



# École Okotoks Junior High School

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## GRADE 9 CTF COURSE OUTLINES & INTEREST BOOKLET FOR 2019-2020

This booklet contains information about your CTF courses for the 2019-2020 school year. We are asking that you make your complementary course requests now so that we can organize staff, space and resources based on individual student requests.

- The purpose of this booklet is to provide a brief explanation of which Comp Courses may be offered next year.
- Comp Courses may be added in the fall. Students will be notified if that happens.
- Comp Courses may be removed from the timetable based upon low enrolment numbers, scheduling conflicts or changes in teaching staff available to teach certain Comp Courses.
- The school will make every effort to place you in the complementary course you request, however some or all of your choices may not be available.
- Students should be able to take their desired Comp Course at least once during their three years here at OJ. Although this cannot always be guaranteed, every effort will be made to accommodate a student's request.

### DIRECTIONS FOR COURSE SELECTION:

1. Carefully read the information and description for each CTF course.
2. Complete the **CTF Course Request Table for Grade 8**. Read all instructions on the selection sheet carefully before beginning.
3. CTF Course Request Booklets must be filled out by the student prior to inputting their requests into Maplewood. These will be turned into the Supervising Teacher. Students will input their requests into Maplewood during the week of May 27 to 31, 2019.
4. Students who have not made their selections by May 31, 2019, must drop their forms at the ÉOJHS main office. Students will be placed in courses where room permits.
5. Consider your CTF Course selection carefully as it will be very difficult to make any changes in September. Changes during the school year will only be made if there are extenuating circumstances.
6. Complimentary Courses may be cancelled if enrolments are too low. If this is the case, we will endeavour to accommodate the student's other Complimentary Course requests.
7. ***Students should check their school Gmail accounts regularly as information will begin to be emailed to them including summer letters, schedules, etc.***

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# CTF COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## *FULL YEAR COURSES*

### **CHORAL**

Do you love to sing? Do you want to become a better singer? Have you ever wanted to take singing lessons? If your answer to yes, this is the class for you. You will learn how to use your voice to sing alone and with a group in unison and harmony. You will perform with a group at concerts and competitions. You will go on cool choral trips. Each year of choral music will enhance your skills in singing, reading music, sight singing, listening skills and music appreciation.

### **CONCERT BAND**

This course is an instrumental music class and is a continuation of the Grade 7 & 8 Band Program. The majority of time is spent exploring, rehearsing, and performing music, which is more advanced and incorporates the skills developed in previous grades. Public concerts, music festivals and possible opportunities for travel are attractive aspects of this course. Participation in previous levels of band is strongly recommended.

### **FRENCH as a Second language (Non-French Immersion)**

To communicate effectively, students need to be exposed to the language in real and authentic ways. The curriculum features materials designed to promote co-operation, enjoyment and a sense of challenge for these students. This course is highly recommended for the academic student who can continue to handle and appreciate a "challenge". Thematic units will be incorporated such as food, fashion and sports.

### **SPANISH 9**

This course is for students who were successful in Spanish 8. This course will build on the skills from Spanish 8, allowing you to become a more confident Spanish speaker. You will also continue to learn about the cultures of Spanish speaking countries through movies, activities, and food! This class will set you up to possibly challenge Spanish 10.

## **SEMESTER COURSES**

### **ART**

The course work focuses upon the broad theme of Exploring Art Techniques and Media. The objectives are organized into the following three themes:

- Drawing: all the ways we record visual information
- Compositions: all the ways images are put together to create meaning.
- Encounters: where we meet and how we respond to visual imagery.

Students at this level will have the opportunity to explore these themes through drawing, painting, and some form of three-dimensional work.

### **DANCE 9**

If you love to be active and dance, this class is for you! This class is great for all students, from those who have never danced before to experienced dancers. You will get a chance to try many different dance genres, including hip hop, jazz, ballet, Irish, and African. You will learn more about what it takes to be a dancer and some interesting history and theory.

### **DIGITAL ART AND DESIGN**

In this grade 9 class you will explore many of the technologies available to today's professional designers and commercial artists. You will learn to use multimedia software to create dynamic web sites, illustrations and Flash animations. You will also learn how to use digital still and video cameras to create commercials, videos, and film projects.

### **DRAMA**

You will learn more about yourself and others through games, activities and acting exercises. You will learn to tell stories through Improvisation as well as through using scripts for scene work and monologues. You will perform in groups or individually if you so choose. This is a highly active class.

### **FOODS**

This course follows the types of meals that we eat throughout the course of a day. Students will continue to practice proper food handling and cooking methods, while making foods that would fit into a breakfast, lunch, snack, supper, or dessert menu. We will also do some research into cuisine from different countries and make some cultural recipes.

### **INTERMEDIATE GUITAR / HAND DRUMMING**

This class is going to combine the guitar skills learned in Grade 8 guitar class with hand drumming skills. Previous experience on the guitar is not necessary. Previous hand drumming experience is not necessary. Students will learn how to read and improvise rhythms on the drums, and synch these up with those playing guitar. If you like sitting around a camp fire and being involved in music, this class is for you.

### **MAKERSPACE**

Makerspace provides students with hands-on, creative ways to design, experiment, build and invent as you deeply engage in science, engineering and tinkering. A **makerspace** is not solely a science lab, woodshop, computer lab or art room, but it may contain elements found in all of these familiar spaces.

**TEXTILE AND DESIGN**

This course is designed to enhance the knowledge and skill level of students. Students will complete a number of projects and have the opportunity to choose from several options to complete their last machine-sewn project. Students will be required to supply some of their own materials or purchase them from the school at a reasonable rate.

**WOOD WORKING**

Students will have the opportunity to plan and build a variety of wood projects. This class will begin with a unit on the safe and competent use of hand and power tools. The student will develop an understanding of basic joinery skills.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION**

This class is to explore the state of our natural world and our role within it. It is entirely project-based and is geared for students who want to make a difference in our community.

**YEARBOOK**

Interested in photography? Like to go to OJ athletic games, plays and events? Join our yearbook class and have a hand in creating our permanent memories!

**ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP**

Students will have the opportunity to learn more about organizing and planning in the athletics department, how to ref, score keep, update bulletin boards, run intramurals and much more. Students will also learn first-aid/CPR, meal planning, fitness planning and hear from professionals who work in fields such as physiotherapy and personal training. \*\*Students will be required to do some volunteering outside of school hours for this course.

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**HOW TO COMPLETE THE CTF COURSE INTEREST FORM**

Please list the courses that you would like to be registered in for next year.  
*(you must list a minimum of 5 choices)*

CTF course offerings may change or may not be available, depending on student interest, availability of staff, space and resources.

**The school will make every effort to place the student in the CTF course requested, however, this may not always be possible.**

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