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## **Grade 8 Option Descriptions 2025-2026 Term #1**

### **Block A:**

➤ **Ceramics - \$20.00**

Did you love to play with mud as a kid? Tap into that creativity and come play with clay! Students will take an in-depth look at ceramics and create small clay projects, using hand-building and pottery wheel techniques, that are useful for around the home. No previous experience is necessary to take this option.

➤ **Film Studies - NO COST**

In this course, students will get to watch a bunch of cool movies. We will learn and talk about what makes them great. Students will get to work with their friends to show what they notice and think about these movies. This is a great option for anyone interested in anything to do with art, storytelling, and film/video making (i.e. drawing, photography, writing, comic-books, etc.)

➤ **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.

➤ **Wildlife Studies – \$20.00** *(An additional fee may be required to cover costs associated with transportation, guest speakers, or specialized animal wellness programming.)*

In this class, students will debate and explore a variety of topics related to the overall wellness of animals. Areas of focus include responsible animal care, endangered species, positive activism and awareness, and global animal sanctuary initiatives. Students will also examine high-profile cases such as the campaign to relocate Lucy, the 49-year-old elephant at the Edmonton Zoo, and Tilikum, the orca whale featured in the documentary Blackfish. To enrich learning, the course will include guest speakers and a potential field trip to provide deeper insight into the issues discussed.

➤ **Sports Medicine - \$10.00**

In this engaging and practical option class, students will explore the anatomy of the human body, with a focus on the skeletal and muscular systems. They'll learn how the body moves, how common injuries occur, and how those injuries can be managed and rehabilitated. Students will also have the opportunity to earn their **CPR Level C certification**, by completing a hybrid learning model that includes both an online training component and an in-person practical session led by certified CPR instructors. This course is perfect for students interested in health, fitness, physiotherapy, or emergency care.

➤ **Foods- \$50.00**

We will make everything from breakfast items, soups, casseroles, pasta sauces and full meals. Everything is made from scratch! We are all about building flavours, using fresh ingredients & eating amazingly good food. Students will learn lab safety & cleaning procedures for obvious reasons. They will learn how to use a chef's knife to cut, chop, slice, and dice yummy food and not their fingers.

➤ **Hockey - \$210.00** **NOTE: THIS OPTION RUNS OVER BOTH BLOCKS. Must select both A & B Block.**

Students will have an on-ice program, with dry-land training when the class falls on a Friday. The program goal is to continue to develop player skills & have fun. This class is available to all students, regardless of skill; this is a non-body contact program. Ice times will include warmup, skills & drills and a scrimmage.

**\*Players are required to have their own gear & full equipment, including a mandatory neck guard.**

**\*\*This is a double option that will only be offered during Term #1.**



## **Block B:**

### ➤ **Marketing - NO COST**

In this engaging and practical course, students will learn the basics of marketing—how to promote products, build a brand, and understand what makes people buy. Through hands-on projects like designing ads, planning campaigns, and exploring social media strategies, students will develop creative and critical thinking skills that connect directly to the real world.

### ➤ **Outdoor Education - \$100.00** *(Fees are paid upfront for supplies used throughout Outdoor Ed and field trips. Regardless of whether you go on field trips the fee will remain the same. The reason for this is we must book field trips ahead of time & if you do not go on the field trip, we will have to pay for your spot.)*

Outdoor Education 8 is a chance for students to learn about skills used in nature to keep students safe, while promoting a healthy active lifestyle. This class will consist of:

- Leave No Trace Behind Principles; Bear Safety; Cook Stoves & Cooking; Compass & Navigation; Bone Splints
- Field Trips: Hiking and Skating; Presenters will come in for bear safety and kayaking

### ➤ **Graphic Design – \$5.00**

In this course, students will explore graphic design using digital tools to create eye-catching posters, logos, and digital art. This hands-on option will focus on creativity, design principles, and basic software skills. It's a great opportunity for students to express themselves visually and build skills that are useful in school and beyond!

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### ➤ **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!

### ➤ **Star Wars - \$20.00**

This is a new option this year, all about Star Wars! It is perfect for the Star Wars fan, as well as the rookies to learn about the Galaxy Far, Far Away. We will learn about George Lucas (the creator), & how he originally created new technologies to make the effects to tell his story, as well as the more advanced & recent CGI. Themes we will look at are good versus evil, government, the importance of family, & supporting causes you believe in. We will try our hand at stop animation filming, working on some script work, & creating a movie scene with lightsabers, all with the help from members of the Alliance, our friends at SAIT. **May the Force Be With You!**

