



Calgary Christian School  
2017-2018 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. Be sure to select your favourite options now!

Please take note of the following changes:

- Band and Choir 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!
- First Aid is a new option that has never before been offered - you will find it as a component of the Sports Performance/First Aid option. Please read the description to see if it is one for you!
- New this year! A drama program has been added for all levels; Grade 7 - 12.

**CCS 2017/18 Option Descriptions**  
***Grade 8/9***

**Art 1** - Drawing class: Students will explore a variety of drawing techniques, and experiment with mediums such as pencil, charcoal, conte and ink.

**Art 2** - Art around the world: Art is a window into different cultures, it allows us to appreciate cultures different from our own. In this class, students will experiment with numerous techniques; painting, drawing and sculpting, all while exploring varying cultural artistic expressions.

**Art 3** - Drawing in Color: Students will learn colored pencil, chalk and oil pastel techniques. They will create projects based on the experimentation and exploring of these exciting mediums.

**Art 4** - Printmaking: A course based around exploring printmaking techniques. Monoprinting, block printing, stamps making, using found objects to create art.

**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** - 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. We will sing with other schools at the Alberta Sings concert at Jack Singer Hall in November. This class is a combined class for Grade 8 and 9 students.

**Drama** - Yes, Folks, the time has come for a full 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 - Basic breakfast, lunch 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 and then prepare that same recipe. A variety of recipes will be made looking at typical breakfast, lunch, supper and snacks. 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 Music Production** - In this class, students will learn how to analyze and recreate a variety of different styles of music. They will learn to use software to compose beats, melodies and sounds in order to produce original music.

**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. 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.

**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, canoeing, outdoor cooking, and camping. The course will culminate in a camping trip for which students should be prepared to walk 6-8 km each way with a full pack. Parent volunteers will be required for a couple of activities.

**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.

**Sports Performance/First Aid** - 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. The First Aid component of this class will allow students fulfill the requirements to earn their Red Cross Standard First Aid and CPR C Certificate. For this certification, students will be required to pass a written evaluation with a score of 75%. Some homework will be required and *certification fees will apply*.

**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.