



SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SECONDARY SCHOOL – GRADE 8 ELECTIVE COURSES

APPLIED SKILLS 8: Home Economics, Business Ed, Tech Ed Course Code: XAT-08AS

Applied Skills 8 gives students a full year exploration of the Applied Skills Program at Churchill where students will sample some of the courses which include Home Economics, Business Ed, and Tech Ed.

FINE ARTS 8 ROTATIONS: Music, Drama, Art Course Codes: MMU--08/MDR--08/MVA--08

Fine Arts 8 gives students an exploration of the vibrant and extensive arts programs at Churchill. It is a full year course in which students will sample some of the fine arts offerings which include Drama, Dance, Music, Visual Arts.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 8 Beginner Band Course Code: MMU--08BA1

If you have ever wanted to learn to play a band instrument, this course is for you! No experience is needed for this introductory band course. Basics of playing and musicianship will be covered. Students do not need any previous musical experience in order to join this class. Students will be involved in choosing which instrument they will play through the year. These instruments include: Flute, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Clarinet, Baritone, Bass Clarinet, Tuba, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone and Percussion. This course should lead to either Junior Band or Intermediate Band, depending on ability at the end of Beginner Band.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 8 Junior Band Course Code: MMU--08BA2 *Elementary School Band or Beginner Band Experience*

If you have previously taken band, but need a little more reinforcement before Intermediate band, then this course is for you. This course will build on the foundational musical skill developed in elementary school or Beginner Band. You need to be able to read music on your given instrument at the beginning of this class. Students will most likely continue to play the instrument they played previously, although there is a possibility of switching. This is not an introductory band course. This course should lead to either Intermediate Band or Senior Band, depending on ability at the end of the year.

CHORAL MUSIC 8 Concert Choir Course Code: MMU--08CC1

Do you love to sing? In Concert Choir you will build your voice, your confidence, and develop your performing ability through group concerts, song projects, and small ensembles. Growing your vocal skills includes learning healthy tone production, ear training, and part singing in all styles of song. You will gain strategies for music reading and experience in singing for the school and community.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 8 Beginner Strings Course Code: MMU--08ST1

Open to students in grade 8-11. No previous experience is needed for this introductory orchestra course. Basics of playing and musicianship will be covered. Students will choose one of the following instruments (rented or purchased at their own cost): violin, viola, cello, or bass.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 8 Junior Strings Course Code: MMU--08ST2 *Min. 1 to 2 years' experience*

This is a performance-based course for students with previous elementary school or private lesson experience on a string instrument. Students will have to buy or rent their own instrument. Students who have played before but have stopped playing for one or two years may register but they must be able to read music, have reasonable proficiency on their string instrument of choice, and maintain a regular practice schedule. Concerts and other performance activities are a mandatory component of this course. Private lessons are highly recommended.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 8 Intermediate Strings Course Code: MMU--08ST3

Min 2-3 years at the elementary school level or private lesson experience.

This course is designed to prepare students for participation in the Senior Strings course. Students must be able and willing to work at their own pace for long periods of time. Technical musical studies in groups or individual are an important part of the course. Group work will increase as students progress. Home practice of 30 minutes a day is expected. Students are also expected to supply their own instrument.