

Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School



Grade 8 Options

General Guidelines for Options:

1. The school year is divided into 3 terms, each term having 2 option blocks. This means students could potentially have six different options each year.
2. Band is a FULL YEAR option and Choral is a two term option...this means, Band will take up 3 of the 6 option blocks, and Choral will take up 2 of the 6 option blocks.
3. Please review the options listed and decide which ones are of interest. For the 2019/20 school year, students will select their options online through PowerSchool! Option selections will take place later this spring and will occur at school. Once the process is complete, parents will be notified and may view and approve their child's selections online. Detailed instructions for selecting options will be available on the Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School web page in case of required changes.
4. Be advised that some options have a supplementary fee attached to them to cover material and supply costs.
5. Please detach your completed option selection form and return it to our office before **Thursday, April 18th, 2019.**

PLEASE NOTE: Depending on student numbers, students' option selections, and teacher schedules, new courses may be created or cancelled.

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ART

“Art does not reproduce what we see; rather, it makes us see.” – Paul Klee. In this class, you will use a variety of tools, techniques and media to express your feelings, think artistically and value different art forms. Your creations will make others see, think and feel differently about the visual world. As an artist, you will study the elements and principles of design as the basis for good composition in your own work and for appreciating the work of others.

Course Fee: \$15.00 (materials and supplies)

BAND (3 terms)

This option continues to focus and extend on the fundamentals of wind & percussion instruments. Through individual growth and co-operative group interaction, students become confident musicians. Goals of the program include learning to play an instrument, learning to read music, learning music theory and participating in public performances.

Additional costs: Most students will privately rent from a local music store (flute, clarinet, alto/tenor saxophones, trumpet and trombone). Percussion and larger instruments are rented from the school for a fee of \$90. All students pay an option fee of \$15 which includes a method book and folder that will be used for the year.

CHORAL (2 terms)

Come as you are and make music with us! We'll sing a wide variety of music, including current hits you've heard on the radio...and classics your parents and grandparents might have heard too!

Course Fee: \$15.00 (materials and supplies)

COMMERCIAL ART

Art is everywhere! From the packaging of your favourite snack food and the cover of your most-loved book, to the logos on your t-shirts, it's the visual art that attracts us and sells the products. In this class you will design and create fun products that your friends would love to have and use. Silkscreen, airbrush, fashion and graphic design are some areas we will explore. An introduction to marketing products may also be incorporated with proceeds to benefit others.

Course Fee: \$15.00 (materials and supplies)

COMPUTERS

This option provides students with the opportunity to develop basic proficiencies in digital media. Students will use Adobe Photoshop to edit photographs, create amazing original content, and even learn to build professional grade web pages and YouTube banners. Students will also dabble in Adobe Premiere Pro to create amazing videos in areas of their own interest. Students will also endeavour to become good digital citizens by learning about safe social media practices to prevent loss of personal information and prevent cyberbullying.

DANCE

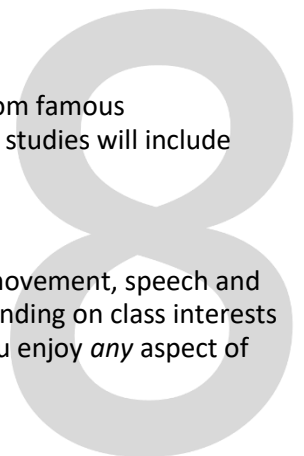
We will explore a variety of styles including, Jazz, Lyrical, Bollywood, Broadway, Ballet, and more! You will improve your flexibility, balance, stamina, cardiovascular fitness, coordination and confidence. Students will have the opportunity to choreograph their own number as a solo or in a small group. *This class is suitable for all levels of dancers, from beginners to advanced.*

DESIGN STUDIES

Explore your creative side and learn how to design a functional floor plan. Gain inspiration from famous architects. Learn the basics of interior design including colour schemes and feng shui. Design studies will include sketching, drawing, and basic drafting skills to create a trendy place you'd want to live!

DRAMA

In this class we will work together as a group to explore the joys of theatre. This will include movement, speech and acting as well as technical theatre to make props, design sets and run lights and sounds. Depending on class interests we will explore theatre through mime, clowning, children's theatre, puppetry and more! If you enjoy *any* aspect of theatre, this option is for you!



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FOODS

Do you like food? We like food! This option will introduce you to all things culinary. Learn to talk like a chef, cook like a chef, and eat like a pro! Students will work in groups to create culinary masterpieces and learn about food, kitchen safety, nutrition, simple meal planning, and food preparation techniques. By the end of this option you'll be "bacon" to be in the kitchen!

Course Fee: \$20.00 (supplies and materials)

FRENCH

French can be delicious! Your teen will explore the evolution of French and see that French differs from region to region. They will write, read and speak about topics such as pets and pet care, clothing design and care, and nutrition. They will also explore Francophone food and celebrations and become more sophisticated in how they use the language.



GERMAN

Kannst du Deutsch? If not, then take this class. More than just a romantic language, German is the language of quality engineering, winning soccer teams and anything that is efficient! It also has more in common with English than you may realize. You already know some German words like "kindergarten", "hamburger" and "gesundheit". Take this class and learn some more. *Übung macht den Meister!*

GUITAR

The grade 8 class is a continuation of the grade 6 and 7 classes. Students will add on to their knowledge of the instrument. Students will be learning to read multiple voices and explore more complicated chords. An importance will be placed on more advanced rhythms and sight-reading. The class will perform in term end celebration concerts.

Pre-requisite: Grade 7 guitar.

Course Fee: \$10 (supplies and materials)

IMPROV

Have you ever seen *Whose Line is it Anyway?* Come learn how to "create" on the fly in a fun, supportive and enthusiastic atmosphere. No previous experience needed.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS - CONSTRUCTION

Students will develop fundamental hand and power tool skills to safely build projects out of solid wood and composite materials.

Course Fee: \$30.00 (material and consumable costs)

INDUSTRIAL ARTS – ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION

Students will build on skills developed in Construction 8 and design and construct more advanced projects.

Course Fee: \$30.00 (material and consumable costs)

INDUSTRIAL ARTS – OUTDOOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Students will develop basic hand tool and machine skills to design and build outdoor furniture and projects. This option will be taught in the spring.

Course Fee: \$10.00 (material and consumable costs)

INTRO TO GUITAR

This class is an "intro" to playing the guitar. No previous guitar experience required. Through individual growth and co-operative group interaction, students become confident musicians.

Students will learn the fundamentals of music notation, parts of the guitar and proper playing technique leading into fundamental chords. Styles will vary from classical to rock and a bit of everything in between. The class will have performance opportunities in the school at term end celebrations.

Course Fee: \$10.00 (supplies and materials)



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MIXED MEDIA & MODERN ART

If you love to explore art and use anything and everything to create it, then this class is for you! From the mid-20th Century to the present, artists continue to break the rules of art. Pop Art, Surrealism, and Found Object Art are examples of art movements that have changed the way the world sees, thinks and feels about art. You will use a variety of mediums, objects and techniques to create your own mixed media modern artworks.

Course Fee: \$15.00 (materials and supplies)

MUSICAL THEATRE

Do you love signing along with Hairspray, Into the Woods, or Les Miserables? This is the option for you! There will be opportunities for group and solo projects as we work on choreography, singing, and acting. No experience needed!

SEWING

Learn about the world of fashion, fabric and design! In this option, students will practice the basics of machine assisted sewing while completing different sewing tasks and projects. Course fee does not include fabric & supplies.

Course Fee: \$15.00

SOCCER

This class will provide students an opportunity to improve their soccer skills. This is not a daily scrimmage class. Rather, students will participate in carefully planned drills to improve individual skill development, soccer fitness and game theory.



SPANISH

¿Hablas español? If not, then take this class. Did you know that more people on our planet speak Spanish than English? In fact, it is the second most spoken language in the world and is steadily becoming more relevant and important here in Canada. Give yourself an advantage and sign up for this class. Students will participate in daily activities to learn the basics and start *¡hablando la lengua más bonita del mundo!*

SPORTS PERFORMANCE – Becoming a Better Athlete

Are you interested in becoming a better athlete? If so, you will want to sign up for this class. You will explore a variety of topics that affect your success in sports: sports nutrition, mobility and flexibility, prehab and injury prevention, sport psychology, different types of workouts, etc. Some days you will be sweating, other days you will be thinking; every day you will be on your way to becoming a better athlete!

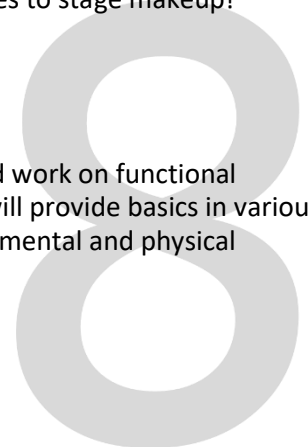
THEATRE TECH

Learn what it takes to put on a dramatic or musical production. Everything from stage cues to stage makeup! (Emphasis on stage makeup).

Course Fee: \$15.00 (makeup supplies)

YOGA

This is not a traditional yoga class! Students of all ability levels are encouraged to join and work on functional movement, mobility, locomotion, self-regulation, breathing and mindfulness. This class will provide basics in various types of yoga styles and variations and will give students an opportunity to increase their mental and physical strength.



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Student Name: _____

Fairbairn Option Selection Form

Please CHECK ten options that you would be interested in taking. There is no need to rank them. Selected options are not guaranteed but we will do our best to ensure that most of your options are from your choices. ***All options are for one term unless otherwise specified.***

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Arts - Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band – 3 terms | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Arts – Advanced Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choral – 2 terms | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Arts – Outdoor Construction Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Intro. to Guitar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Media & Modern Art |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Theatre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foods | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Performance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> German | <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Tech |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar | <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improv | |

Parent Guardian Signature: _____

Return this form to your current school by Thursday, April 18th. Thank You!