



St. Francis of Assisi Middle School

Grade 9 - Option Descriptions 2022-2023

Option A

Foods (Miss Toeckes) - An introduction of safety and equipment will start this course. Through several labs students will learn proper measuring, cutting and cooking techniques. Labs may include breakfasts, soup, simple lunches and suppers

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 9 is a continuation of the grade 8 program. Students will continue their work in working with plans and drawings, move into the advanced use of power tools, and undertake projects with increased attention to detail with a focus on skill development. Potential collaboration with Notre Dame Highschool construction program.

Design Thinking (Mrs. Lansing) - Try out our new school laser! In Design Thinking, you will be able to select a project that interests you and make it come to life using laser technology. Working clocks, decorative signs, layered shadow boxes, and more!

Art (Mrs. MacLure) - Share and develop your creative side through a variety of visual art lessons and projects. Main focuses of this option will be on realistic compositions exploring line, value and shading as well as colour theory.

Learning Opportunities (Mrs. Matus) - This Learning Opportunities section will be focused mainly on keeping caught up in Math & Science, as well as working on organizational and study skills to allow for greater success in your classes.

Leadership (Mrs. Finnigan) - Exploring topics such as diversity, historical injustice, and discrimination. Learning about groups that are trying to make change as well as we will be developing ideas for change.

Female Peak Performance (Mrs. Chatwood) - Female students only! Want to take your game to the next level? Students will learn about the aspects of being a high performance athlete and how to perform at their best. Mental training, nutrition and game day prep are among a few of the topics that will be covered!!

Genious Hour (Mrs. Pasiuk) - Students will have the opportunity to choose, create and research a project that interests them the most. This option is based on individual gifts, talents and interests.

Option B

Foods (Miss Toeckes) - An introduction of safety and equipment will start this course. Through several labs students will learn proper measuring, cutting and cooking techniques. Labs may include breakfasts, soup, simple lunches and suppers

Learning Opportunities (Mrs. Pasiuk) This Learning Opportunities section will be focused on keeping caught up in Language Arts and Humanities, as well as working on your reading and writing skills to allow for greater success in your classes.

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French (Mrs. Matus) - 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!

Art/Activism (Mrs. MacLure) - Explore world and social justice issues that matter to you. Creatively raise awareness for these issues using your artistic talents (visual art, music, performance art, poetry etc.)

Drama (Miss Nokes) - In this class, students will build upon previously learned skills to portray more compelling characters and complex scenes. Students will use various creative drama techniques to build ensemble, stimulate imagination, movement, and role play with an emphasis on movement and stage presence. Students will focus on realistic acting, commanding audience attention and developing a stage presence.

Media/Tech (Mrs. Finnigan) - Students will develop media and technology skills. They will learn about a variety of media and technology and will work to create different media projects using a variety of technologies.

Mastering Middle School (Mr. Richard) - Take this opportunity to enjoy your last year in middle school by diving into your school community. This class will focus on taking the necessary steps to set yourself up for success in high school.

Outdoor Education (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.