

# Grade 7, 8 & 9 Complementary Courses Request Form

2010 – 2011 School Year

---

## Section I

Please read the following important points before moving to Section II:

1. We are requesting that students and parents complete this form and return it to McArthur School by June 15, 2010.
2. There are limited spaces in all classes. We will do our best to include a “top” choice for each student in his/her schedule, but this is not possible in every situation.
3. All of the complementary classes listed in Section II are excellent learning experiences and are designed with the needs of grade 7, 8 & 9 students in mind.
4. Read the attached descriptions carefully and thoughtfully. There will be no changes in complementary classes once schedules have been given to the students in September.
5. French as a Second Language instruction is mandatory for all students.

---

## Section II

Students need to choose options from both columns.

The first column are Fine Arts options, which will continue throughout the year.

The second column are CTS options, which are half year options.

Students will have the opportunity to take two CTS options.

Please number the following complementary classes in order of preference.

Choose your preferences (# 1 – 3) for the Fine Arts Options and also your preferences

for the CTS options (# 1 – 5).

### Fine Arts Options

Band \_\_\_\_\_

Drama \_\_\_\_\_

Art \_\_\_\_\_

### CTS (Career and Technology Studies) Options

Foods and Nutrition \_\_\_\_\_

Computers \_\_\_\_\_

Woodworking \_\_\_\_\_

Student Leadership \_\_\_\_\_

Visual Communication \_\_\_\_\_

---

Parent Signature (Mandatory)

Date

## Complementary Course Descriptions

### **Band**

Students will have the opportunity to play, listen, read, create and value music. Focus will be placed on development of rhythm, tempo, reading and technique at a beginning junior high level, valuing and creating musical ideas as well as rehearsing a wide variety of musical styles. Regular home practice is heavily stressed since musical excellence is possible only when this is maintained. Instruments are provided for students to rent, although students who know they wish to continue with band may want to consider purchasing their own instrument. *(Fee is \$75.00 for instrument rental)*

### **Art**

Art education encourages individuals to think and act as artists. Art students explore art materials, art processes and ideas about what makes good art. Students will study art from cultures around the world, learn to use the basic vocabulary of art and develop artistic techniques that allow them to become expressive with the elements of design. *(Fee is \$15.00)*

### **Drama**

In the Drama program students explore life by assuming different roles and acquiring dramatic skills. The main focus is on student creativity combined with the willingness to participate in the major disciplines of movement, speech, improvisation, theatre studies and technical theatre. *(No fee)*

### **Foods and Nutrition**

Students will learn basic concepts in food preparation to more complex meal planning with an emphasis on safety, sanitation, and the use of the New Food Guide for Healthy Eating. Students will also use the knowledge, skills, and attitudes learned in Foods and Nutrition to prepare a variety of foods in the cooking labs. *(Fee is \$20.00)*

### **Computers**

This course will cater to the diverse learning styles of the Grade 7, 8 & 9 students. Students will learn basic commands and functions in word processing software including document editing, formatting and printing reports,

correspondence and tables suitable for personal use. Students will also use basic functions and commands in spreadsheet software for general data manipulation and personal record keeping. As well, students will learn how to develop computerized presentations involving text, data, graphics, sounds and animation. *(No Fee)*

### **Woodworking**

Students are introduced to a variety of useful woodworking skills. By choosing and building a simple project, the students are able to experience working with tools, machinery, solid wood and other materials. This class is designed to help students learn the safe and proper use of machinery and equipment used in many shop settings. Students will also learn basic project planning and drawing skills. *(Fee is \$25.00)*

### **Student Leadership**

Students will develop an awareness and understanding of the principles and practices of leadership. As well, students will be required to commit to adopting a leadership role within the school and community. This will include team leader responsibilities in areas such as student interest groups, liaising with staff on school matters and governance, event/activity planning and implementation, recycling, humanitarian involvement, promotions, mentoring, school spirit, intramurals, and more. This is a course for self-motivated, independent students who are interested in promoting the school community. *(No Fee)*

### **Visual Communication**

Students in this class will participate in developing the school yearbook. This will include helping to develop the theme, cover design, and page design. They will learn valuable skills in the area of communication, creativity, organization, photography, and computers. Students may also have to opportunity to help with the maintenance of the school webpage and with creating a student communications corner. This course will involve the brainstorming of ideas as well as many hands on projects. *(No Fee)*