

Sherwood School

2017-2018

Program Information Book

Grade 7



Home of the Archers

Core Courses

English 7

Mathematics 7

Physical Education 7

Science 7

Social Studies 7

Complementary Courses

Please note:

- Not all courses will be offered each year.

For Students Going into Grade 7

Accelerated English 7 – Do you love to read and write? Or are you looking to strengthen your reading and/or writing skills? This project-based class is suitable for all levels of learners. Through various projects, students will develop their narrative (story telling) and expository (journalism) writing skills, further develop their vocabulary, and will be introduced to a variety of genres (i.e. graphic novels).

Art and Design 7 - Do you enjoy or want to try out drawing, painting, and sculpting? Art 7 is a hands-on class that is great for the beginning artist or budding Picasso! Explore and begin to think critically about the elements of art, various artistic styles, and art from other cultures. Build your artistic skills by experimenting with colour, techniques, and mediums to make your own masterpieces. Units will include: Drawing, Painting, and Sculpture. No experience necessary. What will YOU create?

Band 7 –(For students with some instrumental music experience) Students will work on enhancing their skills of reading music and playing their instrument of choice by learning how to play more complex leveled music and engage in a more comprehensive exploration of composition. Students will have the opportunity to learn a musical piece and perform it as a soloist. Student participation in public performances will require rehearsal time outside of the timetable.

Beginning Band 7 – If you love music and want to be part of a team, then band is for you! Students will actively engage in exploring the components of and will choose to learn to play a musical instrument. Through learning how to play your chosen instrument you will learn how to read and play music as you become a member of the Sherwood School Band. Student participation in public performances may require rehearsal time outside of the timetable either before school or at lunch time. Students with some instrumental music experience will have the opportunity to learn a new instrument or hone their skills on their current one.

NOTE* Band and beginning band is a full-year course and will take 2 of your complementary course blocks

Choir/Choral Music 7 – In Choir, students will be introduced to the skills required to sing. In groups or as a soloist you will build comfort and confidence in your singing, and be able to perform to an audience. As we explore the history of popular music, we will learn to sing music from a variety of genres and time periods. We will explore the technical areas of singing including: vowel sounds, air support, diction and emotional and musical literacy. Our Choir will be given multiple opportunities to perform both as a full choir and in smaller groups. If you like to sing or are eager to learn, this complementary course is for you.

Communications Technology 7 - Are you interested in the many forms of communication and technology? Discover and develop skills for relaying a message effectively using various forms of media, including animation, print, photography, and audio/visual technology.

Construction 7 - Welcome to “hands on” learning! This course is designed to provide students with the basic skill sets for creating exciting projects. Students begin by developing a basic understanding of shop safety, tool identification and use, as well as the processes of designing, cutting, sanding, assembly, and finishing.

Dance 7 – If you are interested in dance and movement at a beginner level, this is the course is for you! This course will involve components of fitness and athleticism in a dance-based setting. Students will study several group dance forms that may include Hip-Hip, folk, contemporary, and cultural styles. Attending rehearsals and performances outside the timetable may be required.

Drama 7 - The Grade 7 Drama program is designed to introduce students to the world of theatre! In grade 7 drama, students will explore various theatrical forms such as Tableau, Storytelling, Improvisation, Shakespearean Sonnets, and Scene Study. Through these forms students will learn study various disciplines including movement, theatre studies, technical theatre, and acting. Student choice in performances is highly encouraged.

Fashion Studies 7 - If you like to use textiles and patterns to create clothes, toys, handbags, blankets, accessories or you are interested in learning how to fix that hole in your favorite T-shirt, this beginner level course of learning the basics of sewing and an introduction of the Fashion Industry, is for you! Students will be introduced to basic hand stitching techniques and will gain basic knowledge of how to utilize a sewing machine. Student will design their own reference book of these new found skills, as well as create a minimum of two sewing projects that showcase their skill. You’ll be “SEW” happy you joined us!

Food Studies 7 – If you want to learn how to cook and bake as well as be creative with food, this course was made for you! Join our kitchen crew as we learn in a team environment how to practice safety and sanitation procedures, develop knife skills for food preparation, become proficient in our conversion of measurements, learn how to operate a variety of tools and equipment as we cook and bake. This experiential learning will give students the opportunity to learn basic culinary techniques and skills. Students will safely create nutritious meals and learn how to create basic baked goods. Students will showcase their learning at the end of the term by participating in Sherwood’s Master Chef Challenge.

Performing Arts 7 – The Grade 7 Performing Arts class will guide students through a theatre creation process where they can create a show from beginning to end. Students will be involved in all aspects with an emphasis on the behind the scenes skills that aren't always covered in a traditional drama classroom. Actors, writers, designers, and costumers are all welcome to find their place in this class!

Power Up Your Learning 7 – Do you feel like you want to improve your understanding and have more success in school? Do you want to be more organized, but aren't sure where to start? Do you want some additional support with some of your assignments? Then this is the course for you! In this class you will develop and build on your skills and strategies in reading, writing, spelling, getting organized and studying. In this class, you will develop your literacy skills and build strategies to support your reading, writing, spelling, organization and studying abilities. You will gain knowledge about yourself as a learner, including learning styles, using technology tools, working to your strengths, and setting and achieving your goals in all of your other classes.