



# Grade 9 Course Selection



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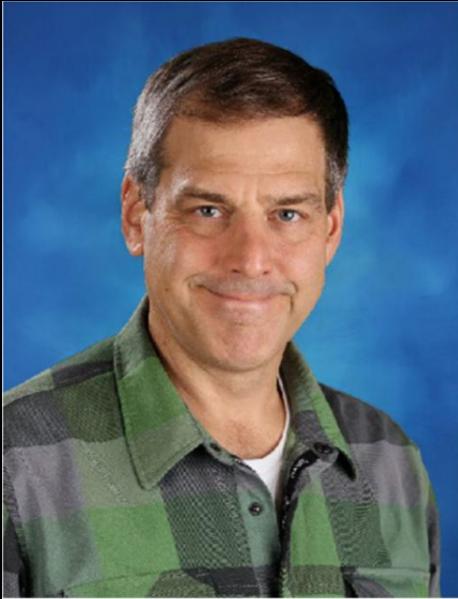
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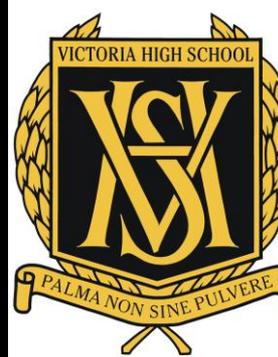
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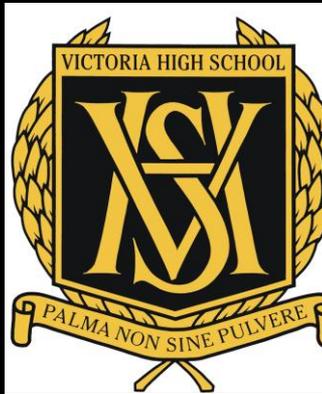
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# Grade 9 Course Selection

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## What are the steps?

1. Today: Presentation on your course options
2. Fill in your choices today and hand in the form.
3. You will get a course selection verification prior to Spring Break; instructions for how to change course requests will be on the back.
4. You will get your timetable in June



# Course Selection Materials



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Middle School: \_\_\_\_\_

## GRADE 9 Course Planning 2026 / 2027

**8 Courses (5 required, 3 Electives+ 2 Back-ups)**

- REQUIRED**  English 9
- REQUIRED**  Social Studies 9
- REQUIRED**  Mathematics 9
- REQUIRED**  Science 9
- REQUIRED** Physical Education: Select 1  
 Physical and Health Education 9 or  
 Physical and Health Education: Fit for Life 9
- ELECTIVE** Use a "1" to indicate your first choice below
- ELECTIVE** Use a "2" to indicate your second choice below
- ELECTIVE** Use a "3" to indicate your third choice below
- BACKUP** Use a "4" to indicate your backup choice below
- BACKUP** Use a "5" to indicate your backup choice below

**Home Economics**

- Food Studies 10
- Introductory Textiles 10
- Family & Society 10

**Information & Communications Technology**

- Computer Studies 10
- Intro to Robotics 10

**Arts Education**

- Drama 9
- Visual Art 9
- Dance Foundations 10
- Dance Technique & Performance: Street Styles 10
- Dance Company: Classical Styles 10
- Media Arts 10 – Media Broadcasting

**Technology Education**

- Autobody 10
- Power Mechanics 10
- Metalwork 10
- Woodwork 10
- Junior Art Metal 10
- Skills Exploration 10

**Business Education**

- Marketing 10

**Second Languages**

- French 9
- Spanish 9

**Career Education & Personal Development**

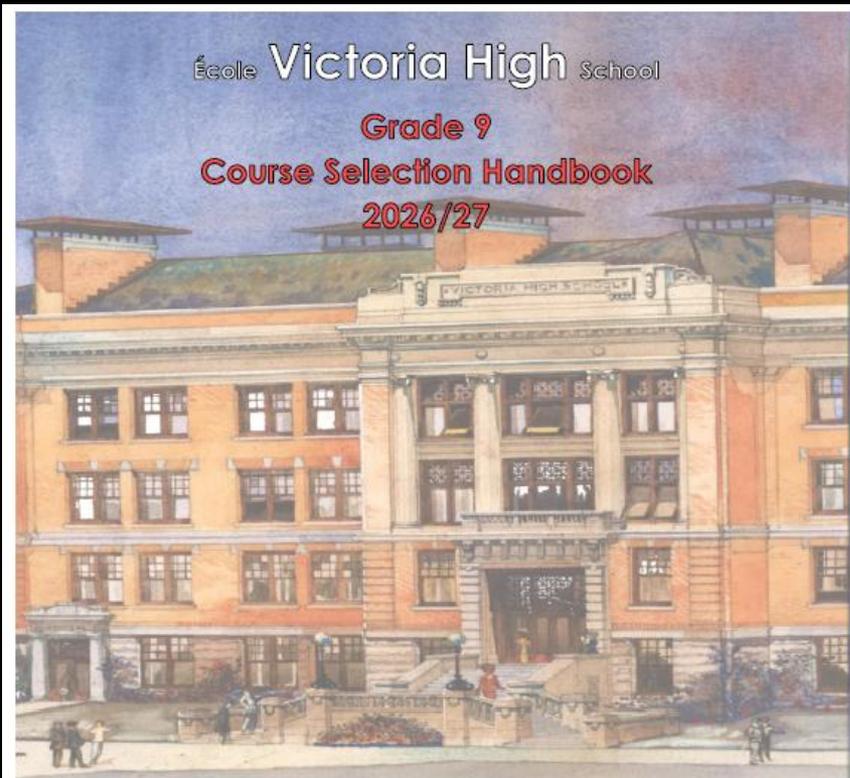
- Yoga for Mindfulness 10

**Music**

- Music 9: Concert Band
- Guitar 10

**Optional - \*Outside the timetable (before school, lunch or after school):**

- Choral Music 10: Concert Choir  Musical Theatre 10
- Contemporary Music 10: Instrumental (R&B)  Leadership 9 (priority given to 10/11/12)
- Choral Music: Vocal Jazz 10
- Instrumental Music: Jazz Band 10
- Instrumental Music: Orchestra 10 (Strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion)



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Grades 10:



# Semestered Timetable

<b>8:10am – 8:55am</b>	<b>Before School Classes (Jazz Band, Leadership, etc)</b>	
<b>9:00am – 10:20am</b>	<b>A Block</b>	<b>Science 9</b>
<b>10:25am – 11:45am</b>	<b>B Block</b>	<b>Visual Arts 9</b>
<b>11:45am – 12:30pm</b>		
<b>12:30pm – 1:50pm</b>	<b>C Block</b>	<b>Social Studies 9</b>
<b>1:55pm – 3:15pm</b>	<b>D Block</b>	<b>Foods 10</b>
<b>3:15pm – 4:30pm</b>	<b>Outside Timetable Courses: Most music classes, Musical Theatre, Leadership, Yearbook, etc. Schedule will be provided schedule by instructor.</b>	

## SEMESTER 1

**September 8 - end of January**

## SEMESTER 2

**February 1 - June 24**



# Course Selection Form



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Middle School: \_\_\_\_\_

## GRADE 9 Course Planning 2026 / 2027



<b>8 Courses (5 required, 3 Electives+ 2 Back-ups)</b>		
<b>REQUIRED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> English 9	
<b>REQUIRED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 9	
<b>REQUIRED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics 9	
<b>REQUIRED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Science 9	
<b>REQUIRED</b>	Physical Education: Select 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Physical and Health Education 9 or <input type="checkbox"/> Physical and Health Education: Fit for Life 9	
<b>ELECTIVE</b>	Use a "1" to indicate your first choice below	
<b>ELECTIVE</b>	Use a "2" to indicate your second choice below	
<b>ELECTIVE</b>	Use a "3" to indicate your third choice below	
<b>BACKUP</b>	Use a "4" to indicate your backup choice below	
<b>BACKUP</b>	Use a "5" to indicate your backup choice below	
<b>Home Economics</b>	<b>Technology Education</b>	<b>Career Education &amp; Personal Development</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Studies 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Autobody 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Yoga for Mindfulness 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Introductory Textiles 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Power Mechanics 10	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family & Society 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork 10	<b>Music</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodwork 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Music 9: Concert Band
<b>Information &amp; Communications Technology</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Art Metal 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Guitar 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Studies 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Skills Exploration 10	
<input type="checkbox"/> Intro to Robotics 10	<b>Business Education</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing 10	
<b>Arts Education</b>	<b>Second Languages</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drama 9	<input type="checkbox"/> French 9	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 9	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance Foundations 10		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance Technique & Performance: Street Styles 10		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance Company: Classical Styles 10		
<input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts 10 – Media Broadcasting		

**Optional - \*Outside the timetable (before school, lunch or after school):**

<input type="checkbox"/> Choral Music 10: Concert Choir	<input type="checkbox"/> Musical Theatre 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Music 10: Instrumental (R&B)	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership 9 (priority given to 10/11/12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Choral Music: Vocal Jazz 10	
<input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental Music: Jazz Band 10	
<input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental Music: Orchestra 10 (Strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion)	

# English Program or French Immersion



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Middle School: \_\_\_\_\_

## GRADE 9 FRENCH IMMERSION Course Planning 2026 / 2027



<b>8 Courses (5 required, 3 Electives+ 2 Back-ups)</b>		
<b>REQUIRED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> English 9	
<b>REQUIRED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Français Langue 9	
<b>REQUIRED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics 9	
<b>REQUIRED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sciences Naturelles 9	
<b>REQUIRED</b>	Physical Education: Select 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Physical and Health Education 9 or <input type="checkbox"/> Physical and Health Education: Fit for Life 9	
<b>REQUIRED</b>	Sciences Humaines 9	
<b>ELECTIVE</b>	Use a "1" to indicate your second choice below	
<b>ELECTIVE</b>	Use a "2" to indicate your third choice below	
<b>BACKUP</b>	Use a "3" to indicate your backup choice below	
<b>BACKUP</b>	Use a "4" to indicate your backup choice below	
<b>Home Economics</b>	<b>Technology Education</b>	<b>Career Education &amp; Personal Development</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Studies 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Autobody 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Yoga for Mindfulness 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Introductory Textiles 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Power Mechanics 10	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family and Society 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork 10	<b>Music</b>



# Grade 9 Course Selection

- Must choose 8 courses IN the timetable
- Outside of Timetable courses are optional





# English Program

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1. English 9
2. Social Studies 9
3. Math 9
4. Science 9
5. Physical & Health Ed. 9 OR Fit for Life 9
6. First choice elective #1
7. Second Choice Elective #2
8. Third Choice Elective #3
9. Back-ups - 4# and 5#



# French Immersion

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1. English 9
2. Français Langue 9
3. Sciences Humaines 9
4. Math 9
5. Sciences Naturelles 9
6. Physical & Health Ed. 9 OR Fit for Life 9
7. First choice elective #1
8. Second Choice Elective #2
9. Back-ups - #3 and #4



# Physical and Health Ed.

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Must choose one:

Physical Health and Education 9 (PHE 9)

➤ (more team sports oriented)

Or

PHE - Fit for Life 9

➤ (includes activities like dance, yoga etc.)

*Note: if you are choosing Concert Band 9, this will be linear (all year) with PHE 9*



# Electives

- Electives are any courses not required for graduation (but you can also choose courses that are required)
- We build our timetable around the classes students choose





# In Timetable Electives

## Home Economics:

- Food Studies 10
- Family & Society
  - Introductory Textiles 10 **OR**
  - Intermediate Textiles 10

## Information & Communications:

- Computer Studies 10
- Intro to Robotics 10

## Arts Education

- Drama 9
- Visual Arts 9
- Dance Foundations 10
- Dance Technique & Performance:  
Street Styles 10
- Dance Company: Classical Styles 10
- Media Arts 10 – Media Broadcasting

## Technology Education:

- Auto Body 10
- Power Mechanics 10
- Metalwork 10
- Woodwork 10
- Junior Art Metal 10
- Skills Exploration 10

## Business Education 10

- Marketing 10

## Second Languages

- French 9
- Spanish 9



# In Timetable Electives

## Career Education & Personal Development

- Yoga for Mindfulness 10

## Music:

- Music 9: Concert Band
- Guitar 10

ALWAYS **learn** SOMETHING **new**





# Academic Acceleration

A possibility for strong highly motivated students (*\*Must speak with a counsellor or administrator about this request*)

- Science 10 (English track students only)
- Socials 10 (English track students only)
- Foundations of Math and Pre-Calculus 10
- Potentially one of these English Language Arts 10 courses:
  - Literary Studies/Composition 10 OR
  - Creative Writing/Composition 10

Takes the place of a non-academic elective





# \*Outside Timetable

## Music:

- Choral Music 10: Concert Choir
- Contemporary Music 10:  
Instrumental (R&B)
- Choral Music: Vocal Jazz 10
- Instrumental Music: Jazz Band  
10
- Instrumental Music: Orchestra 10  
(strings, woodwinds, brass and  
percussion)

## Dance & Drama

- Musical Theatre 10

## Personal Development

- Leadership 9  
*(priority given to 10/11/12)*
- Athletic Leadership 10  
*(priority given to 10/11/12)*

These classes are held either before school,  
after school or at lunch



# Sports and Clubs

## Sports Examples:

- Track
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Rugby
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Etc.

## Clubs Examples:

- Astronomy
- Board Game Club
- Juggling
- Chess Club
- GSA
- SOCA
- Read & Write Club
- Etc.

See the back of the course handbook for more examples



# In Timetable Electives

Number your elective choices in order of preference (#1 to #5)

- Choose a minimum:
  - English Program: **3 Electives + 2 Back-ups**
  - French Program: **2 Electives + 2 Back-ups**
- ‘Back-ups’ are used if we cannot schedule you in your first choices.



# Home Economics Electives

## ☐ Foods 10



## ☐ Textiles 10



## ☐ Family & Society

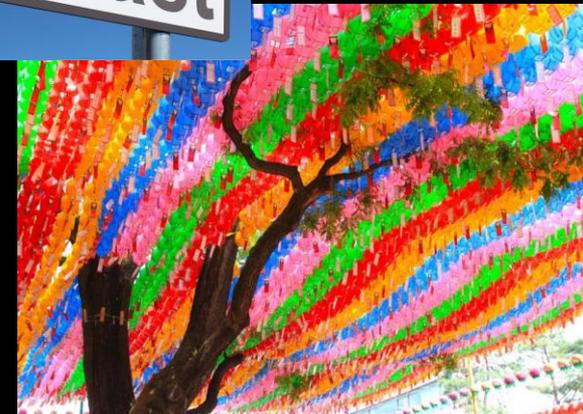
*NEW offering. Examine the beauty and complexity of the family structure. Students explore human growth, development, and interpersonal relationships. Why do families differ, and how are they the same? Students will learn how families are impacted by societal influences and examine living arrangements, housing options, and the role and rights of children locally and globally.*





# Arts Education

- Dance Foundations  
10 (beginning dance)
- Dance Technique and  
Performance: Street  
Styles 10
- Dance Company:  
Classical Styles 10
- Drama 9
- Visual Art 9
- Media Arts  
10 - Broadcasting





# Technology Education

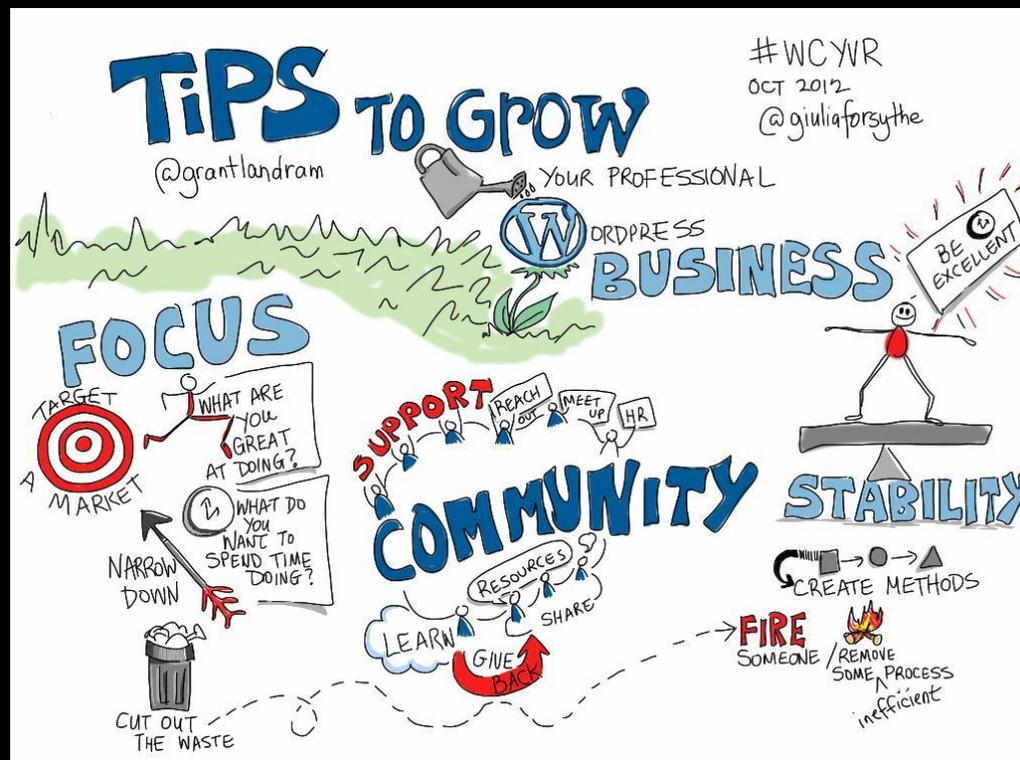
- ❑ Autobody 10
- ❑ Power Mechanics 10
- ❑ Metalwork
- ❑ Woodwork 10
- ❑ Junior Art Metal 10
- ❑ Skills Exploration 10





# Business Education

- Marketing 10: learn how to create a business

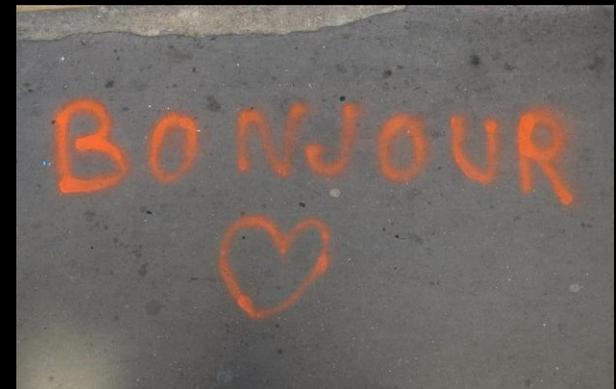




# Second Languages

Beginner level:

- French 9
- Spanish 9





# Personal Development

## ☐ Yoga for Mindfulness 10





# Music

- ❑ Music 9: Concert Band  
(previous experience  
playing an instrument suggested)
- ❑ Guitar 10 (no previous  
experience required)

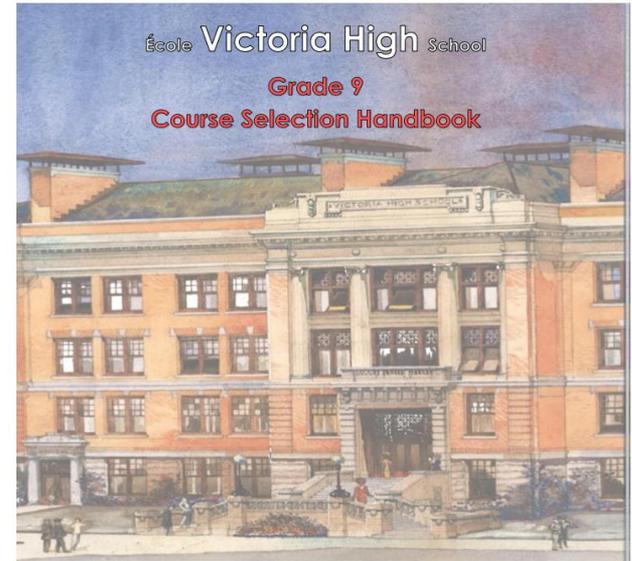




# Electives

## How do I choose?

- What do I LIKE to do?
- What am I GOOD at?
- What am I INTERESTED in?
- What would I like to TRY?



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# Next Steps

- Verification sheets given out before Spring break; instructions for how to request changes will be included
- Final timetable sent in June 2026

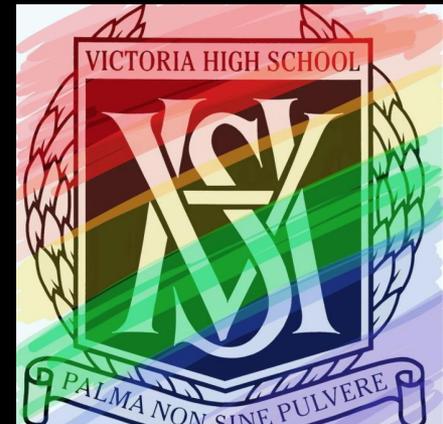




# Time to choose your electives

Number your in timetable elective choices in order of preference (#1 to #5)

- Choose a minimum:
  - English Program: **3 Electives + 2 Back-ups**
  - French Program: **2 Electives + 2 Back-ups**
  
- To select out of timetable electives, check the box(es)





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