



## Grade Seven Options

### **ART 7: Half-Year program. All students are welcome.**

Do you love to draw, paint, or sculpt? When you see a new art supply, is it hard not to pick it up and give it a try? Do you have an artist's mind? If you answered yes to any of those questions, let your creativity bubble in Art! This option allows students to gain experience with a variety of new materials, develop their skills, and discover their taste in art through the study of an art movement of their choice.

Students will create a personal portfolio where they will store their artwork throughout the semester, and it is theirs to keep when the course is complete. Students will also be provided with a "Skillbook"; here they will develop their understanding of the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design. They will continue to grow as an artist as they apply their newfound skills in their sketchbooks and develop their talents through two-dimensional and three-dimensional student-choice projects. Uncover the artist within you in this hands-on course!

**NOTE: There is an additional fee for this course to cover the cost of materials and supplies - determined by student activities. Students are also required to bring their own *Sketchbook*.** They can be purchased at most dollar stores, arts and crafts stores, and stationery stores. Sketchbooks do not need to be expensive or high quality, they can be any size or shape based on student preference, and the same sketchbook can be used for all three years of the program - if you can get them to stop drawing in it! :)

### **Band 7: Half Year program. New musicians welcome. (One Semester)**

This option allows students to learn a concert band instrument and provides an opportunity to perform publicly. Students gain basic music reading skills and develop musicianship through actively participating in class. Young musicians gain an appreciation for making music as an ensemble and being an important contributor to a musical team.

**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.**

### **Singing 7: Half Year program. New musicians welcome. (One Semester)**

Unlock your voice and discover the joy of singing in this engaging and dynamic Grade 7 Singing course. Designed for all experience levels, this program focuses on building confidence and vocal skills through a variety of singing experiences. Students will explore vocal development, choral singing, solo singing, and performance opportunities. Students will learn proper breathing, tone production, and techniques to care for and strengthen their voice. Join Singing 7 and showcase your growth through individual and group performances in a supportive environment. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just starting out, this course offers a creative space to develop your voice, express yourself musically, and make lasting memories with fellow performers. Join us and let your voice be heard!

**There are no extra fees for Singing 7.**

### **Construction 7: Half Year program. All students are welcome.**

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. 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. **Note: Additional costs are associated with this course – to be determined by student activities.**

### **Drama 7: Half Year program. All students are welcome.**

Here is your opportunity to be a star as well as a part of what goes on behind the scenes! Develop your voice, storytelling abilities, stage movement, blocking and use of props! The course will be complemented with theatre sports, movement games, smaller group performances, and of course, the development of your acting skills! Self-discipline, imagination, teamwork, and the ability to have fun are all needed!

**There are no extra fees for Drama 7.**

### **French 7: Full Year Program**

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. An online module- based learning program is used which allows students to work at their own pace and own individual French level. This, in conjunction with projects and classroom activities in alignment with the Alberta curriculum meets the needs and interests of students. **There are no extra fees or materials for French.**

### **Film Study 7: Half Year Program. All students are welcome.**

Students will examine movie elements such as plot, character, setting and conflict. Students will also explore the world of animation and how it has evolved over the years. This option will also explore different genres and what makes up elements of comedy, drama, and action. In addition to watching movies, students are expected to complete questions and projects pertaining to the films.

**There are no additional fees associated with Film Studies 7.**

### **Fit For Life 7: Half Year program. All students are welcome.**

This course incorporates a study of health, fitness and safety as it is applied to live a healthy lifestyle. This option includes a variety of activities (traditional and non-traditional) that will allow individuals to participate and develop an interest in physical activity.

**Note: \$10 Fee to be charged for equipment replacement.**

### **Foods and Fashions 7: Half Year program. All students are welcome.**

Looking for that creative, inspired, and perfect personal look? 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.

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.

**Additional costs are associated with this course – to be determined by student activities.**

### **Guitar 7: Half-Year program. All students are welcome.**

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.

**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.**

### **Outdoor Education 7: Half Year program. All students are welcome.**

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.

**Note: Additional costs are associated with this course – to be determined by student activities.**

### **Photography 7: Half Year program. All students are welcome.**

Students will acquire basic knowledge of photography techniques as well as components of a digital camera; in addition, they will apply these skills in various photography assignments. Students will also experiment with special effects modes and software to edit photos. Students will also get to explore the functions of the personal devices and learn how to create videos and images relevant to the digital age.

**Note: Additional costs are associated with this course – to be determined by student activities.**

### **Pop Culture: Half Year program. All students are welcome.**

Canada is in many ways defined by our popular culture and has been for the past century. Pop culture is all around us, influencing how we think, how we feel, and how we live our lives. Our popular culture not only influences Canadians it is also tied to our neighbors to the south, the United States.

Over the course of the year, we'll study topics ranging from celebrities to sports to music and advertising. We'll also spend time talking about tv, art, dance, fashion and technology. All of these topics are linked to the history and events from that time, so you will need to draw on your knowledge of the various decades of the 20th century (no worries though, we'll review the relevant details at the start of each unit!)

**There are no additional fees associated with Pop Culture 101.**

### **Robotics 7: Half Year program. All students are welcome.**

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.

**Note:** Additional costs are associated with this course – to be determined by student activities.

### **Sports Medicine 7: Half Year program. All students are welcome.**

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.

**Note:** Additional costs are associated with this course – to be determined by student activities.

### **Technical Theatre 7: Half Year Program. All students are welcome.**

The Technical Theatre program at VJM will allow students to learn about what goes on behind the scenes of live theatre in a hands-on setting. Students will first develop a basic understanding of the five departments within technical theatre: scenery, props, costumes/makeup, lighting/special effects, and sound engineering. Later, they will branch off into the areas they are most interested in while working on a real musical theatre production – the dual-campus VJM/ESSACHS musical. Projects will vary each year based on the chosen musical, and to allow students to direct their learning. This course is for crafty, techy students with a designer's mind. They enjoy working with a team to solve problems, get the job done, and achieve a common goal. There is no outside time requirement for this course – students are not obligated to participate in after-school rehearsals or to act in the musical. They are the brains of the operation who bring the performances to life working “behind the scenes”. The practical knowledge acquired in this course will expose students to a wide variety of future career possibilities!

**Note:** There is an additional \$40 fee for this course to cover the cost of materials and safety equipment.

### **Writer's Ink 7: Half Year Program**

This option is for students who love to write and would like to publish their work. It will provide an opportunity for students to write for enjoyment, personal growth and to enter writing contests. Students will explore various writing mediums. Students will learn how to work in editing teams to make revisions to self and peer work. Student projects are determined on an individual basis with students having the opportunity to have creative control.

**There are no extra fees for Writers Ink. Students will either bring a notebook or a Chrome book to class to write.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Option courses offered are dependent upon adequate student enrollment.**