



St. Francis of Assisi Middle School

Grade 8 - Option Descriptions 2022-2023

Option A

Foods (Miss Toeckes) - While working safely in the kitchen students will make a variety of delicious healthy foods. Focus will be on use of equipment, cutting techniques, measuring accurately and following a written recipe. Labs may include breakfasts, soup, snacks and quick breads.

STEM (Mr. Einhorn) - STEM is an abbreviation for four connected areas of study: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. In this class, you will have an opportunity to use your imagination and creativity to design and create various projects with commonly available materials.

Band (Mrs. McLaren) - Learn a band instrument! In this option you get to learn a band instrument, it doesn't matter if you have never taken band before, all are welcome!

Construction (Mr. LaGrange) - Construction 8 is a continuation of the grade 7 program. Students will continue their work in working with plans and drawings, move into the use of power tools, and undertake basic woodworking projects that focus on skill development.

Learning Opportunities (Ms. Hutchison) - Are you feeling overwhelmed with school? Do you need help finishing up missed or late assignments? Perhaps you need help studying? This is just the class for you! Additionally, you will be given the opportunity to build a "toolbox for success" filled with strategies to increase your academic success and gain self-confidence in all that you do.

French (Miss Nokes) - Bonjour! In this FULL YEAR option we will study French vocabulary, grammar, and the cultures of a variety of French-speaking countries. You will have the opportunity to listen to, speak, read and write in French. This option is also a prerequisite for any students hoping to go on the Grade 9 trip to Quebec City, Montreal & Ottawa!

Cosmetology (Mrs. Naesgaard) - Students will explore topics related to Cosmetology both for personal use and as a future career option. This course is intended to introduce students to and allow them to discover the skills and techniques associated to cosmetology.

Design Thinking (Mrs. Chatwood) - Try out our school laser, vinyl press! In Design Thinking, you will be able to select a project that interests you and make it come to life through your own design and creations.

Photoshop/Design (Miss Korver) - Students will use a variety of Adobe and photo editing programs to manipulate, design and create media and photographs.

Option B

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Drama (Miss Nokes) - In this class students will continue to refine their dramatic skills to perform more sophisticated work. Students will use various creative drama techniques to build ensemble, stimulate imagination, movement and role play with an emphasis on concentration. Students will be taught to direct their focus, intent, and motivation to create and sustain character. Students will address plot, setting and character in monologues.

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Art (Ms Hutchison) - Share and develop your creative side through a variety of visual art lessons and projects. This option will include drawing techniques, watercolour, and digital art.

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STEM (Mr. Einhorn) - Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics. We will be exploring Science and Math topics through experiments and labs.

Leadership (Mrs. Scheyen) - Taking a look at who you are, where you come from and making connections to present world views. We will also be exploring topics such as diversity, historical injustice and developing ideas for change.

Outdoor Ed (Mr. Christensen) - Students will learn a variety of outdoor skills. They will learn fire starting, how to find direction without a compass, what to pack on a hike, bear safety, and shelter building. These activities will be learned in the classroom as well as outside and on fieldtrips.

Guitar (Mrs. McLaren) - Learning the basics of acoustic guitar. We will focus on learning guitar fundamentals like learning riffs, chords and pop/rock songs!