

## **2020 – 2021 Option Course Descriptions**

### **ART - Drawing**

Do you fancy yourself a doodler? Or perhaps you are already a little more serious about sketching? Either way, come learn and practice the basics of drawing. We will explore how to recognize edges, lines, tone and angles in images, as well as reckon with proportion, highlights, shadows and perspective. And, most importantly, we will spend lots of time applying all these skills together in practice. Using drawing mediums such as pencil, charcoal and chalk, we will create a variety of realistic images, and leave room for some 'cartooning' as well. Come and explore the joys of drawing!

**Course Requirements: none**

**Fee: \$10 - includes sketchbook**

### **ART - PAINTING**

Share your creative side through a wide variety of visual arts. Do you love to create and explore space, colour and texture? Do you love to play with line and design? Do you love to tell a story through image and write artist statements that reflect the heart of your art creations? Are you unafraid of getting a little paint on your hands? Then, join the art option and build your visual art skills through the creation and discussion of various artistic mediums. Whether you already spend significant time creating as an artist or are looking to build up your emerging skills, then this option might just be for you. Express yourself through imagination and creation.

**Course Requirements: none**

**Fee: \$ 10 - includes canvas, watercolor paper**

### **ART – SCULPTURE AND CERAMICS**

Develop your inner artisan! This course will help you discover the techniques of working with clay to make art that you'll be proud of. Both functional and sculptural projects will be explored while we focus on the hand-building techniques of coil, pinch, and slab pottery. You will also have the opportunity to try various glaze and decorating techniques for finishing your pieces. Learn what it takes to make a product that shows your own unique artistic style from start to finish. The only limit is your imagination!

**Course Requirements: none**

**Fee: \$ 10 – includes clay and glazes**

### **BAND (Full Year: Terms 1, 2 & 3)**

Welcome to Band! This class is about learning new skills, creating music, performing, and having fun as a team. You will learn how to:

- Play your instrument with a controlled sound and good intonation, on your own and in a large group.
- Play your instrument with the correct technique.
- Read increasingly challenging pieces of notated music.
- Develop your skills as a performer.
- Listen critically, to your own performances and the performances of others.
- Compose and improvise music.
- Increase your appreciation of music, as a listener and a performer.

Performance is an important and exciting part of participation in Band. We will be performing several times this year at our own concerts and at least one festival.

**Fee: \$75 – includes a folder, a Standard of Excellence method book, new sheet music, clinicians, various trips including music festival and other supplies**

## **CODING AND ROBOTICS I**

Students will learn the basics of computer coding through a program called coding.org. They will also learn a simple program to run ‘Ozobots’, as an introduction to robotics. No experience necessary!

**Course Requirements: none**

**Fee: Free**

## **CODING AND ROBOTICS II**

In this follow up to the coding and robotics I option, students will build and then program “Little Robots”. They will also complete more complex codes for Ozobots, as well as, other robots like Dash and Dot.

**Course Requirements: Must have taken Coding and Robotics I**

**Fee: Free**

## **Drama - Intro**

Intro to Drama is a course about exploring the dramatic form and trying different theatrical processes such as tableaux, movement, scene work, mask work, and technical theatre. There is little emphasis on performance. Rather, the focus is on group skills, cooperation, and building self-confidence.

**Course Requirements: none**

**Fee: Free**

## **Drama - Improv**

Improvisation is the “acting out” of an idea or situation, using spontaneous improvisation, planned improvisation and text. Students will create scenes using various improvisational

techniques and games to communicate a clear beginning, middle, and end. They will also learn about focus, and the process of blocking, accepting, and advancing a scene.

**Course Requirements: none**

**Fee: Free**

### **Foods (25 student max. and cannot be taken more than once/year)**

Everyone needs to eat, and therefore there is perhaps no better skill than learning to be a great cook. Join foods and learn to make some delicious recipes while learning the fundamentals of good cooking. No experience is necessary, so join food whether you are already an avid cook and baker, or you want to build up some new skills in the kitchen. We will examine the basics of cooking and baking as well as the importance of healthy eating. And, don't forget one last bonus - great cooks also get to eat great food.

**Course Requirements: Apron, duo-tang, writing supplies**

**Fee: \$15 - includes groceries for all recipes**

### **French - An Introduction**

Come and be introduced to French. You will learn basic vocabulary, grammar and useful expressions through a variety of games and activities. Topics may include school, sports, food, common holidays and French culture.

**Course Requirements: none**

**Fee: Free**

### **LANGUAGES**

Bonjour, Guten Tag, Hola! We invite you to explore French, German and Spanish and some of the culture and experiences that go along with the countries where those languages are spoken. Using games, songs, projects and the "DuoLingo" app, students will be exposed to these three modern languages.

**Course Requirements: none**

**Fee: Free**

### **Leadership**

The Leadership program at Fireside is an interactive and cooperative program that introduces students to Leadership concepts and components with hands-on activities to enhance personal development, build school culture and impact our community in grade 7 and 8. We will incorporate team building activities and school-culture development activities, which allow the students to nurture their passion for Leadership opportunities. Our belief is that students helping their classmates, their school, their community, their city, and their world is of enormous value to the development of leadership skills

**Course Requirements: none**

**Fee: Free**

### **Maker Space (25 max. and can only be taken once per year)**

A growing movement of hands-on, mentor-led learning environments that's part classroom, part workshop and design thinking. Students are led through the creative thinking process where they learn to use problem-solving skills and formulate a vision in a safe, fun and creative environment. Throughout the course, students are given multiple opportunities to reinforce and explore the learned concepts and build hands-on projects using a variety of mediums and materials. Building prototypes and discussing the design process of the foundation of this course. This will take place both individually and in a team environment. In entrepreneurial fashion, students work together, listening to each other's ideas and learn how to formulate feedback and ideas into a strategy. Each time the class is offered some projects will be similar, but you will have the opportunity to prototype something unique

**Course Requirements: none**

**Fee: \$15 - includes basic woodworking supplies and maker media**

### **OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP**

Do you have an interest in camping, hiking, nature and survival skills? In Outdoor Leadership you will be introduced to the activities and sports of the great outdoors related to winter or spring. Students will acquire the necessary knowledge and skills required to successfully plan and carry out a safe and ecologically sound outing. Some of the topics we will focus on including the "Leave No Trace", hypothermia prevention and treatment, layered clothing for outings, shelter building and avalanche awareness, philosophy, and animal safety. We will also infuse personal and group dynamic skills into all our activities to help students realize the importance of being a team player and looking out for one another.

We will introduce skills related to indoor rock climbing, orienteering, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

**Course Requirements: none**

**Fee: \$50 - includes field trips**

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Become the master eyes behind the camera. Learn what it takes to take great photos by learning the basics of angles, exposure, lighting and more. Becoming an expert art curator with an eye to what makes a strong image and how to create an emotional response in viewers. Basically, become a better photographer by taking lots of photos and analyzing lots of images. If you choose this option, then you need to be ready to venture outside looking for the perfect

subject matter. Photography students may be asked to become documentation leaders for our school events and yearbook.

**Course Requirements: None**

**Fee: \$10 – includes photo prints of student's projects and props**

### **Recreation Fitness**

The aim of Recreation Fitness is to provide students with more time to work on their personal fitness and skill with regard to different sports. Both team and individual games will be played as well as working on their fitness through a variety of different workouts. Students who enjoy Physical Education will love Recreation Fitness.

**Course Requirements: A duo-tang, and writing supplies for each class**

**Fee: Free**

### **Sewing**

Want to try your hand sewing? Come and learn how to sew a bag, pillowcase, or something else. Learn the basics of sewing and enjoy some creative time.

Course Requirements: none

**Fee: \$ 15 – includes materials and notions for projects**

### **SHOP 7 (25 students max) Grade 7 students only**

I have never taken shop.

Grade 7 students will have the opportunity to use their hands to build projects using a variety of mediums and materials. To begin with, we will focus on woodworking. The emphasis will be to understand and safely operate the equipment in the shop while building a small project. Students will demonstrate basic competencies, build a simple project and pass a safety test before they will be allowed to move onto more complex projects in the second part of the option.

**Course Requirements: none**

**Fee: \$15 for basic woodworking supplies and maker media**

### **SHOP 8 (25 students max) Grade 8 students only**

I have taken shop before.

Grade 8 students will expand on their work they completed in Shop 7 which must be taken before signing up for SHOP 8. Students will use the basic skills and knowledge of using the machinery safely to design and build a project. Students will be encouraged to be creative and come up with projects that allow them to challenge themselves in a safe way. This course will build on the skills, safety procedures and complexity of the projects from Shop 8.

**Course Requirements: Must have taken Shop 7**

**Fee: \$15 for basic woodworking supplies and maker media**

### **SPORTS PERFORMANCE.**

This course focuses on the development of a healthy active lifestyle through the introduction of lifelong fitness activities in a non-competitive classroom environment. Students will learn about resistance and fitness training programs, sports nutrition, yoga and will explore personal fitness goal-setting and lifelong physical well-being.

**Course Requirements: none**

**Fee: \$15 – includes instructor led programs (for example kickboxing, yoga, etc).**

### **STUDY BLOCK**

Students will learn study and test-taking skills and be given time to organize binders and lockers. In addition, they will be able to plan and complete homework or study for upcoming tests. A teacher will be available to provide one on one guidance and assistance.

**Course Requirements: A duo-tang, and writing supplies for each class**

**Fee: Free**