

VINCENT J. MALONEY CATHOLIC JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Option Course Menu GRADE SEVEN - 2017-18

Our option course menu includes course offering from French Language, Fine Arts, Communication & Technology Foundations (CTF) & Design and Complimentary courses.

The CTF curriculum has five areas of possible study. **Business, Communication, Human Services, Resources and Technology** represent occupational groupings found within industry. These occupational clusters are aligned with the Career and Technology Studies (CTS) occupational clusters as well as the National Occupational Classification. An occupational area is a grouping of courses that focuses on attitudes, skills and knowledge related to specific work areas. The main goals of courses in the CTF cluster is:

CTF and the Cross-curricular Competencies

CTF emphasizes the development of cross-curricular competencies through an exposure to the occupational areas. A cross-curricular competency is an interrelated set of attitudes, skills and knowledge that is drawn upon and applied to a particular context for successful learning and living.

CTF and the Learning Journey

CTF supports a learning journey where students explore interests and passions while developing skills and cross- curricular competencies and making connections to career possibilities and technologies within any combination of the CTS occupational areas. Students work toward a shared goal by creating a product, performance, completing a challenge or service.

Alignment with CTS

CTF supports the transition to the high school CTS program by developing the foundation for students to make reasonable choices as they consider CTS courses. CTF provides students with a strong foundation of attitudes, skills, knowledge and practical experiences related to occupational areas that will assist them in making informed decisions prior to entering the senior high school CTS program. **CTF is NOT a prerequisite for high school CTS.**

NOTE: *Several options are listed below. The availability of option offerings is based upon student enrolment, human and budget resources. Once the options are determined, we will make every attempt to place students in options of their choice but because of the high demand it may be necessary to substitute certain options.*

IB Language B Grouping

FRENCH 7 (Advanced)	Full Year
Advanced French has the same themes as French 7; however, a greater emphasis will be placed on enrichment activities and the development of skills to facilitate students' entrance into high school level French course. Students entering this course should have a good attitude, motivation, interested in improving all components of the French language. Teaching and assignments will be tailored to meet individual needs and interests.	There are no extra fees or materials for French.

FRENCH 7 (Regular)	Full Year
The goal of this French program is to provide opportunities for students to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to communicate in French in a variety of real life situations. Each level specifies expectations in four integrated components: communication, culture, language system, and strategies for language learning. Themes include: school, weather, people around us, holidays and celebrations. The course will be complemented to meet the needs and interests of students.	There are no extra fees or materials for French.

IB Fine Arts Grouping

ART 7	Half Year
This option allows students to work with a variety of materials to develop their style in: acrylic paints, pen & ink, chalk, oil pastels, tempura paints, sidewalk paints, etc. Students develop their skills through a variety of projects, ongoing individual sketchbooks and get the chance to take part in art contests.	Students are required to have their own sketch book. It can either be purchased from the school or students may acquire it on their own.

BAND 7	Half Year
This option allows students to learn a concert band instrument and provides opportunity to perform publicly. Students gain basic music reading skills and develop musicianship through actively participating in class. Young musicians gain appreciation for making music as an ensemble and being an important contributor to a musical team.	Students rent or purchase their own instruments. Semester fees for rentals go toward maintenance, repair & replacement and vary depending on the instrument. The Band Director will help facilitate the rental or purchase process. Students will be responsible for transporting their instrument to and from school; larger instruments are not permitted on the school bus.

DRAMA 7	Half Year
<p>Here is your opportunity to be a star as well as a part of what goes on behind the scenes! Learn what it takes to design costumes, masks and make-up, create the set and put together sound and lighting effects. The course will be complemented with theatre sports, movement games, smaller group performances such as Sword Play and of course, the development of your acting skills! Get the opportunity to put your knowledge to the test as a member of the stage crew for an actual VJM production. Self-discipline, imagination, teamwork, and the ability to have fun are all needed!</p>	<p>There are no extra fees for Drama 7.</p>

GUITAR 7	Half Year
<p>Sign up and learn to play guitar! This option will introduce students to guitar fundamentals. Students will gain music-reading skills and develop musicianship through active class participation and individual practice. Opportunities for individual and ensemble performance will also be presented.</p>	<p>Students rent or purchase their own acoustic guitars. Students will be responsible for transporting their guitar to and from school; please note they are not permitted on the school bus. (Secure school storage is available) NOTE: There are a limited number of school guitars available. Priority is given to those who can't afford rental or have no way of transporting their guitar between home & school.</p>

IB CTF & Design Grouping

CONSTRUCTION 7 (INDUSTRIAL ARTS) CTF - COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY	Half Year
<p>Students in this course will explore interests and passions while making personal connections to career possibilities and technologies associated with various Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) occupational areas. Students will explore basic fundamentals of safety, shop management, woodworking and fabrication while working through engaging, hands-on challenges. Students will apply project management skills as they are introduced to the design cycle of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IB MYP). CTF 7 will enable students to participate in hands-on learning experiences and work towards creating real-life products, presentations or services. All projects are adjusted to match student readiness for successful completion.</p>	<p>There may be an additional charge if students choose to build advanced projects. Additional cost is to cover materials or special items needed to complete the project.</p>

FOODS & FASHION 7 CTF - HUMAN SERVICES - COMMUNICATION	Half Year
<p>Looking for that creative, inspired, and perfect personal look? Select a project of your choice, at a level that works for you, and create. Students will learn and develop a variety of skills including hand sewing and machine sewing techniques, and apply them to the classroom, but also the world outside of school.</p> <p>Working within a group, students will learn skills and techniques in the kitchen, practice hygiene, examine nutrition, and work with a variety of real life challenges such as budget, allergies, vegetarianism, gluten intolerance, etc. to create amazing food and experiences. Opportunities to develop, plan, and design your own projects can also be explored.</p>	<p>Students will be required to pay an additional fee to cover the cost of their sewing projects. Depending upon the project selected, fees will run between 15 and 50 dollars. This fee will be collected within the first few weeks of classes in September (Term 1) or February (Term 2), after students have made their choice of project. Students will not have to purchase anything for their projects on their own as all projects will be ordered and delivered directly to the school. More information about the sewing and foods projects will be sent home to parents in a letter at the beginning of each semester.</p>

OUTDOOR EDUCATION 7 CTF - RESOURCES	Half Year
<p>This course is designed to give students an appreciation of the environment and how we interact with it. Participation is mandatory in all activities. The focus of the option will be Endangered Animals & Shelter Building.</p>	<p>There are no extra fees for Outdoor Education 7.</p>

ROBOTICS 7 CTF - TECHNOLOGY	Half Year
<p>In this course students will design, construct, and build working robots. Robotics 7 allows students to be both creative and independent in their learning while completing various modules. Students will test their problem solving skills in each activity and will be introduced to the basics of computer programming. The designing and building of robots will be done using Lego Mindstorm Education kits.</p>	<p>A \$10.00 fee will be charged to cover costs of Mindstorm kit maintenance.</p>

Complimentary

SPORTS MEDICINE 7 CTF - RESOURCES	Half Year
<p>This course is intended to provide learning opportunities for students with career plans in medical and related fields as well as active student athletes. The following topics provide an organizational structure for the course: a) immediate care, prevention, and rehabilitation of athletic injuries, b) basic anatomy and physiology, c) arm injuries and taping.</p>	<p>A \$10.00 fee will be charged to cover costs of taping supplies.</p>