

SPRINGBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL - OPTION COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - 2014-2015 - GRADE 7

Please be aware that Band and French are full year courses. For this reason if your child enrolls in two full year courses no other options will be available to him/her.

*Below, please find a brief description for the Grade 7 Complementary Courses and associated fees that **MAY** be offered in the 2014 – 2015 school year. On the registration sent home in the Term 2 Report Cards, students are asked to indicate their preferences. Enrolment in a given course is based on availability, staffing, class size and timetabling.*

ART: Animation I (1 Term) Fee: \$15

Students will explore drawing techniques, painting, creating story boards and cells.

ART: Graphic Design (1 Term) Fee: \$15

The computer can be used to assist the artist in creating visual images. These two-dimensional images can be used to make t-shirt designs, CD covers, poster logos and other visual images.

ART: Smarts 7 (1 Term) Fee: \$15

The grade seven art program has three major strands: drawings, compositions and encounters. This program allows the students to develop competence in the visual skills, through practice and reflection. Drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking with emphasis on the periods of impressionism, modern and contemporary art are included.

BAND: (Full Year) Fee: \$50

This course is a continuation of beginning band, and is designed for students to receive instruction in brass, percussion and woodwind techniques, and exposure to different styles of music literature. Students will participate in music camp, concerts and festivals.

DRAMA 1 (1 Term) Fee: \$10

Learn the basic techniques of drama. Find the actor in you. We will use games and activities to develop skills that will entertain and involve everyone. Take a risk and see what you can do. We want you!

BEYOND COSMETOLOGY: \$30

There is a difference between inner and outer beauty. A person's outer beauty simply refers to how the person looks. This can include their hair, their face, and maybe even their clothing. Outer beauty refers to the person's outer shell. When talking about inner beauty, this is what makes a person who they really are. This includes kindness, empathy, sympathy, compassion and love, just to name a few. Remember that anyone can change their looks to look however they choose, but inner beauty must come within.

Outer Beauty: In Greek, the word cosmetology means skilled adornment. Basically, it is the study and application of treatments of beauty. This can include: hairstyling, cosmetics, manicures, and skin care. Inner Beauty: "Your beauty should not come from outward adornment...Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight." Peter 3:3-4

CTS - ELECTRO-ASSEMBLY: Cyber Mask Design & Construction (1 Term) Fee: \$15

This option introduces students to simple electronics and how we use different components to control and use electronic flow. The students design and build a "Cyborg" mask that will fit over their head and block all vision. Guided by a partner, they navigate through a maze. Directions are "communicated" by LED lights installed in the mask, and a control panel that the students build.

CTS - ELECTRO-ASSEMBLY: Discover Electronics (1 Term) Fee: \$15

Students learn how electronic components such as resistors, capacitors, potentiometers, diodes, transistors and others are used to control and use electronic flow. Using circuit boards and these components, "systems" of components are assembled to replicate everyday items such as burglar alarms, night lights, railroad lights, police sirens, wake-up alarms and others.

CTS - FOODS I: (1 Term) Fee: \$20

This is an introductory module that must be completed before any other food modules can be taken. Items covered include: kitchen safety, basic food preparation techniques, Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating, and management skills. Approximately half of the class time will be spent in the foods lab preparing and sampling the food you have made.

CTS – READY SET SEW: (1 Term) Fee: \$20

This is an introductory sewing module where students learn how to safely use and care for sewing and pressing equipment. Students will complete a pair of boxer shorts or pajama pants and move on to other projects if time permits.

CTS - TECHNOLOGY WHEEL: (1 Term) Fee: \$15

Students develop knowledge and skills in the use of basic hand tools and materials used in fabrication processes. Students will safely transform common metals into useful products (bridges, rockets, vehicles, and hot air balloons).

CTS - VIDEO CRAZE: (1 Term) Fee: \$15

Lights, Camera, Action! Come and explore the magical and technical world of making movies. Learn film making from script to screen and if you like do some acting in-between. Our fabulous iMac lab gives you the opportunity to learn the 'art of editing', and be able to incorporate Garage Band and special effects into your movie. You will receive a DVD of your movies.

FRENCH: (Full Year) Fee: \$15

Students learn oral and written language skills through thematic units. The themes are 'weather', 'school' and 'people around me'. Students may also have the opportunity to correspond with students in Switzerland.

GLEE CLUB: (Full Year) Fee: \$10

This is a comprehensive program to help students develop their own voices and strive for excellence as vocal musicians. Students will learn correct vocal techniques and voice care. They will develop their skills in music reading and interpretation as well as expand their musical landscapes through listening. Students will also be encouraged to compose and improvise as a way of finding their true voice. Students will participate in concerts, performances and festivals, where available.

GOLF: (1 Term) Fee: \$15 plus school approved excursions

This 1 Term course will introduce the student to the basics of the game of golf, which includes skill development, etiquette and how to practice and play the game in a safe manner. Students will work indoors on putting and outdoors on other clubs' play. As needed, students will have to supply their own clubs.

HOW I SEE IT! (1 Term) Fee: \$15

This course focuses on taking pictures through the study of angles and lighting. Students will have the opportunity to produce a gratitude photo album, experience a nature field trip to Edworthy Park, Guest Speakers and to the set up of a Student Photo Gallery.

LEADERSHIP: (1 Term) Fee: \$10

Do you have what it takes to be a leader? In this course we will cover *'The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens'*. You will learn about leadership styles and skills and important real world skills as identified by the Conference Board of Canada. You may have the opportunity to apply your skills to creating and organizing activities within the school setting. Service within the community will be a component of the class. A co-curricular leadership workshop may be available to students enrolled in leadership.

TRACKS, FANGS AND CLAWS: (1 Term) Fee: None

Do you have a love of animals? Do you want to learn more about animals and do some really cool projects about animals? If you do, then this course is for you! In this course students will be learning about different animals in Alberta and Canada (possibly even the world if we have time!). Students will be "designing" a "critter" based upon a natural region that they choose! Students will also be discussing why animals live where they do, and how they get along with other animals in their environment.

SURVIVOR DUDE (SOS) (1 Term) Fee: \$10

This course introduces students to having a safe and pleasurable experience in our great outdoors! Our focus will be on the Rocky Mountains, although what students learn can be applied to any outdoor environment. Topics include: no trace camping techniques, hypothermia, examining different types of backcountry equipment available, shelter building, special clothing needs, compass use, reading topographical maps, cooking ideas and wildlife considerations.

SPANISH: (1 Term) Fee \$10

Oiga, por favor! Habla usted español? You will if you take this course! You'll learn to understand and ask basic questions, what to say when you meet people in Spanish speaking countries and some basic vocabulary. Part of this course will also include experiencing the Spanish culture (tapas, (food) celebrations and geography).

SPEECH AND DEBATE: (1 Term) Fee: None

Learn how to speak in front of a group of people with ease and confidence. Improve your communication skills with a number of audiences: one on one, small group, classroom, or media audience, while exploring ways to effectively integrate technology into your presentations. Try out debating – present an argument persuasively and react quickly to new ideas, and remain unflustered in "heated" situations.

