



# Grade 9 Course Elective Descriptions

## **Band 9**

Band 9 is an elective course designed for students who have none or little previous playing experience on their chosen instrument. Anyone who would like to learn to play a concert band instrument, has a great attitude, loves to learn, and likes to work with a group is welcome in this class. Students in this course can expect to learn instrumental technique, music theory, ear training, balance in the band, ensemble etiquette, audience etiquette, sight-reading, home practice tips etc. We will also learn what it is like to put on a performance during our three open to the public concerts during the year. Students will also learn to play music in various forms and genres from traditional to pop and will be exposed to increasingly more difficult music as the year progresses.

## **Choir 9**

Chamber Choir 9 is a course designed to be open to everyone who loves music. It is for those who love to sing and perform all the way down to those just starting out who are interested in trying something new. As you might already know, Hatzic has a great musical reputation and a tradition for producing some top-quality performances. In Chamber Choir you can expect to learn vocal technique, music theory, music history, ear training, and listening skills. You will explore a wide variety of musical styles including classical, popular, and world music. We will be singing in three- and four-part harmony and will gradually increase the difficulty level of our pieces as the year progresses. We will also learn what it is like to perform for an audience in our open-to-the-public concerts throughout the year. Chamber Choir focuses mainly on the joy of singing and making music as a group, however there is an increased difficulty level over that of Concert Choir 7/8. There are opportunities available for those who are keen to audition for solos within the choral charts we work on as a group, as well as for special solo spots at the concerts.

## **Drama 9**

This course which builds upon the skills learned in the drama portion of Explorations 7/8. This course has a developmental basis as you will be developing and understanding of yourselves, human behaviour, and communication skills. The focus of this course is on drama games, exercises, and improvisation as well as general theatre skills and terminology. Specific topics within the course include trust, concentration, imagination, movement, mime, speech, improv, monologues, teamwork, story theatre, and theatre concepts. Special performances include the Remembrance Day play, Improv Olympics, & Storybook Theatre.

## **French 9**

French 9 prepares students to continue French in High School, and ideally, into post-secondary institutions. We learn useful vocabulary and grammar structures while having fun expressing ourselves and our ideas through writing, discussing, and celebrating French language and culture. Develop your oral communication skills so you can travel to French speaking places and learn about this distinct and beautiful language and the many places that speak it. Celebrate Canadian identity by exploring our second national language. Be prepared to have fun en français!

## **Foods & Nutrition 9**

This full year course builds on the basic skills and knowledge acquired in Foods 8, with a focus on nutrition, meal planning, and more advanced food preparation techniques. Students will prepare, serve, enjoy and learn about a wide variety of foods including: cookies, cakes, biscuits and muffins; pastries; breakfast and egg dishes; soups and breads; side dishes such as rice, salads, potatoes, pasta and vegetables; as well as main dishes including stir fries, pizza, and lasagna.

## **Hockey Academy**

Available through consultation with school administration.

## **Leadership 9 "Get Involved"**

Leadership students are strong role models who positively impact the culture of Hatzic as well as the local and global community. This class is designed to teach students leadership skills that have been identified as important for success into the next century. Skills such as problem solving, creative thinking and goal setting are practiced daily. The class emphasizes small group work while fundraising for various charities, hosting lunchtime activities, and managing the school store. If you are interested, please see Mr. Vos for an application

## **Media Arts 9**

This full year course will introduce students to the principles of art and design, digital photography, and 3d animation. Students will learn the skills necessary to participate in our visual/digital culture. Topics covered will include logo design, game design, print layout design and 3d modelling projects. Photography will also be a large part of the course including trips outside of the classroom to take pictures, and photography for the yearbook. Student learning will be demonstrated in a variety of creative projects, including production and publication of the HMS school yearbook. No prerequisite is required to enroll in this course. Excellent work habits and attendance are mandatory.



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## **Metalwork 9**

Let the sparks fly! Metalwork 9 is recommended for students who are interested in welding, bending, and shaping metal. Students will become familiar with the safe operation of basic metalwork power equipment and some hand tools. This course is a fun and valuable introduction to students wishing to build cool projects and pursue more advanced metalwork courses.

## **Powertech 9**

Powertech 9 is recommended for students who wish to become familiar with the basic operation of a small gas engine and how it relates to the use, and generation of energy. Students will have fun with metal fabricating techniques and a hands-on Drift Trike project. This course is a valuable introduction to students who wish to pursue more advanced knowledge of automotive and power and energy careers.

## **Robotics 9**

This course focuses on designing and building your own robots. Advanced electronics, sensors and programming will be taught. The Arduino UNO and Micro bit microcontroller will be the heart of the robot. The 3D printer will be used to produce parts for our robots.

## **Spanish 9**

This is a full year, introductory course in written and conversational Spanish. No previous experience with the Spanish language is required.

## **Textiles 9**

The Textiles Art 9 program is a hands-on full year course that will build on concepts covered in Textiles 7, however students who are new to Textiles are welcome to join this class! This full year course will explore a wide variety of textile-based techniques and projects. Students will be introduced to surface design, garment construction, and traditional textile arts and crafts. We will explore dyeing, painting and printmaking on fabric, create personalized articles of clothing and fabric art using hand and machine sewing, as well as learn traditional textile techniques such as weaving, macramé, crochet, knitting and quilt making from both aboriginal and non – aboriginal perspectives.

## **Visual Arts 9**

The Art 9 program is a hands-on full year course that will build on concepts covered in Art 7 and 8, however students who are new to Art are welcome to join this class! Art activities will provide enjoyment, develop studio habits of mind, creative thinking and production processes while further developing your technical skills in various art mediums and techniques. You don't have to be an artist to enjoy making and appreciating art! Students will be able to discover, play and develop foundational skills, techniques, and processes for working in two-dimensional art works and three-dimensional sculptural art works. Students will be able to use creative processes to explore and create personally meaningful original artistic works both individually and collaboratively in groups through the use of imagination, inquiry, and purposeful play. Through art students will be able to unpack and creatively engage with "big ideas" such as identity, multiple perspectives, using art to build community and connections with others and even to challenge the status quo and open us to new perspectives and experiences.

## **Woodwork 9**

Let the sawdust fly! Woodwork 9 is recommended for students who want to start using the big machines. Students will become familiar with the safe operation of basic woodwork power equipment and some hand tools. This course is a fun and valuable introduction to students wishing to build cool projects and pursue more advanced woodwork courses.

**Grade 9 Students will be able to select 2 electives from the courses above.**

**All grade 9 students are required to take the mandatory rotation which includes:**

- **Career Education 9**
- **Music Appreciation 9**
- **Art Education 9**
- **Communication and Information Technologies 9**

**Band, Choir and Hockey Academy counts as one elective choice.**