

LANGSTAFF SECONDARY SCHOOL

"Maturity through responsibility"

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GRADE 9 ELECTIVES

*How do I know
what to choose?*

At Langstaff we realize that the transition from grade eight to grade nine is both exciting and overwhelming. This handout is designed to provide you with clear information about the elective choices you will have to make for grade nine courses. You may choose any three electives from the following options:

*Art – Indigenous
Studies*

Business

Drama

Family Studies

Learning Strategies

Technology

Introduction to Visual Arts - Expressing Aboriginal Cultures – NAC 101

This course examines Aboriginal cultures in Canada through an exploration of art forms – painting, sculpture, storytelling, dance, and music – created by Aboriginal artists. Students will learn to identify Aboriginal art forms and describe relationships between the art forms and Aboriginal traditions, philosophy, and culture.

Students will be exposed to a broad range of disciplines including drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography and graphic design. Our talented teacher-artists appreciate the various skills students may or may not have upon entering this open level course and teach with the individual in mind.

This course can qualify for the compulsory Art Credit required for the OSSD.

*Please note, all **post-secondary programs** in art-related careers, such as graphic design, interior design, web-page design, video game design, animation or illustration, and architecture, just to name a few, require a **"portfolio"** for admission. All our senior level courses will assist students with this process.*

Introduction to Business – BBI101 or BBI10F

This course introduces students to the world of business, including the concepts, functions and skills required for meeting the challenges of operating a business in the twenty first century on a local, national and/or international scale. Students will learn concepts and skills related to personal finance, entrepreneurship and international business. Throughout the course, there will be an emphasis on digital literacy, effective electronic research and communication skills, and current issues related to the topics of study. This course builds a foundation for further studies in business and helps students develop the business knowledge and skills they will need in their everyday lives. This course is also available in French for French Immersion.

The content of this course is beneficial in Financial Accounting Fundamentals (BAF3M1).

There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.

(Jiddu-Krishnamurti)

Food and Nutrition - HFN101

This course provides students with opportunities to practice food preparation skills and learn about how food can fuel our bodies for academic success and overall wellness. Through food, labs and other learning strategies students learn about the nutrients in foods, critically analyze the current food fads and decode the influences on our food choices. The goal is for enduring understanding of the importance of food for health and wellness. The course culminating evaluation includes a “cooking at home” assignment. Other courses in the Social Science & Humanities- Family Studies department include:

Senior Level Courses Offered: Introduction to Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology, Raising Healthy Children (Child Psychology), Food and Culture, Nutrition & Health, Nutrition & Health

Exploring Technologies TIJ101

This is a hands-on course where students create or produce commercials, graphics, photo editing, videos, animations, cartoon productions, 3D printing, design t-shirts and build 3D architectural designs as well as build their own racecars. This course enables students to further explore and develop technological knowledge and skills introduced in the elementary science and technology program. Students work with a variety of technology, tools, equipment and software commonly used today in the industry. Students will begin to explore university and college education pathways leading to careers in technology-related fields.

After Grade 9 students can continue by taking courses in Communications Technology and Computer Engineering.

You don't stop playing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop playing.

(Anonymous)

Drama - ADA 101

This course provides opportunities for students to explore dramatic forms and techniques, using material from a wide range of sources and cultures. Students will use the elements of drama to examine situations and issues that are relevant to their lives. Students will create, perform, discuss, analyse drama, and then reflect on the experiences to develop an understanding of themselves, the art form, and the world around them. *French Immersion students can take Grade 10 Drama in French while in Grade 10 - ADA 20F.*

Learning Strategies – GLE 101 **(IPRC required)**

This course focuses on learning strategies to help students become better, more independent learners. Students will learn how to develop and apply literacy and numeracy skills, personal management skills, and interpersonal and teamwork skills to improve their learning and achievement in school, the workplace, and the community. The course helps students build confidence and motivation to pursue opportunities for success in secondary school and beyond. *This course is only for Special Education students and must be approved by your teacher.*

Bear Necessities Camp

Our grade 9 students participate in Bear Necessities, a grade 9 orientation experience at an outdoor leadership centre. Students are led by approximately 50 grade 11 and 12 student mentors in a variety of team building and leadership activities that give each of them an opportunity to make new friends and gain a stronger sense of belonging to the Langstaff Secondary School community. Students will have the opportunity to register for Bear Necessities in September.