



## Complimentary Course Descriptions

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Asterisks (\*) indicate course with a fee. Course fees are generally between \$25-\$50 for a course.



## FINE ARTS

The arts are an essential element of learning. High quality arts opportunities foster a creative life through engaging students in art making and encountering art and artists. The arts disciplines of Art, Dance, Drama and Music offer students many unique opportunities. Engaging in artistic practices supports student success across subjects. Through the arts, students learn the skills to explore ideas, create, innovate, express themselves, solve complex problems and practice perseverance.

### Art: Grades 7-9

**Grade 7** art students will be given the opportunity to practice and explore the creation of art using a wide range of tools, materials and media to express how they feel, think artistically and value art. They will learn to examine the art of others, and work towards incorporating different artistic skills and techniques into their own artwork.

**Grade 8** art students will expand their skills from previous years and work with a variety of materials to create individual works of art. Students will have the opportunity to explore themes and techniques of interest to them and push their creativity.

**Grade 9** art students will have the opportunity to express their creativity and imagination while building on previous art knowledge and skills. Students will apply drawing, painting, design skills, colour theory and other processes learned at this level to create art pieces using a variety of mediums.



### **Ceramics: Grades 7-9**

**Grade 7** ceramics students will be taught the fundamental methods of forming clay into a 3-dimensional art form. The basic techniques for hand building (pinch pot, slab construction, and coil construction) will be demonstrated. Emphasis will be placed on craftsmanship, creativity, and application of the elements and principles of design. Definitions of materials and ceramic processes will be presented.

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### **Band: Grades 7-9**

The Band (Instrumental Music) program for grades 7-9 is a performance based program, where each student selects an instrument of study from the woodwind, brass, or percussion family. The focus is on developing insights into music through meaningful musical activities, exploring self-expression and creativity, performance opportunities, teamwork and collaboration, and fostering the lifelong enjoyment of music.

Throughout the course, students will deepen their understanding of music theory/history, listen to and analyze music from different genres (from classical to contemporary), review the techniques and concepts from previous grade levels (if applicable), and perform a variety of concert repertoire (at the appropriate skill level for each grade). There are a minimum of two performances (concerts) during the school year and all band students are expected to



participate. Smaller instruments are rented from Long & McQuade or St. John's Music (cost varies depending on the instrument). There is a \$100 course fee for students using a Marshall Springs instrument, which students will have access to for the entire school year.

*\*Grades 8 & 9 are designed to build upon skills from the previous year, although students without previous experience are welcome to join.*

*\*Students are expected to play the same instrument each year they are in band, unless a specific change has been approved by the teacher.*

*\*Please Note: Piano and guitar are not included in concert band repertoire and as such, are not included in this course.*

### **Choral Music: Grades 7-9**

This course offers students the opportunity to develop their singing skills in a fun and supportive choral setting. Through a variety of musical genres, students will learn vocal technique, harmony, sight-singing, and performance skills. Emphasis is placed on teamwork, musical expression, and building confidence as a performer. Whether you are new to singing or an experienced vocalist, this course will help you grow as a musician and enjoy the joy of choral singing!

### **Guitar: Grades 7-9**

The Guitar Class at Marshall Springs is designed for students with little to no experience, but all levels of experience are welcome to join. Students will be introduced to basic guitar techniques and skill building exercises to develop their musicianship and help grow their appreciation of music. Examples of topics covered in class are identification of guitar parts, tuning, basic pitch and rhythm reading, strumming, chord identification, improvisation, composition, and ensemble playing. Students will read both traditional and tablature notation through a variety of musical activities, performance projects/assessments, and written assignments. The purpose of these classes is to give students a wealth of information that they may use in continuing to learn music on their own outside of the classroom.



*\*Please note that we will be using acoustic guitars only, no electric guitars. All guitars will be supplied by the school and are available for in-school use only. Students are not encouraged to bring their own guitars, as there is nowhere to safely store them in the music room.*

## **French: Grades 7-9**

**Grade 7:** Though previous French experience is not required, it is beneficial. In this introductory course, students will develop conversational French skills with a thematic approach. Themes such as family, weather, school and celebrations will be explored through language development activities. These activities include songs, games and skits. Emphasis is on interaction with both written and oral evaluation. As the focus of this class is on oral language development, class participation is very important.

**Grade 8:** Though previous French experience is not required, it is beneficial. In this course, students will develop conversational French skills with a thematic approach. Themes such as animals, clothing, food and celebrations will be explored through language development activities. These activities include songs, games and skits. Emphasis is on interaction with both written and oral evaluation. As the focus of this class is on oral language development, class participation is very important. We are pleased to announce an upcoming Eastern Canadian Tour scheduled for the Spring of 2026, tailored for students enrolled in French 8 and 9. This educational excursion aims to afford students the invaluable experience of applying their classroom knowledge in real-world contexts, while immersing themselves in the vibrant French culture of Quebec. The tour itinerary is projected to encompass visits to Ottawa, Montreal, and Quebec City, spanning a duration of 6-7 days. Participation in this enriching journey typically entails a cost ranging between \$2500 to \$3000. However, we understand the financial considerations involved, and thus, numerous fundraising opportunities will be available throughout the year to assist students in meeting the associated expenses. The trip is not mandatory, but all students will be encouraged to participate. Further details regarding the tour schedule, logistical arrangements, and fundraising initiatives will be communicated in due course.

**French 9:** Though previous French experience is not required, it is beneficial. In this course, students will develop conversational French skills with a thematic approach. Themes such as sports, housing, community and celebrations will be explored through language development activities. These activities include songs, games and skits. Emphasis is on interaction with both written and oral evaluation. As the focus of this class is on oral language development, class participation is very important. We are pleased to announce an upcoming Eastern Canadian



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### Communication

Communication courses focus on providing students with the flexibility to adapt to various situations related to design, communication, and fashion. Course in this cluster are related to arts & culture, including performing arts, film & video, journalism, writing, creative design, leadership, and fashion.

### Drama: Grades 7-9

**Grade 7:** This course is all about fun and creativity, where you'll explore drama in a relaxed and supportive environment. Through small group exercises and team-building activities, you'll work together to create fun stories, act out scenarios, and discover new ways to express yourself. You won't be in the spotlight unless you want to be—this class focuses on building confidence, working as a team, and having fun with drama games that encourage you to think outside the box. No pressure, just a great time with friends!

**Grade 8:** In this course, we'll focus on connecting with others and exploring creative ways to express yourself in a comfortable, low-pressure setting. Through small group drama games and activities, you'll learn how to communicate, build confidence, and think creatively. You won't have to perform in front of the class unless you choose to—this is all about fun, working as a team, and building trust with your classmates. From acting exercises to improv games, you'll gain new skills and experience the joy of self-expression in a supportive environment.



**Grade 9:** Drama isn't just about acting—it's about connecting with others and developing communication skills! This course focuses on small group exercises, drama games, and team-building activities that will help you build confidence and learn how to collaborate with others in creative ways. You'll work in a safe, non-performance setting, where the emphasis is on creativity, self-expression, and having fun while exploring the world of drama. Whether you're participating in role-playing games or group storytelling, you'll learn how to support one another and develop new ways of working together.

### Performance & Production: Grades 8-9

**Grade 8:** Calling all aspiring actors, playwrights, and behind-the-scenes heroes! This advanced course offers the exciting opportunity to help create a full-scale school production while also building an improv performance team. Whether you want to act, direct, or contribute to the production in a crucial crew role, there's a place for you! You'll dive into rehearsals, learn the ins and outs of theatre production, and explore backstage roles like lighting, sound, and stage management. Alongside the production, you'll also create spontaneous, high-energy improv scenes as part of a dynamic troupe. Whether you're performing, designing, or managing, this course will help you develop the skills to think creatively, collaborate effectively, and contribute to a memorable show from every angle. Get ready to shine both on stage and behind the scenes!

**Grade 9:** Take your drama skills to the next level in this exciting course that combines the thrill of a school play production with the dynamic energy of improv performance! Whether you want to be on stage or behind the scenes, this class offers something for everyone. As part of a dedicated team, you'll help bring a full-scale play to life, contributing in ways that go beyond acting—join the crew as a lighting operator, sound designer, stage manager, or work on other crucial backstage roles. Alongside the production, you'll also form an improv troupe, performing live, unscripted scenes. Whether you're in the spotlight, supporting from the wings, or improvising on the spot, this course will challenge your creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills, while giving you the chance to explore all aspects of a theatrical production. The show comes to life through teamwork, and there's a place for everyone to shine!



### **Fashion Studies: Grades 7-9**

**Fashion 7:** In this introductory course, students will learn basic hand sewing skills. Students will develop their skills through creative projects while learning how to read and work with patterns. Students will also learn about equipment safety, garment repair and explore the Fashion industry. Students will be introduced to a variety of hands-on learning experiences that may include; fashion illustration, costume design, embroidery, upcycled clothing and home accessories, wearable art, tie-dye, felting, fabric jewelry and accessory making, plush toy making, knitting, weaving, basket making, appliqué and much more!

**Fashion 8:** Students will explore the world of Fashion! Emphasis will be placed on creativity and skill development. Students will explore various career possibilities in the Fashion industry and learn the basics of hand and machine sewing as well as equipment safety. Students will be introduced to a variety of hands-on learning experiences that may include; fashion illustration, costume design, embroidery, upcycled clothing and home accessories, wearable art, tie-dye, felting, fabric jewelry and accessory making, plush toy making, knitting, weaving, basket making, appliqué and much more!

**Fashion 9:** Students will explore the wonderful world of Fashion! Emphasis will be placed on creativity and skill development with open ended projects. Students will explore various career possibilities in the Fashion industry and learn the basics of hand and machine sewing as well as equipment safety. Students will be introduced to a variety of hands-on learning experiences that may include; fashion illustration, costume design, embroidery, upcycled clothing and home accessories, wearable art, tie-dye, felting, fabric jewelry and accessory making, plush toy making, knitting, weaving, basket making, appliqué and much more!

### **Film Studies: Grades 7-9**

**Film Study 7** provides students the opportunity to discover and develop skills used to design and construct films that connect, inform, or entertain an audience. Film Study 7 will focus on fundamentals of film production. Students will explore shot types, storyboards, film planning, filming, and editing to create their own productions. Students will also appraise and analyze films to look for techniques and processes used to create films and apply this knowledge to their own productions.

**Film Study 8** builds on the skills of Film Study 7, yet students can join the class without having taken Film Study 7. Students will use shot types and storyboards to plan and create their films.





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**Film Study 9** builds on the skills of Film Study 7 and 8, yet students can join without having taken those previous courses. In Film Study 9 students will plan and create films, focusing on script writing and directing. Students will use shot types and storyboards to plan and create their films. Students will appraise and analyze films to look for techniques and genre tropes that they can utilize in their own filming.

### Photography: Grades 7-9

**Photography 7** provides students the opportunity to learn what makes a good photograph and how to use DSLR cameras to take good photographs. Students will learn how to use aperture, shutter speed, and ISO to create interesting shots. Some of the assignments include close up photos and nature shots. Throughout the class, students will take candid shots that might be used in the school yearbook.

**Photography 8** provides students the opportunity to build on the skills learned in Photography 7, although students are welcome to join without taking the previous class. Students will review what makes a good photograph and how to use DSLR cameras to take good photographs. Some of the assignments range from depth of field shots to blurred shots. Students will also explore some famous photographers to see what it takes to have a career in photography. Throughout the class, students will take candid shots that might be used in the school yearbook.

**Photography 9** provides students the opportunity to build on the skills learned in Photography 7 and 8, although students are welcome to join without taking the previous classes. Students will review what makes a good photograph and how to use DSLR cameras to take good photographs. Students will complete assignments that explore light, use monochrome, and require photo pieces to create collages. Students will also create a photo essay to see what it takes to build a career portfolio. Throughout the class, students will take candid shots that might be used in the school yearbook.



### Digital Content Creation: Grades 7-9

In this hands-on course, students will explore the world of digital content creation while unlocking their creative potential. Through engaging projects, they will learn essential skills such as filming techniques, basic acting and screen presence, writing for video, podcasting, and producing short videos. With a focus on self-expression and creativity, students will discover how to bring their unique ideas to life in the digital world. By the end of the course, students will confidently create captivating content and develop their own personal online presence, all while mastering the fundamentals of digital storytelling.

### Human Services

The focus is on a vast array of challenging and rewarding careers in health care, community supports, recreation, cosmetology, food services, tourism and law.

### Leadership: Grades 7-9

In this course you will be involved with service and leadership to the school community. Student leadership and service development is integral to developing positive school culture, that teaches students the power of collaborative teams, and that focuses on the betterment of communities. These leadership and service experiences help students to understand that leadership includes both the ability to lead and to follow. We take on events such as Terry Fox run, Remembrance Day assembly and spirit events at the school. You will learn about what makes a good leader, and how to develop personal skills that enable you to lead your school community. You will be involved in planning and running school events. You might be a part of the school recycling program or other school programs.



### **Change Makers (Leadership for Social Justice): Grades 7-9**

In this course, students will explore what it means to be a changemaker—someone who envisions a better world and takes meaningful action to make that vision a reality. Focusing on leadership for social justice, students will learn how to identify social issues, collaborate with others, and develop the skills necessary to create positive change in their communities. Through hands-on projects, critical discussions, and personal reflection, students will build confidence in their ability to lead with empathy, creativity, and a commitment to fairness. By the end of the course, students will be empowered to become active, responsible leaders who drive change for the greater good.

### **Foods: Grades 7-9**

**Foods 7:** Students will build on their existing skills and develop more advanced techniques. Recipes are more complex, with more steps and ingredients. Safety and sanitation will be reviewed and a safety test will be written before students move into the kitchens. After knife skills and protocol review, students will participate in cooking labs designed to address student interest as well as their growing culinary abilities and creative ideas. Labs may include Cake Wars, Mystery Ingredients, pizza, stir fry and baked goods.

**Foods 8:** Students continue to develop their existing skills and hone their techniques. The term will begin with Safety and Sanitation and completion of a safety test. Students will participate in an advanced knife skills lesson and then move onto cooking labs. Lab activities will emphasize creating a strong foundation of culinary techniques and begin to develop creativity in cooking. They may include Cake Wars, Black Box, and Plating Challenge as well as various recipes.

**Foods 9:** Students are expected to develop a solid foundation of kitchen skills such as recipe literacy, accurate measurement and effective use of equipment. While maintaining a safe, sanitary and efficient cooking environment, students will explore more advanced techniques and meet higher expectations for results. Students begin the course with the Safety and Sanitation unit and complete a safety test. There is opportunity for creativity and personal challenge in this course and there is focus on using existing skills in new ways. Lab activities may include Pop-Up Restaurants, Advanced Cake Wars, Black Box and Food Trucks, as well as various recipes.



### Sports Performance: Grades 8-9

The *Sports Performance* course is designed for students who want to improve their athletic ability and for those interested in becoming strength or performance coaches. This active, hands-on class covers the fundamentals of strength training, speed and agility drills, plyometrics, and other performance-enhancing methods. Students will also explore key topics such as sports nutrition, recovery strategies, sleep optimization, and mental preparation to support peak performance. Whether students are athletes looking to maximize their potential or future coaches eager to understand the science of performance, this course provides a strong foundation for success in sports and fitness.

### Technology

The focus is on skills and knowledge related to the design, construction, fabrication and maintenance of a product. This cluster includes courses that relate to manufacturing, processing, utilities, construction, mechanics, fabrication, trades supervision, trades contracting, logistics, transportation and heavy equipment.

### Construction: Grades 7-9

The **Grade 7** Construction program at Marshall Springs provides students the opportunity to practice safe woodworking skills while working through a variety of hands-on projects. Tools used include: The Thickness Planer, Bandsaw, Scroll Saw, Belt & Disc Sander, Drill Press, and Oscillating Spindle Sander, along with various hand tools.

The **Grade 8** Construction program at Marshall Springs provides students the opportunity to practice safe woodworking skills while working through a variety of hands-on projects. Tools used include: The Thickness Planer, Bandsaw, Scroll Saw, Belt & Disc Sander, Drill Press, Oscillating Spindle Sander, and Wood Lathe, along with various hand tools. Making a pen on the Wood Lathe is usually a highlight of the Grade 8 program.



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### Computer Science: Grades 7-9

**Coding & Robotics 7:** The Tech Ed program at Marshall Springs provides students with authentic learning experiences, where students have the opportunity to explore different career and trade paths in programming, communication, and technology. Whether you are a first time Coding student or a returning expert, there is always something new and exciting to experience! Develop an understanding of your computer to perform functions, create video games and program robots.

**Coding & Robotics 8:** The Tech Ed program at Marshall Springs provides students with authentic learning experiences, where students have the opportunity to explore different career and trade paths in programming, communication, and technology. Students will have the opportunity to expand on their knowledge of video game design, coding and programming robots.

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### Design & Build: Grades 7-9

Ever dreamed of designing the perfect home? In this exciting Design Studies course, you'll explore fundamental concepts of architectural and interior design, from space planning and aesthetics to materials and sustainability. Through hands-on projects and creative exercises, you'll bring your dream house to life—learning how to blend form, function, and personal style. Whether you're sketching floor plans or choosing color palettes, this course will give you the tools to design a space that's uniquely yours!



## Business

The focus is on management, marketing and the use of electronic technologies to access, use and manipulate information within personal, family, workplace, community and global contexts. This cluster challenges students to expand their confidence, experience and skills as innovators and leaders.

### Intro to Business & Entrepreneurship: Grades 7-9

This introductory business course will provide you with tools to understand basic business functions which may include management, human resources, marketing, supply chain, and personal finance. You will also explore the Canadian business system and environment, and the importance of business ethics and social responsibility in an increasingly global environment.

Working through the basic steps of building a business plan will give you opportunities to apply creative solutions to real-world problems. The course also explores the strategies for effective teamwork and provides opportunities to practice these strategies. This course provides you with the foundation for understanding business and business ownership. Within the world of business there are endless career opportunities. You can begin exploring here!

*Grade 9 students may also have the opportunity to build their resume and build interview skills.*

## Resources

Resources The focus is on conservation and the sustainable use of natural resources. Students develop the motivation and commitment to work individually and collectively as private citizens and members of the workforce.



### **Wildlife – Outdoor Education: Grades 8-9**

The focus of outdoor education includes wildlife safety, environmental awareness and action, wilderness survival and travel skills, group dynamics, leadership, and personal and group responsibility. The course is designed to provide time and structure for students to take up topics and experiences that are personally relevant and important in our world. Students will plan and organize outdoor experiences, engage in outdoor activities, and be responsible to learn through individual and group learning situations outside and within a classroom setting.

### **Environmental Stewardship: Grades 7-9**

This course is for students interested in natural resources, resource management, the environmental effects of consumerism, and how to live in sync with the environment. Students will explore the interactions between humans and the natural world, and collaborate with classmates to take action in making a positive difference in our school and the greater community.

### **Local Course**

### **Power Up Your Learning: Grades 7-9**

This is a supportive course designed to help students stay on track with their core class assignments while developing essential learning skills. Students will receive extra time and guidance to complete their work, identify their learning goals, and strengthen their focus. They will learn how to organize their time and materials, set goals, and create actionable plans to achieve them. Through personalized strategies, students will explore their learning preferences and leverage their strengths to improve academic success. This class fosters independence, confidence, and effective study habits, empowering students to take charge of their learning journey.