



Grade 9 Electives

Drama: ADA10

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 and analyze drama, and then reflect on the experiences to develop an understanding of themselves, the art form, and the world around them. As well as learning some fundamentals of the craft, students will have the opportunity to develop key transferable skills such as group work, leadership, communication and time management abilities. They can also take advantage of our Matlow Black Box theatre resources such as the tech booth, sets, props and costumes.

Music: AMI10 - Instrumental Music

This course emphasizes the creation and performance of music at a level not dependent on previous experience and is aimed at developing technique, sensitivity and imagination. Students will learn to play a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. No experience is necessary however, this course also welcomes those with previous experience on any instrument (either through middle school or private lessons). Instruction will include the development of reading skills, tone quality, range, performance and technical skill. The course will focus on performance in addition to theory, listening and other creative exercises. Students will also have the opportunity to perform in a professional theatre and other venues throughout the year.

Music: AMV10 - Vocal/Choral

This course is aimed at developing technique, sensitivity, and imagination. Students will develop musical literacy skills by using the creative and critical analysis processes in composition, performance, and a range of reflective and analytical activities. Students will develop an

understanding of the conventions and elements of music and of safe practices related to music, and will develop a variety of skills transferable to other areas of their life. This course is for all Grade 9 students who enjoy singing and would be interested in developing their vocal skills. No previous vocal training is necessary. Students will have one lunch-time rehearsal per week (day TBD).

Visual Arts: AVI10

The course is exploratory in nature, offering an overview of visual arts as a foundation for further study. Students will become familiar with the elements and principles of design and the expressive qualities of various materials by using a range of media, processes, techniques, and styles. Students will use the creative and critical analysis processes and will interpret art within a personal, contemporary and historical context.

The Anita & Daniel Chai Engineering Academy: TEJ20 - Computer Technology

This course introduces students to computer systems and interfacing, as well as electronics and robotics. The course introduces students to the purpose of engineers, with a focus on learning and applying the Design Process. Students will assemble, repair, and configure computers with various types of operating systems and application software. Students will write computer programs to control simple peripheral devices or robots. Students will also develop an awareness of related environmental and societal issues, and will learn about secondary and postsecondary pathways and career opportunities in computer technology. Students who wish to be part of the Anita & Daniel Chai Engineering Academy must start the program in Grade 9. Students of this course will be required to take an Arts elective in Grade 10.