



Sentinel Secondary

2021-22
Course Planning Session
for
Current
Grade 8 Students

COVID-19

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We miss seeing you in person! This year, unlike previous years, we are unable to invite you to the school for this presentation. As a result, slides have been revised to include additional details that would normally be delivered in person. For your reference, you will also find multiple links to aid you and your child(ren) in the course planning process.

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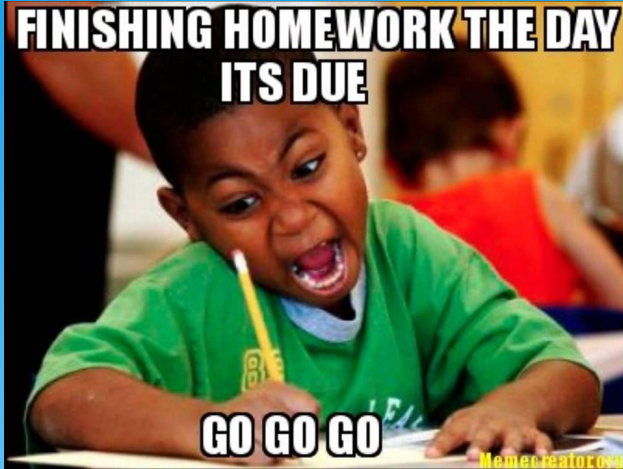
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Hey Grade 8s:
Let's Check in...

What's going well?
What's been challenging?

Course Planning Timeline

- **Early February:** Classroom based course planning sessions with school counsellors
- Online google form for course selection available starting **Tuesday, February 9th, 2021**, and due **Tuesday, February 16th, 2021**
- Course request verification in the Spring 2021

Course Planning Resources

[Sentinel Course Handbook 2021-22](#)

- We *strongly recommend* that students and their families use the handbook to guide them through the course selection process
- The Course Handbook includes descriptions of ALL courses offered as well as course pathways for each department

[Sentinel Counselling Website](#)

- Our website includes a link to the Course Handbook as well as grade specific course offerings information

Human Resources

- Don't forget to check in with family, school counsellors, teachers, and classmates

Grade 9 Curriculum

- Grade 9 students are required to take 8 courses inside of the timetable
- Career Ed 9 is a required course and will be added to all student timetables (9th course)
- Choir/Theatre 9 are optional
- Please refer to the [Sentinel Course Handbook 2021-22](#) for course details

English Stream

1. English 9 (or ELL)
2. Math 9 (or Math 10 for those in accelerated 8/9)
3. Science 9
4. Social Studies 9
5. Physical Education 9
6. Language Elective 9 (or Learning Support)
7. Elective
8. Elective
9. Career Education 9 (outside timetable)
10. Choir/Theatre 9 (outside timetable)

French Immersion Stream

1. English 9
2. Mathématiques 9 (Math 10 if in Math 9 this year)
3. Sciences 9
4. Science Humaines 9
5. Physical Education 9
6. Français Langue 9
7. Elective
8. Elective
9. Career Education 9 (outside timetable)
10. Choir/Theatre 9 (outside timetable)

Grade 9 Electives

Grade 9 students may choose from the following electives:

- Language
- Applied Skills (ADST)
- Music
- Fine and Performing Arts
- Choir 9/Theatre 9 (outside timetable)

Electives: Language

- **Language Elective:**

- Français Langue 9 (French immersion students)
- French 9 (students in English stream)
- Spanish 9 (suitable for students who have never taken Spanish before)

Note: Students interested in studying multiple languages may request French 9/Français Langue 9 *and* Spanish 9



Electives: Applied Skills

- **Applied Skills (ADST)**

- Foods 9
- Information + Communications Technologies 9
- Textiles 9
- Woodwork 9
- Entrepreneurship + Marketing 10

Note: Students may request Foods 9 OR Woodwork 9, but not both.

When I try to cook something for myself



Music + Fine and Performing Arts

- Music

- Concert Band 9
- Jazz Band 9
- Orchestral Strings 9
- Concert Choir 9



- Fine and Performing Arts

- Dance 9
- Dance Conditioning 9
- Drama 9
- Theatre Company - after school
- Arts Education 9
- Ceramics and Sculpture 9
- Media Arts 9 (Photography)

English Language Learning (ELL) Program

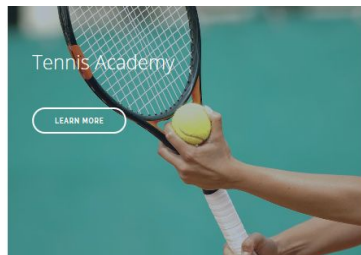
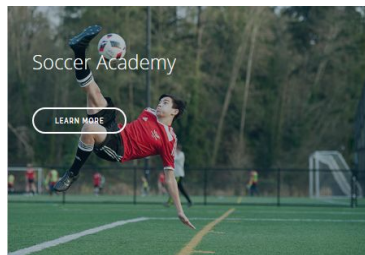
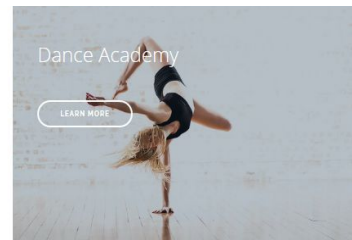
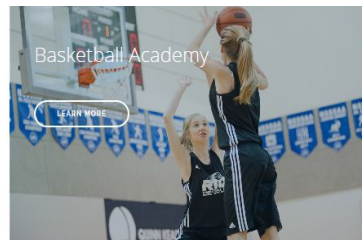
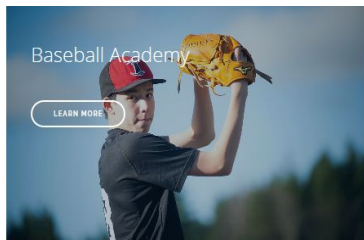
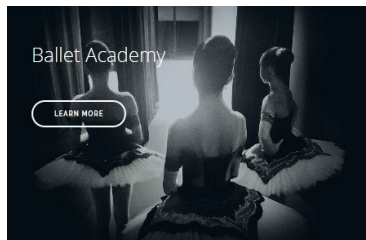
- Language adapted (LA) courses are offered in **English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies**
- Students are recommended to ELL classes based on academic achievement in grade 8, teacher recommendation, and Spring/Fall ELL assessments
- **Pace and workload** are adjusted for greater accessibility
- **Learning outcomes** are the **same** as regular classes
- “Language Adapted” **does NOT** appear on student transcript
- ELL courses **do NOT** limit post-secondary opportunities

WVS Premier Sports Academies

Virtual Open Houses early February

Must apply & there are added fees

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies>



WVS Premier Programs

<http://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs>

- Outdoor Education
- First Aid Swim Training (FAST)
- 200-Hour Yoga Teacher Training
- Honour Choir

Note: Premier Programs are offered outside of the timetable (e.g. before/after school and/or during X-Block)



Summer School

- **Summer School**

- Offered by various school districts
 - Grade 8-9 courses are non-credit courses (i.e. do not count toward graduation)
 - Completion or Review only
- Online registration is the responsibility of the student
- [West Vancouver Schools Summer Learning](#) opens for registration on May 1
- Other local options include: [North Vancouver Summer Learning](#) and [Vancouver School Board Summer Experience](#)

NOTE: *If websites do not include updated summer 2021 information, please check again soon. Also, COVID-19 may affect course availability, so students are encouraged to register early.*

Questions?

