



WELCOME TO STEPHEN LEWIS



Land Acknowledgement

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties are signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island our closest neighbour and partners in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledges and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations

The Stephen Lewis Team of Administrators

Principal:

Mr. Taylor

Vice Principals:

Ms. Salsberg

Ms. Vatousis

Mr. Cashmore

What's Great About the Teachers at SLSS?

- **Caring** teachers that see themselves as **lifelong learners**
- **Co-planning** to maintain **consistency** and **increase student engagement**
- **Emphasis** on BOTH **depth and breadth**
- **High Expectations**
- **Great**



What's Great About the Teachers at SLSS?

- Adding **culturally responsive pedagogy** while maintaining an **equitable** teaching environment
- Development of a **continuum of skills** from grade 9 to 12
- **Positive feedback** from current students and grads



STUDENT LIFE: Clubs



Student Life - Teams

Fall Sports

Junior, Senior Coed Tennis

Junior, Senior Volleyball M

Senior Basketball F

Junior, Senior Soccer M

Cross Country Coed



Student Life - Teams

Winter Sports

Wrestling

Junior, Senior Coed Badminton

Junior, Senior Volleyball F

Hockey

Ski and Snowboarding

Basketball M

Swimming



Student Life – Teams

Spring Sports

Varsity Soccer F

Flag Football

Baseball, M

Slo-Pitch, F

Rock Climbing

Coed Ultimate Frisbee

Track and Field



Student Life

Library Learning Commons

- Workshops
- Crafts and leisure activities
- Research, technology and inquiry instruction
- Clubs
- Technology support



Student Life - Learning

The school year has **two semesters**.

Students take **four courses** each semester

Each course:

- 75 minutes
- 5 months each



Student Life – Learning

Grade 9 students take

- 6 compulsory courses, which include:
 - De-streamed English
 - De-streamed Math
 - De-streamed Science
 - Geography (Academic)
 - French (Academic)
 - Health & Physical Education
- 2 optional courses

When students pass the course, they earn a credit.

Grade 9 Optional Courses

All Grade 9 Students choose 2:

- Information and Communication Technology
- Exploring Family Studies
- Exploring Technologies
- Exploring Computer Technology
- Exploring Hairstyling & Aesthetics
- Dramatic Arts
- Music
- Visual Arts



Sample Grade 9 Timetable

Period	Semester 1	Semester 2
1	English	Math
2	Drama	Phys. Ed.
3	Lunch	Lunch
4	Science	Technology
5	French	Geography

Graduation Requirements

	19	Compulsory Credits
+	<u>11</u>	Optional Credits
=	30	Total Credits

Each credit reflects 110 hours of instruction.

Additional Requirements:

- *40 Hours of Community Service (completed over the four years of high school. Can begin July 2024)*
- *Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test*
- **NEW** *(2) Online Learning Courses (students may opt out)*

Compulsory Credits

4 credits in **English** (1 credit per grade)

1 credit in **French*** as a second language

3 credits in **Mathematics**

(at least 1 in Gr. 11 or 12)

2 credits in **Science**

1 credit in **Canadian Geography**

Compulsory Credits

1 credit in **Canadian History** (Grade 10)

1 credit in the **Arts** (Music, Visual Arts or Drama)

1 credit in **Health and Physical Education**

1 credit in **Technological Education** (Grade 9 or 10)

0.5 credit in **Civics** (Grade 10)

0.5 credit in **Career Studies** (Grade 10)

1 additional credit in Group 1, Group 2,

Group 3

Optional Credits

There are more opportunities in grades 11 and 12 for students to take optional credits.

**WHERE CAN YOUR
CHILD GET
SUPPORT?**

Student Life – Learning

Student Services

- Support for students with IEPs
- Students with an IEP are assigned a Special Education Resource Teacher that provides support on a regular basis throughout the year
- Some students may take a Learning Strategies course that can support transition to Grade 9
- For more information don't forget to stop by Room 204 after the presentation

Student Life – Learning

MLL Supports

- ESL courses are available each semester to help students develop proficiency in English, especially in writing.
- Students are assessed for their level of English proficiency and placed in appropriate classes.
- MLL students receive accommodations in all of their classes.

Student Life – Learning

Student Success

- Support for students without an IEP that are in risk of not obtaining a credit
- Students have access for support in Room 119
 - Alternative space to avoid distractions
 - Academic support- one on one to complete past due assignments or reinforce content

Student Life – Learning

Other ways to get support

- Math extra help
- Peer Tutoring
- Guidance
- Administration
- School Social Worker

Selecting Courses

- Students choose courses in February in myBlueprint
- Talk to teachers, counsellors or older siblings
- Read course descriptions on myBlueprint
- Remember to **CHOOSE WISELY**, and consider your choices final, as there will be no course changes in September for grade 9 students
- Registrations from outside YRDSB schools will commence in the second week of January

Grade 11, 12 Special Programs

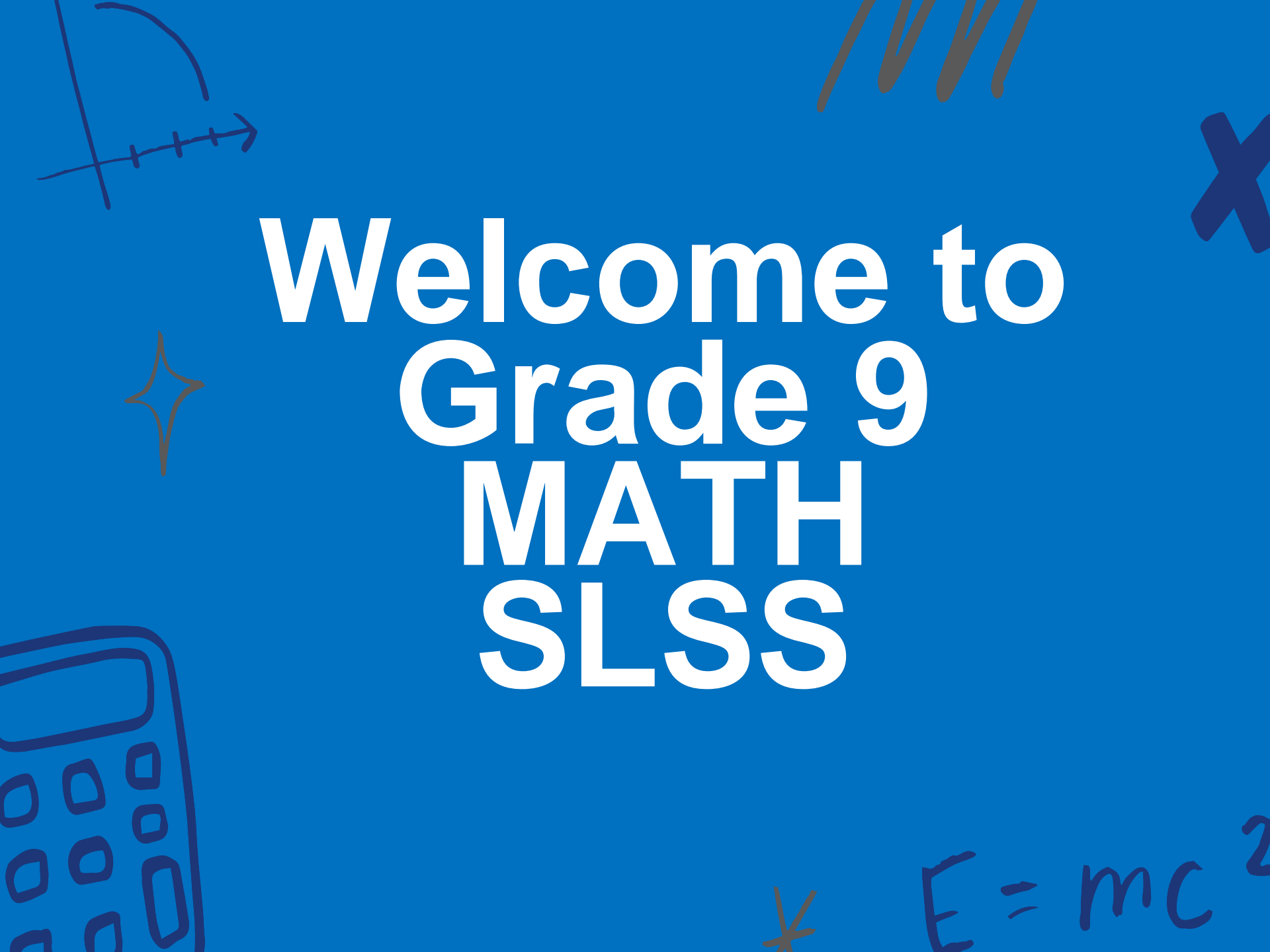


Next Steps

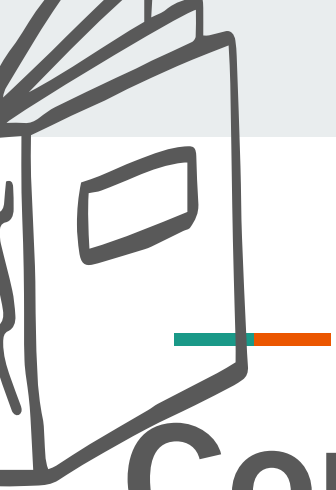
- **End of January 2024** - Guidance staff will be available to assist with finalizing course plans for Grade 9
- **February 23, 2024**- course requests are **due** by 4:00 p.m.
- **September 3, 2024** - Grade 9 Welcome to High School

Transfer Information

- SLSS is **closed** to transfers for 2024-2025. Students outside our catchment are ineligible to attend.
- If SLSS is your home school, and you apply for a transfer to another school/program (Arts West at Westmount, Gifted at Thornhill, Bill Crothers) and are accepted, your child **should expect to attend** that program for the 2024-2025 school year.
- For students currently attending schools outside of the YRDSB but who reside in our catchment, please reach out to the Main Office, after January 10th, 2024



Welcome to Grade 9 MATH SLSS



Course Topics

Unit 1: Numeracy

Unit 2: Polynomials

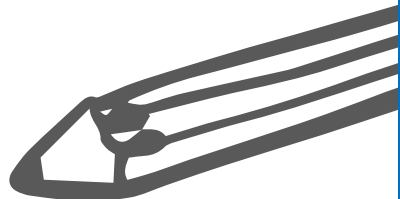
Unit 3: Equation

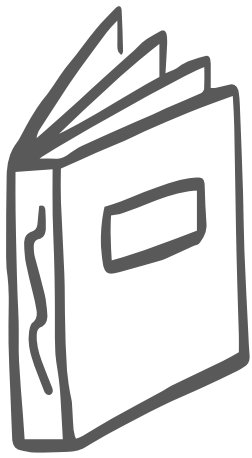
Unit 4: Data

Unit 5: Linear Equations

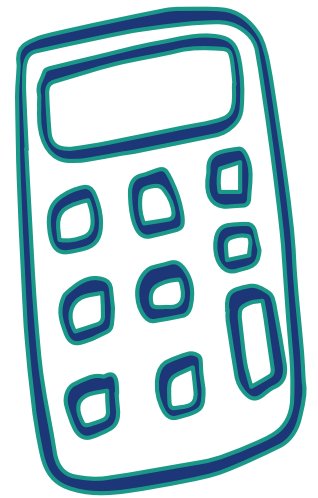
**Unit 6: Geometry &
Measurement**

**Unit 7: Financial Literacy
+ Coding**





Assessments



Tests

**Coding
Tasks**

Quizzes

**Data
Collection
Task**

**Study
Sheets**

EQAO






Expectations and Supports

Expectations


- Daily Homework
- Organized Binder
- Scientific Calculator
- Collaboration
- Be Involved!
- Come for help (if needed)

Supports

- Math Help Room
- Mathify:
www.mathify.com
- Peer tutoring

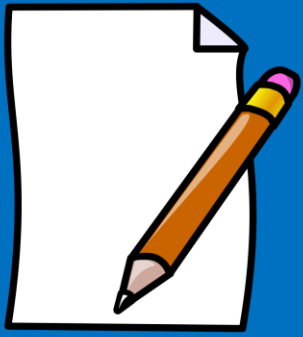


Math Fun@SLSS

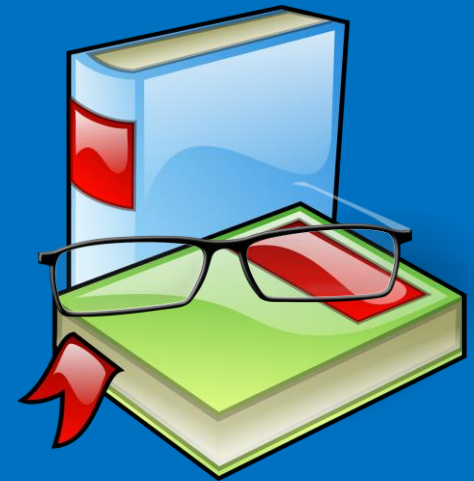
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- SLSS Math Club
 - Math Contests




$$E = mc^2$$



Welcome to Grade 9 English

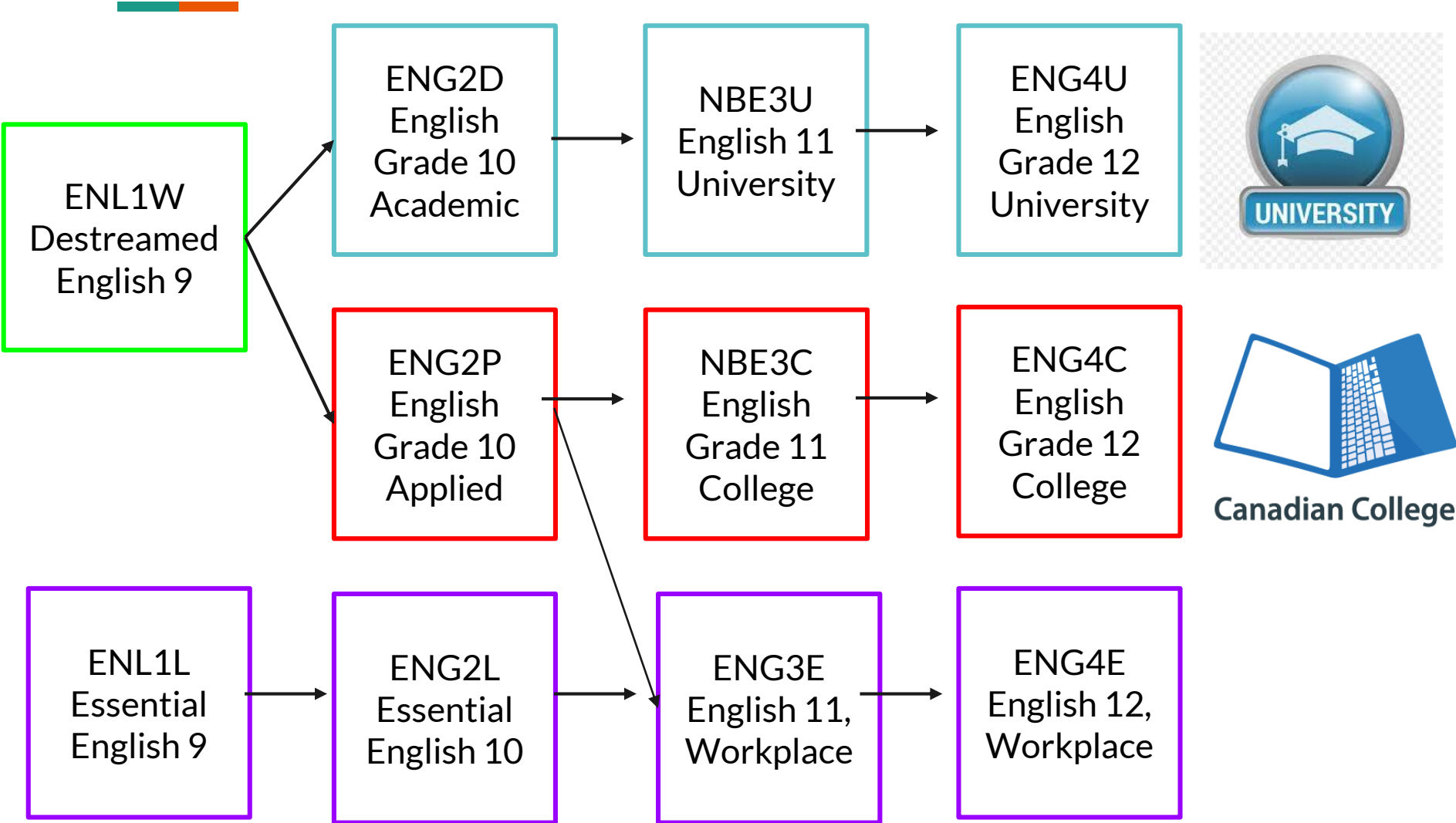


How we support success in the English Department



- *Range of assessment types*, incorporating student voice and choice
- *Inclusive text selection*, focusing on representing diverse voices
- Work periods and opportunities for formative feedback
- *Opportunities for excellence* through scholarship and writing clubs, as well as the school newspaper, Shark Bait
- *Kind, approachable, passionate educators!*

English Pathways



Units of Study

Unit 1: *Foundations of Language*

Grammar

Unit 2: *Short Fiction*

Short Fiction and Novels

Graphic texts

Unit 3: *Digital Literacy*

Extended Writing (Essay)

Personal and creative writing

Unit 4: *Novel Study*

Analyze, interpret, and create media with explicit and implicit messaging

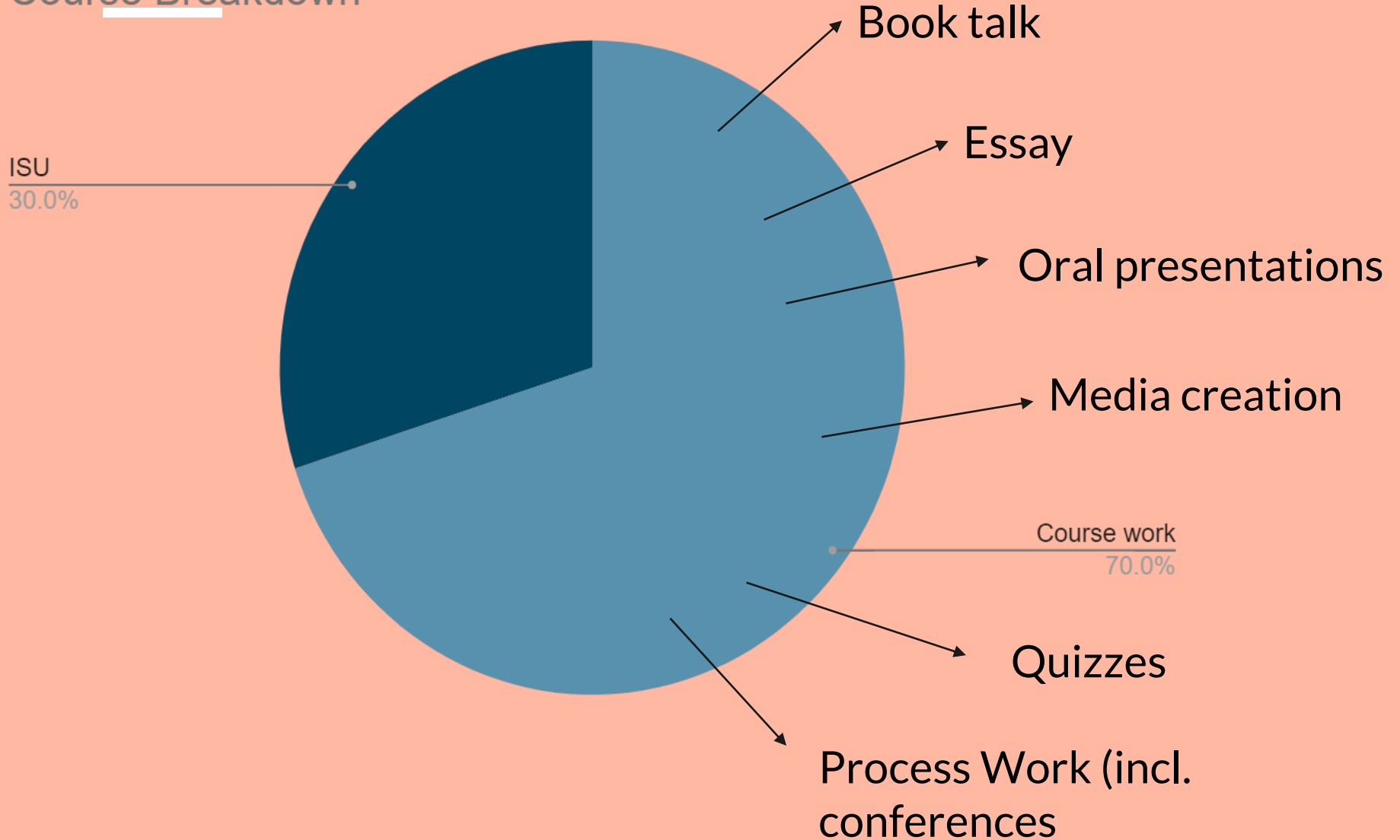
Unit 5: *Independent Study Unit*

Choice of a teacher-approved novel for study.



Course assessments:

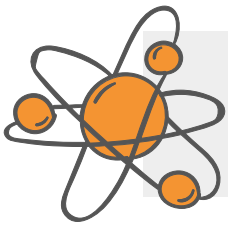
Course Breakdown



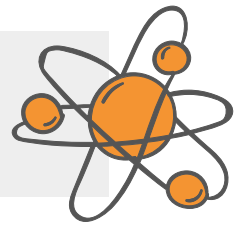
Preparing your Child for High School English



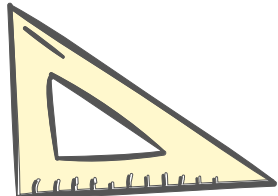
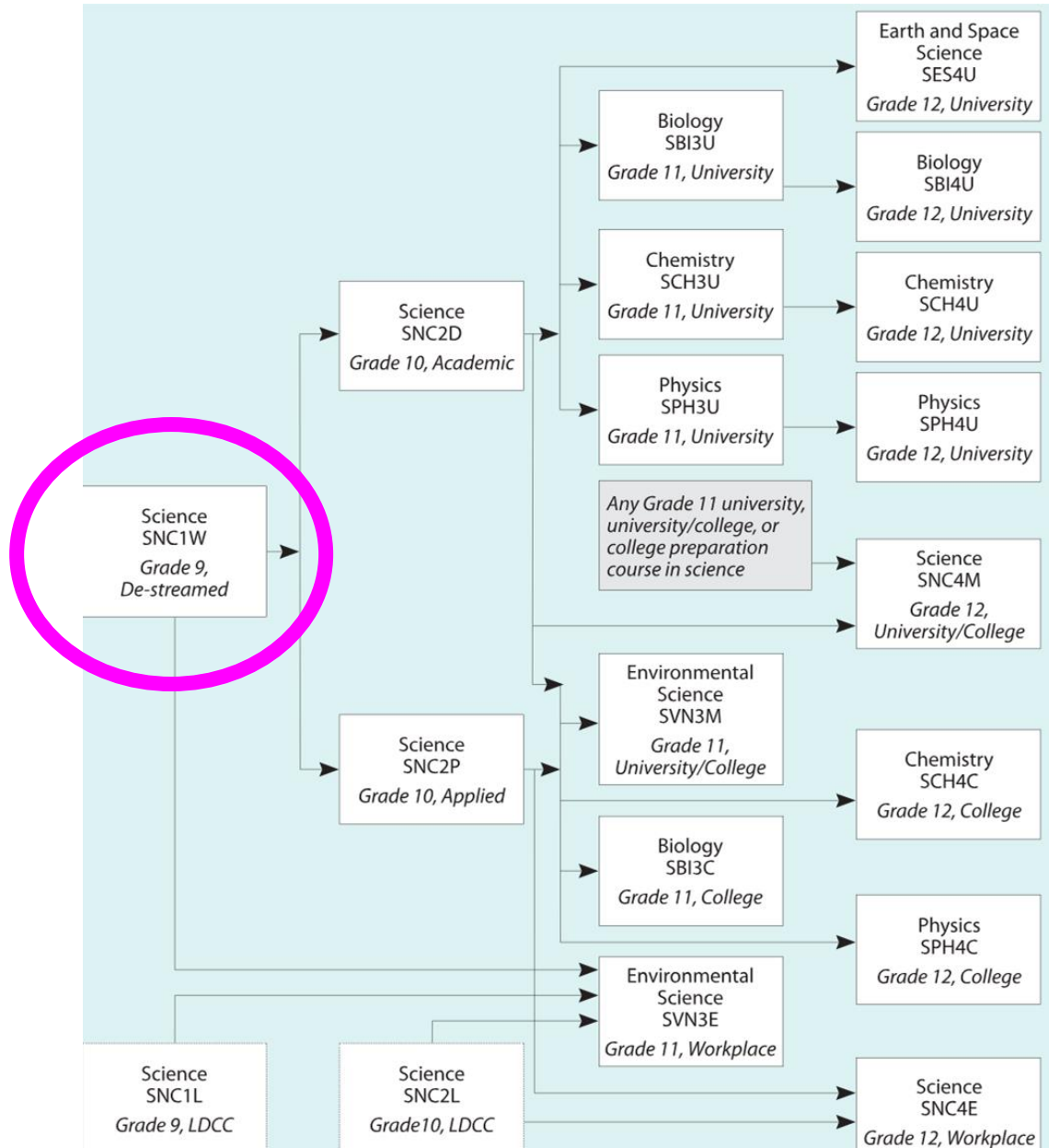
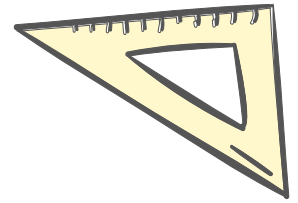
- Visit a library
- Encourage your child to read a LOT
- Encourage your child to follow the news
- Listen to a podcast with your family and discuss
- Encourage your child to keep a journal/ visit a daily writing prompt website
- Talk to elders in your family about their stories and experiences
- **Discuss self-regulation with regard to use of devices (especially cellphone use in class)**
- The importance of Grade 9 and 10 is about developing skills and work habits, not grades.



WELCOME TO SCIENCE



Grade 9-12 Science Prerequisite

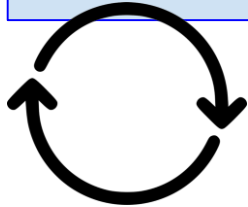


BIG IDEAS in SNC1W

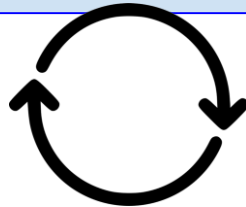


Strand A: Stem Skills, Careers, and Connections

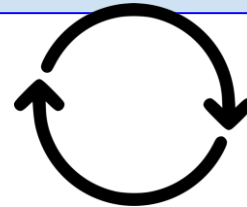
This strand consists of the STEM skills that will enable students to investigate concepts and integrate knowledge from the other four strands to make practical connections between skills and knowledge in science and other subject areas.



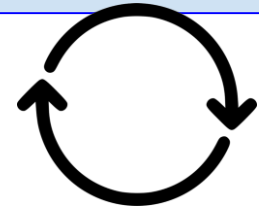
Strand B: Biology
Sustainable
Ecosystems &
Climate Change



Strand C: Chemistry
The Nature of Matter



Strand D: Physics
Characteristic
Applications of
Electricity



**Strand E: Earth &
Space Science**
Space Exploration

**** Scientific Inquiry & Engineering Design****



Course Evaluations

70% of Course Mark based on...

- Quizzes, Tests
- Labs
- Oral Presentations
- Conversations/Observations
- Mini Assignments

30% of Course Mark based on...

- Final Exam
- Culminating Project(s)

Inquiry-Based & Formative Assessments are ongoing



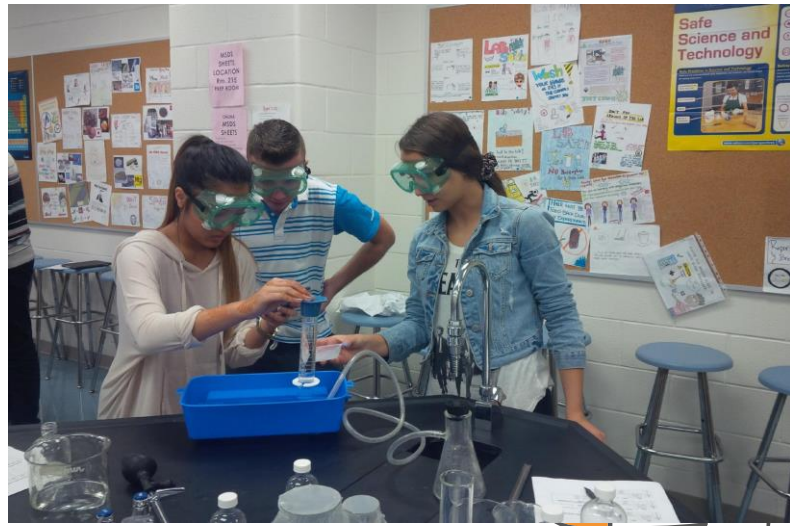
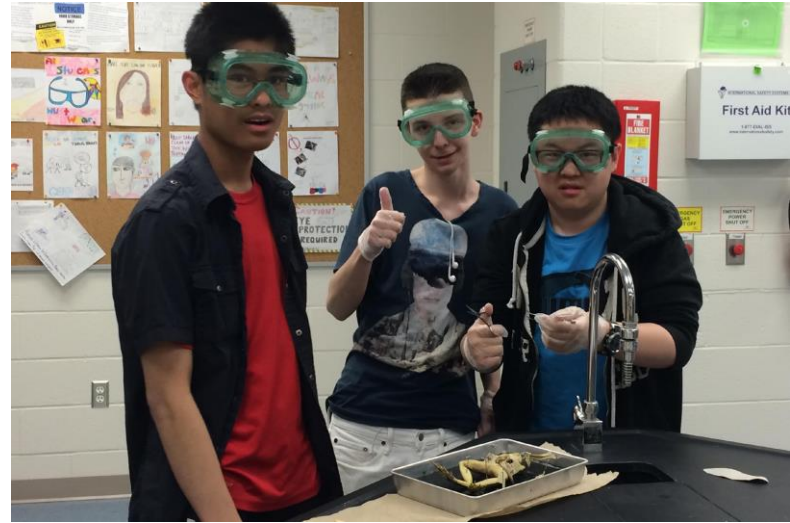
Science In Action - Class

Student Presentation, Debates, Inquiry Lab



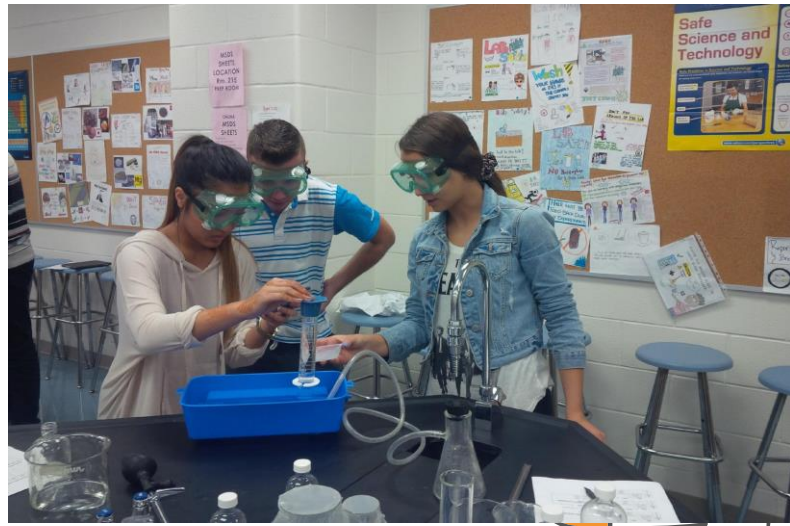
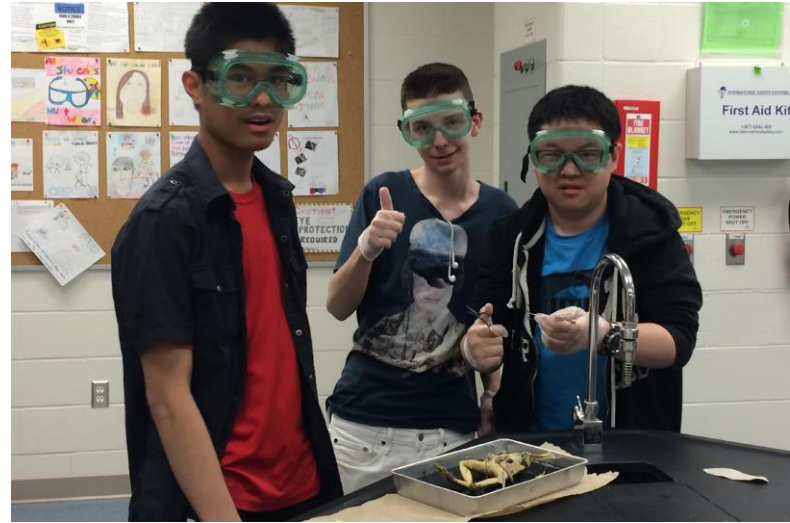
Science In Action - Lab

Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics



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Science In Action - Lab

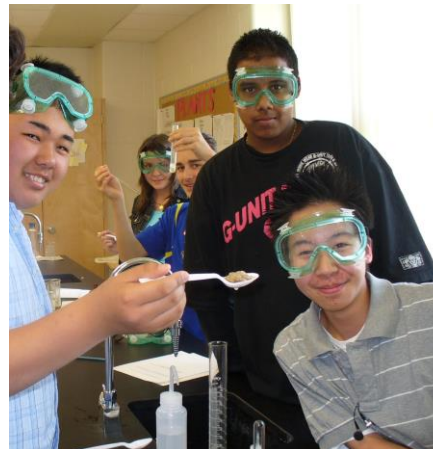
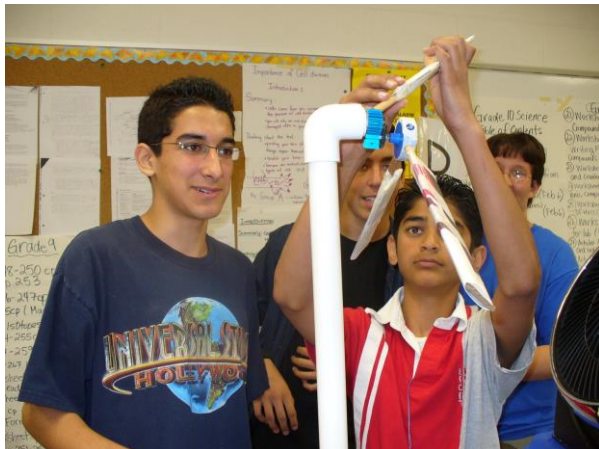
Owl Pellet Dissection



Growing Plants

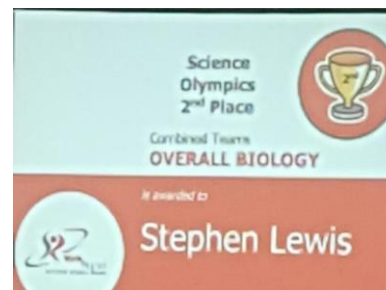


UofT Windmill Design DNA

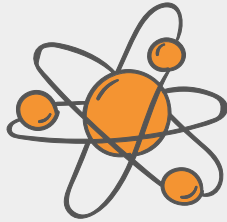


Science Club & Science Olympics & Space Club

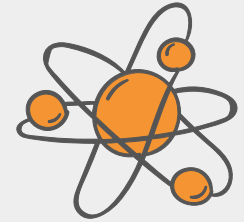
Extra-Curricular Activities in Science



Questions About The SLSS Science Program?



**Meet Us Here!
CAFETERIA**



Ms. Sadiq & Ms. Kanji

Please tour the building to:

- hear from course teachers
- visit classes
- learn about our programs

WELCOME!

Please take a picture:

DEPARTMENT	LOCATION	DEPARTMENT	LOCATION
Business	Room 205	Math	Cafeteria
English	Room 132	Music	Room 159
Family Studies	Room 106	Physical Education	Gym
French (Moderns)	Room 300	Science	Cafeteria
Geography	Room 209	Student Services	Room 204
Guidance	Room 103	Technological Ed	Rooms 130, 141, 142
Drama	Room 158	Visual Arts	Room 136