, and/or services, working with tools and technologies.
- Be presented with projects to address real-life problems, as well as apply technological concepts.
- Students will begin to explore job opportunities, education, and training pathways.