



Calgary Christian School
2018-2019 Course Registration
Grade 8/9

We are pleased to continue the process of Grade 8&9 students choosing their own options! This is one of the many steps we are working on in assisting students in transitioning from Middle School to High School. This year, each student will take part in two options each semester. The schedule below lists all the options that will be offered during that time and you will need to select your top 6 picks out of the list. Next week, you will receive your option schedule for the year.

Please take the time to read through each selection carefully as many courses have limited availability, making it difficult to switch classes after the schedule is set. We also have courses that are offered more than one time, so you may be in the option of your choice, but not necessarily with your best friend due to scheduling conflicts or limited class size. Be sure to select your favourite options now!

Please take note of the following changes:

- Band and Music Flex are considered full year options - meaning you will be placed in them for September to June.
- There are two different Foods classes offered this year - if you love Foods, you could try out both of them!
- There are four different Art classes available - if you love Art, you could take it a number of times and each class will have a unique focus!
- SHEL is a new option that has never before been offered - upon completing this course, you will be certified in First Aid, have an understanding of some basic vehicle maintenance, and be ready to take your learners test. Please read the description to see if it is one for you! This class is limited to two classes of 18 students and is only offered in the fall.
- New this year! A music flex class that will include elements of choir, worship team, and audio production. If you are interested in any of these areas, you will want to check this out!

CCS 2018/19 Option Descriptions

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Art 1 - Drawing class: Students will explore a variety of drawing techniques, and will experiment with materials such as pencil, ink colored pencil and other miscellaneous media. There will be a focus on Figure Drawing, types of figures will include everything from caricatures, to sports figures, to self portraits.

Art 2 - Students will explore and create 3D art. Media used in this design class will include paper-mache, wire, plaster and more.

Art 3 - Painting class- students will explore acrylic and watercolor painting techniques.

Art 4 - Printmaking: This class will focus on exploring different printmaking techniques such as relief prints, glass etching, block printing and silk screening on T-shirts.

Band - This class is a combined class for Grade 8 and 9 students and for those who have played their instrument for a year. We will continue to work on good playing techniques and enjoying working together while preparing great music. You will attend Camp Caroline in October and perform some pretty cool music at concerts and festivals in Calgary and Alberta. *Rental fees will apply.*

Choir/Worship Team/Audio Production - This is a music flex class, where we will run choir and worship team/audio production concurrently. If a student is interested in choir or worship team or audio production, they should sign up for this option. For certain projects all the students will work together. This class will run all year long and if a student chooses this class they have priority for their first choices in their second option block.

Choir: If you enjoy singing, this is the class for you. We will exploring good singing techniques while learning about and enjoying all styles of music through performance of music. The choir will sing at concerts, festivals, and regular performances at senior homes. This class is a combined class for Grade 8 and 9 students.

Worship Team: If you already play an instrument that could be played on a worship team, this option is for you. We will focus on working as a team to organize and prepare praise song sets for times of worship. Singers interested in being part of the worship team will learn with the choir, but will also focus on praise songs.

Audio Production: If you would like to learn how to operate and set up sound equipment for worship times and recording, this class is for you. You will learn the basics of sound manipulation, first on a small scale (music production apps) and then on digital mixers and equipment at the school and the church. You will also be operating the sound equipment during worship times.

Drama - Yes, Folks, the time has come to join our Drama program in Middle School! First, we will be doing games to help us get to know each other and get our bodies and imaginations warmed up. Skills related to Movement, Speech, and Acting will be explored and we will do some work with “behind the scenes” elements as well. This class is about “experiencing” so if you are a Doer, or are looking for a class with activity and variety, join us! It’s gonna be grrrrreat! (And if you just saw Tony the Tiger in your imagination, you really gotta come and try this.)

Foods 1 - Food Basics: Breakfast, lunch, sweet and savory snacks and supper! In this option, students will continue learning about safety, nutrition, and how to properly prepare recipes. Once students have completed the safety component of this option, students will typically watch a demonstration, do a recipe write-up and then prepare that same recipe. A variety of recipes will be made looking at typical breakfast, lunch, sweet and savory snacks and simple supper meals. Students will have one home cooking assignment. If allergies are a concern, please speak with Mrs. Chrest prior to signing up to see if this course is for you.

Foods 2 - Foods Around the World is for students with an adventurous palate and some cooking experience. Foods semester 1 is not mandatory but some cooking experience and confidence in the kitchen is helpful for this course. Students will continue to learn and use safe kitchen practices in this course, however, students will be researching food from a country, choosing a recipe, demonstrating the recipe and then finally helping students make the same recipe that was demonstrated. Students will have to do some cooking practice and preparation at home. If allergies are a concern, please speak with Mrs. Chrest prior to signing up to see if this course is for you.

Introduction to 3D Design - In this course students will be introduced to the theory and skills required to do basic 3D design and rendering. Students will be using the Rhino3D software suite primarily in a PC based environment, though there will be other programs that they may have the opportunity to try as well. There will also be opportunities to use the 3D printer here at the school and potentially to observe some real world application outside the physical classroom. Come ready to be creative!

Introduction to Web Design and Coding - Computers and the internet have become such an integral part of our lives and yet not many know how to create it from scratch. In this option students will have the opportunity to experience what goes into the coding of a single web-page and to try their hand at it as well. There are a variety of tools that we will use during this course and students will have the opportunity to explore their many applications. For those already experienced with coding there will also be opportunities to try coding in different areas besides HTML and Javascript.

Leadership - Students in leadership will be asked to model, inspire and challenge each other. During this option, students will examine their own strengths and learn ways to use them in a leadership role. Students will be encouraged to lead personal devotions and other public speaking related activities. Students will also be provided an opportunity to mentor and work with the elementary students at CCS. Students will be involved in activities and projects to help develop self-awareness.

Outdoor Education - Alberta offers a wealth of areas where we can all take part in enjoying the outdoors. This course is designed to be an introduction to outdoors activities. Units will include wildlife, survival, navigation, canoeing, outdoor cooking, and hiking. Students should be prepared for hiking in steep terrain. Parent volunteers will be required for a couple of activities. This class is offered only in the spring semester. A culminating camping trip may take place if class size is less than 14 students.

Photography - The program exposes students to a great variety of elements within photography. Students will explore the many functions of a DSL camera and the integration of technology in the photography world. Students will learn the difference between a snapshot and a photograph; they will be encouraged to express their own perspective through their photo work. Students have the opportunity to be instructed in concepts as well as take on independent responsibility for their time and projects.

SHEL (Skills Handy in Everyday Life) - Students in this course will complete the Red Cross requirements for standard first aid and CPR on both adults and infants and will earn their SFA-C certificate. This requires successful demonstration of all skills, 100% participation/attendance, and 75% or greater score on final test. Road signs and rules will be covered in order to prepare students for their learner's test; and we will wrap up (time permitting) with some basic vehicle maintenance material. This class is offered only in the fall semester. *Certification fees will apply.*

Sports Performance - Students get the unique opportunity to spend time learning the strategies and techniques to enhance their strength, quickness, and endurance through the use of multiple training modes. The students will spend a large portion of class time training on our fields and in our new weight room facility. They will be setting personal fitness goals and building a fitness portfolio to track their progress throughout the semester. Another portion of this class will look at the importance of healthy nutrition and proper diet that is an integral part of being a healthy individual. Hopefully, the students will generate a greater understanding and appreciation for the amazing bodies that God has gifted us with.

Triathlon - Students get the unique opportunity to spend time learning the strategies and techniques to properly perform the different elements involved in competing in a triathlon. The students spend a large portion of class time training off campus at a variety of different locations in each of the three disciplines. The course culminates with the students all competing in a sprint distance triathlon at the end of the semester. The result is that students will hopefully develop an awareness towards the importance of lifelong fitness and living a healthy lifestyle. *Pool fees will apply.*

Shop - Provides an exploratory experience with safety procedures using, wood, hand tools and some machines (sander, drill press, scroll saw, band saw, Miter saw) and to relate safety with proper work habits and procedures

- Students have the opportunity to build simple woodworking projects.
- Discussion and quiz of safety rules applicable to any woodworking lab
- To perform the six basic steps of building any wood project
- To learn the operation and safe use of some hand tools and some machinery
- To learn useful organizational skills and work habits
- (proper clamping and securing of work, clean up procedures, sequence of work steps)

Each student completes one compulsory project in the class and, time permitting, a second limited choice.