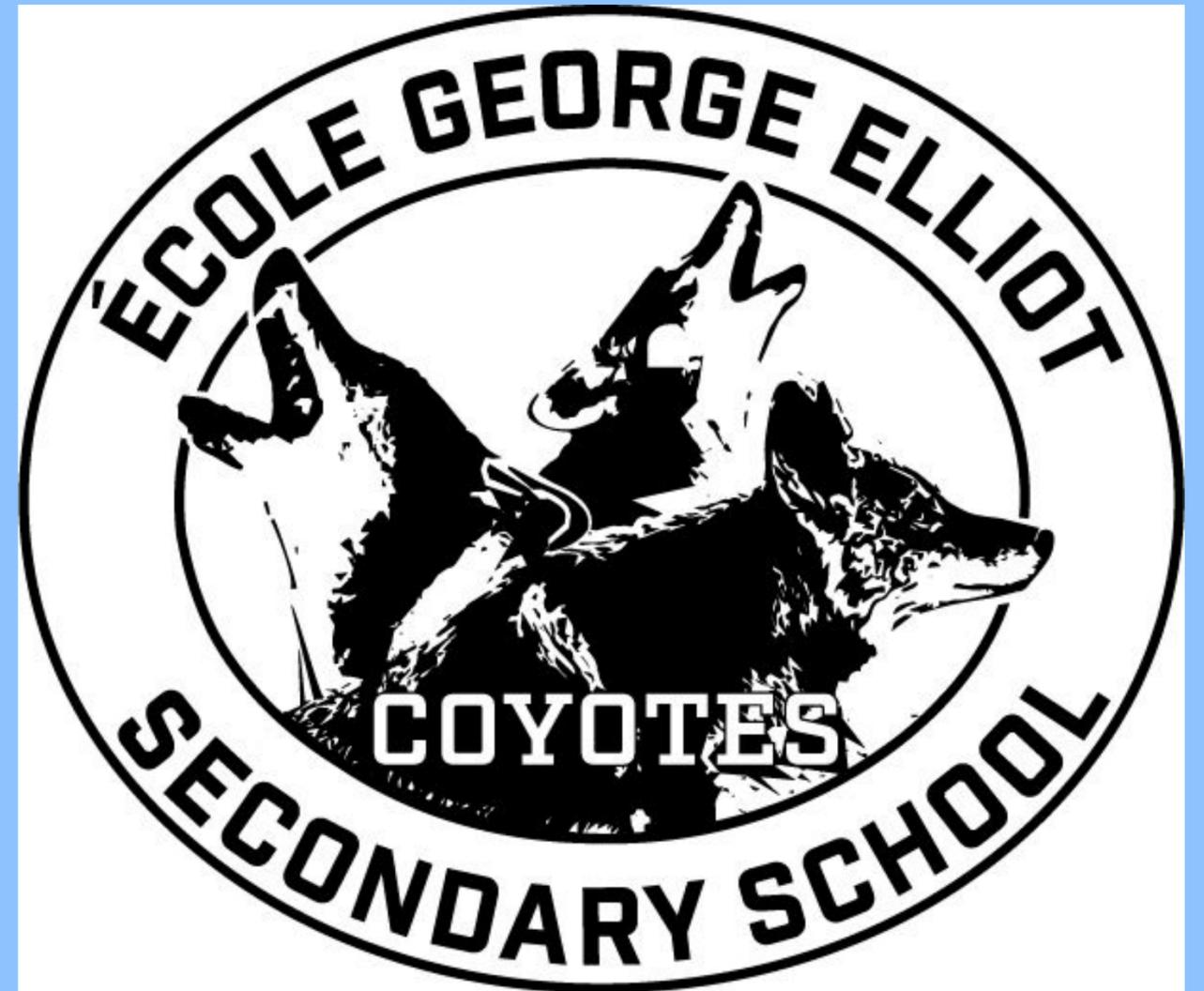


Planning for Grade 9

Grad Class 2030



LOVE, LEARN, THRIVE

NON NOBIS SOLUM

**Caring
Inclusive
Community**

**Personalized
Engaging
Challenging**

**Nurturing
Safe
Valued**

Welcome



We are here to help!

Brent Sookochoff – Gr 9 Counsellor
Kathy Lafontaine – Gr 9 Success Teacher
Ange deKergommeaux – Support Teacher
Jess Penner – SEL CEA

Lexea Drouin – Indigenous Advocate
Femi Vrtar – Indigenous Advocate

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Nicola Patrick – Learning Assistance Teacher
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Kelly Maxwell – Resource Teacher

Brandi Makus – Resource Teacher

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Colin Mayer – Vice-Principal (A –K)

Jen Hall – Vice-Principal (L –Z)

Rob Aviani – Principal

GRADE 9

Course Selections



Course Selections: *Required Courses*

English Language Program

English 9

Math 9

Science 9

Social Studies 9

PHE 9 (4 Options)

Careers 9*

French Immersion Program

Français langue 9

Mathématique 9

Sciences Naturelles 9

Sciences Humaines 9

English 9

PHE 9 (4 Options)

Careers 9*

Course Selection: Physical Health Education

All students must select at least one of the following:

- Physical Health Education
- High Performance Volleyball
- Hockey Skills Academy - \$725 (Goalies \$360)
- Soccer Skills Academy - \$400

Please note, there are fees associated with both the Hockey Skills Academy and the Soccer Skills Academy.

As per Board Policy 425R: Students will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship.

Course Selections: *Elective Courses*

English Language Program

In addition to the required courses, students will select **up to 3 electives.**

French Immersion Program

In addition to the required courses, students will select **up to 2 electives.**

Course Selections: *Elective Courses*

Elective Samplers & Band

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Art Sampler<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Art 9● Digital Design 9● Drama 9● Guitar 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Shop Sampler<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Metalcraft 9● Woodcraft 9 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Band 9: Offered all year with a linear English class | |

Course Selections: *Elective Courses*

Full Semester Electives

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Commercial Music 9● Food Studies 9● Indigenous Art 9● Leadership 9● Metal Craft 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Photography 9● Video Production 9● Wild Ed 9● Wood Craft 9 |
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Band 9

Full Year
Band trip in May
Music Festivals
Concerts
No Previous Experience

Commercial Music 9

1 Semester
Rock Out and Make Music
With Others
Should be comfortable with
an instrument



Jazz Band 9

Full Year, twice a week
Out of Time Table
Additional Trips/Festivals
Open to all who want to join

Guitar 9

10 weeks (Art Sampler)
Everyone Welcome!
Learn chords, notes, and
TABS

Choir 9

1 Semester
Everyone Welcome!
For those who want to sing

INTEGRATED LEARNING

GRADE 9/10 SCIENCE, SOCIALS, & CAREERS

This course is for students who:

- Like learning by doing, not just listening
- Want their learning to connect to real issues and real places
- Care about the environment, community, and the future
- Want more voice, choice, and independence in their learning
- Like to learn on the land



THIS ISN'T A
SIT-AND-LISTEN CLASS

It's hands-on, inquiry-driven,
and shaped by you!

**Find your voice.
Then use it!**

**Discover what you
care about. Then
do something
about it.**

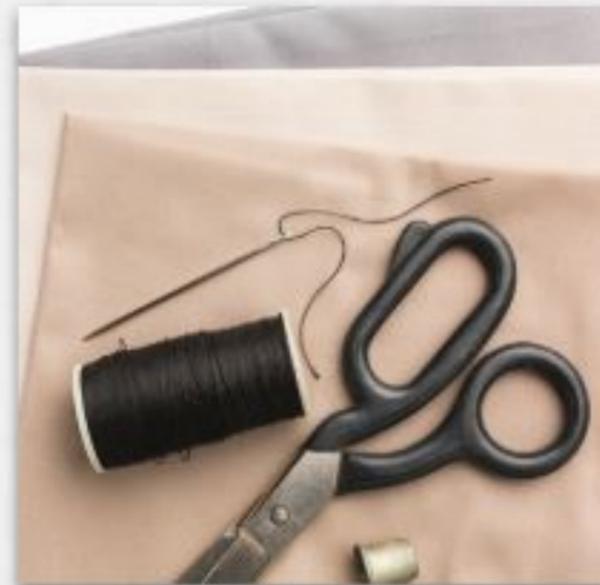
Indigenous Art & Textiles

9/10

This creative, hands-on class explores Indigenous art, with a focus on textiles and natural materials. Students will create art through projects such as beading, fibre work, clay, natural dyes and paints, and mixed media.

This is designed as an entry point into studio-based art courses. It provides a foundation for students interested in continuing into S.C.R.A.P. Studio or other senior art classes.

No experience required





Course Selection:
Out of the Timetable Electives

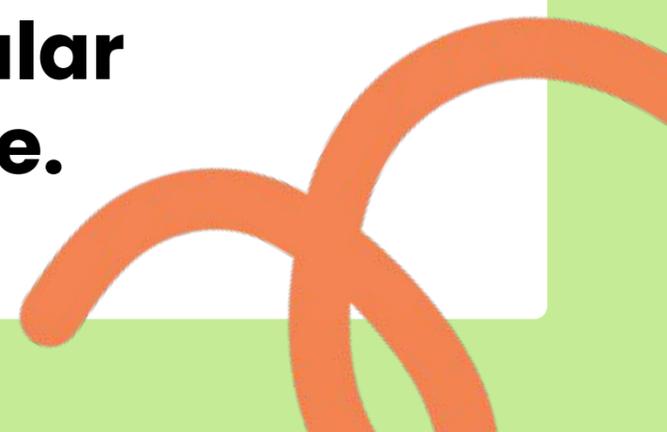
Choir 9

Theatre Production 9

Jazz Band 9

Yearbook 9

Outside the timetable are scheduled before or after regular school hours. These courses are over and above the regular scheduled courses that fill a grade 9 student's timetable.





Sample Schedule

Sample Schedule:

	Semester 1 September - January		Semester 2 February - June	
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2
Period 1	English 9	Elective Sampler	Elective	Socials 9
Period 2				
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Period 3	Elective	Math 9	Science 9	Math 9
Period 4		PE 9		PE 9

A few things to remember...

Nothing is first come, first serve with course selection.

Students choose courses **THEY** are interested in

COURSE SELECTION TIMELINE & NEXT

Course Selection Paper can be done at home

STEPS



FEB
11

Grade 9 course selection parent/guardian evening (course selection paper handed out to students)

FEB
13

We will email home course selection info (choice sheet, course selection booklet, this slide deck)

FEB
18

VP and Counsellor to visit HMS and do electronic course selection with students (need their papers ready to go)

FEB
27

100% of course selection done and in the system

Course Selection Timeline & Next Steps

Course Selection Paper Done at Home

GESS Grade 9 (English) Course Selection 2026-2027			
Name: _____			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check the Course Name for each category			
Required Courses	Course Name		
A MATH course	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Math 9		
A SCIENCE course	<input type="checkbox"/> Science 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Science & Social Studies		
A CAREERS course	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Careers 9 <i>(embedded in multiple classes)</i>		
An ENGLISH course	<input type="checkbox"/> English 9 <input type="checkbox"/> English with Band		
A SOCIAL STUDIES course	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Science & Social Studies		
A PHYSICAL HEALTH EDUCATION course	<input type="checkbox"/> General PHE 9 <input type="checkbox"/> High Performance Volleyball <input type="checkbox"/> Hockey Academy (fee required) <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Academy (fee required)		
Choose one of the paths			
Path A: <input type="checkbox"/>	Path B: with Band <input type="checkbox"/>	Path C: with French <input type="checkbox"/>	Path D: with Band & with French <input type="checkbox"/>
Choose 3 Electives	Choose 2 Electives	Choose 2 Electives	Choose 1 Elective
_____	Band 9 _____	French 9 _____	Band 9 French 9 _____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Elective Alternate Choice			
* _____ (alternate choice)			
Out of Timetable Choices (optional)			

GESS Grade 9 (French Immersion) Course Selection 2026-2027	
Name: _____	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check the Course Name for each category	
Required Courses	Course Name
French Immersion course	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Francais Langue 9
A MATH course	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mathématiques 9
A SOCIAL STUDIES course	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sciences Humaines 9
A SCIENCE course	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sciences Naturelles 9
A CAREERS course	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Careers 9 <i>(embedded in multiple classes)</i>
An ENGLISH course	<input type="checkbox"/> English 9 <input type="checkbox"/> English 9 with Band
A PHYSICAL HEALTH EDUCATION course	<input type="checkbox"/> General PHE 9 <input type="checkbox"/> High Performance Volleyball <input type="checkbox"/> Hockey Academy (fee required) <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Academy (fee required)
Choose one of the paths	
Path A: FRENCH IMMERSION without BAND <input type="checkbox"/>	Path B: FRENCH IMMERSION with BAND <input type="checkbox"/>
Choose 2 Electives	Choose 1 Elective
_____	Band 9 _____
_____	_____
Elective Alternate Choice	
* _____ (alternate choice)	
Out of Timetable Choices (optional)	

Questions???

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**Welcome
to the
Pack!**

