



2024-2025

Grade 8 Complementary Course Request Form

Please indicate your complementary course selections by placing a check mark ✓, and a preference ranking (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th), in 6 of the requested boxes. The purpose of complementary courses is to allow students to explore interests, passions, and possible career opportunities. **If enrollment for a course is not high enough, the course will not be offered.** You will be enrolled in 4 complementary courses in total, 2 courses each semester. **Please sign and return to your Homeroom teacher by April 5th, 2024.**

Requested	Complementary Course Name	Complementary Course Descriptions
	Art	Students will gain exposure to and experience in a variety of mediums. Students will learn some principles of art such as perspective, balance, contrast, pattern, rhythm, unity and repetition. They will also use hand-building pottery methods such as slab, pinch pot, coil, and additive and subtractive methods. This is a very hands-on class. Students will explore possible career opportunities. Fee \$30*
	Instrumental Music (Band) – Full Year Course	Students will have the opportunity to play a brass or woodwind instrument (trumpet, trombone, French horn, baritone, tuba, or a flute, clarinet, oboe, and bassoon) Students will focus on proper playing positions, skill development, and basic musical concepts. There will be a variety of performance opportunities and trips throughout the year such as festivals, concerts, and band camp. Students will explore possible career opportunities. If you select Band then you will automatically receive Band as a complementary course. You will take 3 complementary courses in total since Band will run the full year (both semesters). Instrumental rental fee \$100
	CTF Communication Technology	Students will have the opportunity to discover and develop skills using digital technologies. Students will develop understanding of the issues, tools, and opportunities that arise when we use digital technology to communicate our ideas with others. Topics include: digital citizenship and your online presence: sharing, privacy, and responsible decision making, digital media and design: communicating with purpose, principles of layout and design, Adobe Spark/Canva and/or other design software, photo editing, coding, using Google Docs, Slides, and Sheets to create and communicate, emerging technologies and animations. Students will explore possible career opportunities.
	CTF Construction	Students explore a variety of trades-based skills. Students design and build projects, using a combination of tools and machines. Students will work as a class to build rooms and structures and learn about industry leading software for CNC machining and tooling. The construction program offers a window into the world of hands-on opportunities for a variety of in demand roles in possible future careers. Approximate Fee \$40
	CTF Design Studies	Students will learn about the creative process and technical skills for the development of projects in architecture, engineering, and graphic design. Join a team and learn about the design process. Learn how to look at an engineering challenge, design a possible solution, and then how to build your design. Finally, students will test the project to determine if it works effectively. Students will explore possible career opportunities. Fee \$20*

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	CTF Fashion Studies	Students will learn how to design and make hand-sewn items. Students learn how to safely use and care for sewing and pressing equipment and apply these skills when machine sewing their final project. Additionally, they will have the opportunity to create various other projects based on their skill level. Students will explore possible career opportunities. Fee \$30*
	CTF Foods	Students will gain an understanding of how to properly prepare a variety of basic snacks, drinks and meals while adhering to safety and sanitation standards. Students will learn to read recipes, use kitchen equipment, act with care in handling food, and the importance of safe and efficient work habits. Students will explore numerous aspects of meal planning, preparation, and careers in the culinary world. Approximate Fee \$40*
	Leadership	Students will explore what it means to be a leader and begin to develop the foundational skills and knowledge that allow them to engage in leadership activities. Through their work on 'mini projects', students will be challenged to develop the abilities necessary for successfully planning, collaborating, and implementing school-based leadership initiatives. Students will explore possible career opportunities.
	Performing Arts	Students will develop skills in acting, improvisation, movement and speaking as well as learn the history and context of theatre. Here is an opportunity for students express their emotions and exercise their creativity. Students will explore possible career opportunities.
	Spanish Language and Culture	This is an interactive course for beginners who want to learn conversational Spanish. Students will play games, perform skits, watch videos, and be exposed to various cultural activities and celebrations as they learn vocabulary and grammar skills. No previous Spanish language experience is required or expected.
	Training for Excellence in Sport	Training for Excellence in Sport (TES) provides opportunities for students to develop and refine competencies that focus on personal development and responsible citizenship through sport. Students develop: leadership and citizenship, athletic skills and tactics, and fitness and conditioning. This course may be used with all sports. TES helps to further develop students' physical literacy. The course provides opportunities for students to understand the need for and demonstrate a commitment to, a high standard of academic, sport, and lifestyle achievement.
	Environmental and Outdoor Education	This course will introduce students to investigating a variety of lifestyle strategies that foster contact with the natural world. Students will be doing activities that will focus on leadership and working in groups in a variety of environmental settings. Some activities may include team building, shelter building, techniques for being able to be adaptable to the various weather patterns of Calgary. Approximate Fee \$50
	CTF Communication Technology through Photography	In this engaging photography course, students will have the opportunity to develop their photography skills while exploring diverse career paths within the field. Through hands-on learning experiences, participants will acquire proficiency in mobile camera operation, composition techniques, and image editing. Additionally, they will gain insights into various professional avenues available in photography. Students will delve into the fascinating world of photography and discover the endless possibilities it offers for creative expression and career advancement.

Parent's / Guardian's Name: _____

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***Fees subject to change as we prepare for the 2024-2025 school year.**