

LAURIE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 9
COURSE INFORMATION 2022-2023

FRENCH 9
ALL YEAR

French 9 enables students to understand and to express themselves both orally and in writing. Students develop the necessary learning skills needed for continued language study. They also become familiar with and appreciate the cultures of others; to learn about customs, geography, history and lifestyles of other countries.

BAND 9
ALL YEAR

Band 9 is a continuation of Band 8. More and more responsibility will be placed on the student for home practice, technical requirements, solos, theory, and class analysis of music played. Students may be selected for extra-curricular Concert Band, subject to effort, skill, attendance, overall instrumental and willingness to perform and travel with the band.

FOODS 9
ALL YEAR

Foods 9 is an opportunity for students to learn and practice safe food handling practices; both with food and equipment. They will learn many cooking techniques by making a variety of foods ranging from biscuits and muffins to Lasagna and Gnocchi. Learning about Nutrition and food service is also part of the course. The students will also have an opportunity to get their "Foodsafe" certificate.

SEWING 9
ALL YEAR

The students will learn basic sewing skills and techniques to make projects from woven fabrics, such as purses or satchels, PJ bottoms, button-up shirts and knit fabrics, such as t-shirts, hoodies/sweaters, leggings/tights and a repurposing project such as a jean skirt from jeans. The students will have an opportunity to use the serger and the embroidery sewing machine.

NEST - OUT DOOR EDUCATION
ALL YEAR

Through team-building activities and environmental sustainability projects, students will strengthen their leadership skills. Students choosing this elective will be expected to wear weather-appropriate attire. Students will further develop their connection to our local community by engaging in experiences in the outdoors; we will not be confined to the four walls of a classroom.

ART 9
ALL YEAR

The students will develop their understanding of design, composition and color theory. They will be exposed to a selection of fundamental artists and art periods. This course also includes working with clay, and the opportunity to paint a ceiling tile at LMS. Students will examine elements of photography using Adobe Photoshop where students will be able to take images and make them into artistic creations.

DRAMA 9
ALL YEAR

Selecting Drama 9 for the FULL year will still involve the Drama games, leadership skill development and FUN, but students will also have the time to look into a bit of theatre history, physical theatre, voice work and accents, as well as deeper look into character and scene work.

FILM & MEDIA ARTS 9
ALL YEAR

There is an emphasis on creating computer based animations using Adobe CS6 software and claymations using modelling clay and Adobe Premiere. Adobe Illustrator is also explored. Students will examine elements of photography using Adobe Photoshop where students will be able to take images and make them into artistic creations. Film making will also be explored.

COMPUTERS 9
ALL YEAR

Students will work on more intermediate skills in Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), Web Page Design, basic coding using Scratch, Kodu Game Lab Design, and stop motion animation. Film making will also be explored using Adobe Premiere software. Projects related to Photography/Journalism are included as the class works to create the **school yearbook** with planning, shooting and editing photographs.

WOODWORK 9
ALL YEAR

Discover the difference between various tree species and their importance in the woodwork industry. Ever wondered how that awesome piece of furniture is held together? Learn some traditional and non-traditional joinery using all sorts of tools and equipment, including stationary power equipment. All of this information will be put to use in the hands-on construction of your project.

METALWORK 9
ALL YEAR

Look around and you will find that metal is a material found in a large number of things that we use and depend on every day. Discover some of the properties of various metals through the construction of projects. Learn how to form sheet metal into a tool box or forge metal into Celtic design. The MIG welder, forge, plasma cutter, metal lathe, and several other tools will also be covered in the construction of a project that recycles left over metal into a bedside lamp. Bring your creativity and find out the many possibilities of what metal work can be.

JEWELRY/ART METALWORK 9
ALL YEAR

The use of metal for the design of jewelry and artistic expression will be the focus for this course. Students will gain experience on the various machines in the metal shop along with the use of specialty tools to create projects such as rings, (lost wax cast, folded coin, and banded types), enamelled copper bead bracelet, pendants, charms, dog tags, silhouettes, figures, and others. Some of the finer processes like brazing and soldering, which are used to assemble metal pieces, will also be covered in this course. No previous experience needed, just a good attention to detail and your imagination.

Fit For Life or PHE?

Consider an alternative for the traditional Physical Health Education class. In grade 9 next year, Ms Farnan will be offering a Gym class that focuses on being Fit For Life. This includes healthy eating, emotional health, personal values and decision making. Activities will be focused on lifelong physical health: walking, yoga, badminton, soccer, disc golf, slow pitch, golf, pickleball, etc. This is designed to be a Noncompetitive gym course.