

# **Muriel Clayton Middle School**

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# Grade 7 Option Descriptions 2025-2026 Term #1

# Block A:

## > Architecture - \$15.00

Curious about how world-famous structures like bridges, towers, sports arenas, or monuments are created? In this global-focused class, students will dive into architectural and public art masterpieces from around the world. We'll examine the cultural, historical, and design choices that make them iconic. Students will choose a structure to research, present their findings, and then recreate it using materials of their choice. Completion of research and presentations is required before beginning the building phase. Travel the world through design—no passport needed!

Special Fx. Makeup - \$25.00 (There may be an additional cost added above the course fee if we're able to organize a field trip to see special effects makeup or theatre makeup application in action!)

In this hands-on, creative option, students will dive into the world of makeup as transformation, by exploring how a simple idea can become something totally new with just a few tools, some patience, and a bit of imagination. We'll explore the special effects side of makeup you might see in movies or TV, as well as face painting and character design. Students will learn the basics of hygiene, application techniques, and how to safely use makeup, face paint and other SFX products like fake blood, latex, and scar wax to bring their ideas to life. This class is perfect for anyone curious about transformation, storytelling through art, and getting creative with their hands. Whether you're into spooky effects, fantasy creatures, or something totally original, you'll have space to figure out what excites you most and learn how to make it happen.

One of our projects will be designing a Halloween makeup look for yourself, friend or even a teacher from initial planning to application. It's a fun opportunity to share your learning and creativity in a real-world, collaborative way.

# **➤** Gardening - \$15.00

We will learn how to grow, care for, & propagate a variety of plants. We will explore different types of plants, plant anatomy, growth cycles, garden design, maintenance, & more in a hands-on environment.

## Forensic Science – NO COST

Do you enjoy solving puzzles, thinking critically, and uncovering the truth behind a mystery? In Forensic Science, you'll become a junior investigator as you explore how science is used to solve crimes. This hands-on, engaging class will challenge you to observe carefully, ask smart questions, and work as part of a team to collect clues and solve realistic cases. Throughout the term, you'll learn about different forms of evidence and how investigators use them to figure out what happened. You'll take on new challenges that build your problem-solving and collaboration skills, while exploring real-world techniques used in crime scene investigations. As an individual and as a team, you'll practice collecting evidence, analyzing clues, and piecing together information to draw conclusions. Near the end of the course, you'll put your skills to the test in a Classroom Murder Mystery Escape Room, where you'll need to crack the case. You may even take part in a mock trial to present your findings like a real forensic team! If you're curious, love challenges, and enjoy thinking like a detective, this class is for you. Get ready to think scientifically, work like an investigator, and solve some exciting mysteries along the way!

# > Tourism - NO COST

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you start? What would you want to experience once you got there? This class gives you the chance to plan dream vacations, build travel budgets, explore new places and cultures around the world, and learn why tourism matters. You'll get to work on creative projects and take part in class discussions, where we share ideas and different points of view. Whether you've travelled before or not, this class is all about seeing the world in a new way and understanding how travel connects people and communities.



## ➤ Construction- \$30.00

In Construction, students will learn how to plan & design their own woodworking projects. They will also learn how to use various tools like hammers, screwdrivers, sanders, & power tools safely in a shop environment. Students will be taught how to operate different types of machinery including saws, sanders, a planer, a drill press, & a router table, while following all safety guidelines. This class will give students the opportunity to develop their creativity & problem-solving skills while working with wood & tools.

# **Block B:**

# Cosmetology - \$30.00

In our cosmetology class, students will explore the basics of skincare, hair care, makeup, and nail care. This handson course will let you practice different beauty techniques while learning about personal grooming, style, and selfexpression. We'll also touch on beauty practices in different cultures and how they connect to identity. The cost for supplies will be \$30, and all materials will be provided in class. Get ready to dive into the world of beauty and creativity!

## > Art - \$15.00

Are you ready to get creative and express yourself through art? In this exciting art option, you'll explore a variety of fun techniques that will help you grow as an artist. From painting with vibrant colors to learning how to shade and add depth to your drawings, this class is perfect for anyone who loves to create. You'll also dive into the world of digital art using Canva, where you can design posters, cards, and more! Whether you're a beginner or already love art, this course is all about trying new things, building your skills, and having fun while making amazing creations.

# Coding - NO COST

Get ready to dive into the world of coding! In this hands-on, beginner-friendly option, students will explore the basics of computer programming through fun activities like building simple games, animations, and interactive stories. We'll use platforms like Scratch and code.org to learn how to think like a coder—breaking down problems, finding creative solutions, and using logic to make ideas come to life. No experience needed—just curiosity and a willingness to experiment!

# **➤** Baking – \$50.00

Love sweets? Curious about cooking? In this baking option you will get to try out fun recipes, learn how to safely use the oven and even make tasty no bake treats. We will mix, measure, decorate and of course eat. Whether you're new to baking or already a pro, this is your chance to get creative in the kitchen & have some fun with food.

## Beginner French - NO COST

This introductory course is designed for students learning French as a second language in Canada. Students will learn basic French vocabulary and everyday phrases, practice speaking and listening skills, and improve pronunciation through fun, interactive activities and games. The course focuses on building confidence in recognizing and using common French words while fostering an appreciation for Canada's bilingual culture.

## Fashion – TO BE DETERMINED

# **▶** Band - \$50.00 - NOTE: Band is a year-long course

Ever wanted to play cool instruments, make music with friends, and be part of an awesome band? In this option, you'll learn to rock out on a band instrument, read music, and jam together as a team! For just \$50.00, you'll get sheet music, supplies, and even special sessions with pro musicians who'll help you play like a star. Don't miss out on the fun—come make some music with us!

