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2020-2021 - Grade 9 Option Course Descriptions

Applying Info and Communication Tech – Applying Information and Communication Tech demands a high level of independence, attention to detail and risk-taking as students learn to create various Multimedia projects. Student learning will focus on photography, photo editing, and digital artwork. A major responsibility in this course is collaborating with others to design and build the school yearbook.

Business Innovations – Business Innovations gives students the opportunity to explore commerce-related topics such as economics, entrepreneurship, personal finance, business and marketing. Throughout the course, students will apply concepts and strategies learned to a variety of simulations or creative business projects. This course is the suggested introduction to other courses offered in the applied commerce education subject area. Business communication, ethics, trends, sustainability, employability skills, career opportunities, economy, retailing and personal finance are the focus in the different units of this credit.

Food and Nutrition – Food and nutrition is something that you do every day. In this course, students explore food and nutrition through a variety of experiences that can be applied to everyday living and future choices as individuals who prepare food for themselves or others and as consumers who must make decisions in the grocery store. In addition to improving and expanding food preparation skills, students study several interrelated topics, such as international foods, nutrient knowledge and application, health, and consumer issues. Participation in presentations, interviews, discussions, group projects and routine room maintenance are requirements.

French Communication and Culture – This course offers students an opportunity to further develop their knowledge of French through a variety of oral and written activities using a balanced literacy-based approach. Students communicate on topics drawn from their own experiences following the cycle of speaking-reading-writing. The literacy-based classroom is interactive, differentiated and supports language development in both the first and second language. It is a pre-requisite for Grade 10 French. Grade 9 students must have completed the Grade 8 Basic French program or a similar French program for entry to this program.

Graphic Communication Tech – GCT is a course which centers on video production. We will explore video as a medium to tell stories and create a spirit of community and collaboration at HGI. In GCT, students will create video tutorials, scene re-creations, short films, special effects, HGI Live/Stories segments and more. We will also explore the elements of graphic design in terms of photography, logo design and other digital imaging. GCT is a fun and exciting course that promotes learning independence through hands-on experiences. Students will use such programs as Adobe Premiere Pro, Illustrator and Photoshop and will gain experience filming with DSLRs.

Leadership – This course is centered on community service with the goal of developing leadership and pre-employment skills. Specifically, students will study the attributes and experiences of successful leaders and enhance self-awareness skills needed for developing a healthy leadership style. Course content will emphasize communication, organization and time-management, goal setting, decision-making, event planning, and teamwork through class work and practical experience within the school and the community.

Visual Art – Grade 9 Art is designed to allow students the opportunity to experience a number of techniques and processes used in the visual arts field. The overall goal is to support and inspire growth of the student as an Artist Learner. Media studied throughout the year includes (but is not limited to): Drawing/Sketching, Painting/Murals, ceramics & printmaking. Pre-requisite for Grade 9 Art: Students must have completed Grade 8 Art or have prepared a portfolio as per instructions provided by the Grade 9 Art teacher prior to enrollment.

Woodwork Technology – The Grade 9 woodworking course is an entry level course which includes instruction and practice in the following areas: Project layout and design; use of hand tools; use of woodworking machines; use of power hand tools; joinery methods; application of a variety of cutting techniques; assembly methods; application of finishing methods and techniques; application of measurement skills and techniques. An essential part of this course will be the focus on the safe use of all tools, following shop safety rules, and the use of safe practices. All woodworking projects will contain a design, planning and layout component and must be completed following the criteria outlined for each assignment. Day-to-day participation, demonstration of effective listening and application of instruction, respect of each other and adherence to the safe practices of our shop is required.