

QUAMICHAN GRADE 9 ELECTIVE COURSE OUTLINE DESCRIPTIONS

ELECTIVE OPTIONS

Art 9 – Not just for the artists in the crowd, art class is a way of learning about and experiencing the world in a different way. We practice using parts of our brain that are often under-developed. We start by exploring a wide variety of drawing tools and work towards colour drawing and painting. Many kinds of creative exercises help to develop ideas and increase appreciation for art. We may also use clay and other sculptural materials. Whatever your current level of achievement in art, the most important aspect of Art 9 is to keep trying to develop your skills and attitudes every day.

Band 9 – In Band 9, we keep developing our music community, building on top of existing technical skills, conducting and ear training. Greater confidence is gained in public performance through concerts. Grade 9 students will be given the opportunity to take on more responsibility through leadership roles, helping to teach beginners in their section. They will also expand their abilities in improvisation and jazz band techniques through smaller ensembles. Students are required to provide their own instruments; however, some instruments may be rented from the school. All levels welcome!

Dance 9 – This course is both process and performance based. Students will learn various dance styles and fusions of hip hop, jazz, tap, contemporary, (as well as other styles that interest the group). Students are expected to perform in shows, throughout the year. Students will explore the elements of dance to create their own choreography and perform small and large group dances. In Dance 9, students will develop confidence, creativity and have fun!

Theatre 9 – This course is a *performance-focused* and *student-driven* course that provides authentic training in the art of theatre. While we will still play games and have fun, this is a *true acting class*—not a technical theatre course. Students will spend the majority of their time performing, creating, rehearsing, and developing the essential skills used by real theatre artists.

Throughout the course, students will develop their craft through:

- **Improvisation and spontaneous storytelling**
- **Script interpretation and character development**
- **Mime and physical theatre**
- **Clowning and expressive movement**
- **Stage combat techniques (safe and choreographed)**
- **Projection, vocal strength, and clear diction**
- **Blocking, stage movement, and ensemble awareness**
- **Directing and producing basics for student-led scenes**
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Students will have the opportunity to build original pieces, stage scenes, and participate in class productions.

Participation in performances is expected, as every student contributes to the ensemble and the success of each production. Theatre 9 is all about working together, taking creative risks, and building confidence. You'll learn how to shine on stage, support your scene partners, and dive fully into the fun of making theatre. Whether you love being in the spotlight or prefer helping the whole group shine, you'll get real hands-on experience with what theatre is all about. Along the way, you'll grow your confidence, curiosity, courage, and your willingness to try new things.

Foods & Nutrition 9 - Food studies nine introduces students to a wide range of foods topics covered over six units (baking, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and two small units on Italian and Asian cuisine). Foods 9 is structured as a group-based course, requiring students to work cooperatively in 4-person kitchens. The course features several competitions and challenges over the course of the semester, offering students a variety of opportunities to demonstrate their creative thinking skills. Students will also study ethical issues related to food, nutritional concepts, and meal planning strategies to help them make informed food choices.

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Guitar 9 – This course is for guitar players of all abilities, with a focus on beginners. Students will have the opportunity to experiment with electric guitar, bass guitar, and ukulele. Students will learn and practice basic chords, tablature, various playing techniques, and basic theory. Students will also gain valuable experience with stage performance in large and small groups, singing and playing guitar. Musicianship, history, and culture will be interwoven into our learnings.

Information Technology 9 – This is a project-based course that introduces students to a variety of areas in technology that include coding, robotics, digital media design, game design, and much more. This class has a potential to be a very hands-on class depending on the students' project choices. Students are marked for their daily coding, a group project, and their individual projects throughout the term. IT9 is the foundation class for various computer and robotic based electives in grade 10, 11, and 12.

Leadership 9 – In this course, students have an opportunity to make Quamichan the best school it can be. Students will work together to create activities and initiatives. Students will learn about themselves and skills needed to lead. If you are a helper, a born leader, a change maker, a go-getter...this may be the course for you.

Photography, Film making & Yearbook 9 - In this course, students will have an opportunity to investigate techniques for composition of still and moving images. Students will use photography and film making to express their creativity. Composition and elements of design will be discussed as well as editing. Students should have their own device to take photos which could be a digital camera or phone. Some recording may need to take place outside of class time. Potential exists to use student work and class time to create a yearbook (either digital or print).

Woodwork 9- Woodwork enables students to experience the complete wood shop facility. After completing a unit on shop and machine safety, participants will receive instruction on hand and power tools, advanced woodcraft processes, joinery, and finishing. Compulsory projects may include a bridge they design and test, spoon they carve, vehicle they design/build, end table they mass produce, and projects of their own design/choice.

Metalwork 9 – Metalwork 9 introduces various tools and techniques such as forging, tempering, machining, cutting, bending, grinding, beading, crimping, and riveting. Typical projects include toolboxes, BBQ flippers, jewelry, keychains, and custom signs. Students fabricate a variety of tools including a marking gauge, paint can opener, fitters hammer, pocket square, center punch, and sliding T-bevel. We fabricate a set of putty knives that students use for some basic drywall repairs. Students learn the names of various fasteners. We undertake various design and engineering challenges. Students work with a partner to disassemble and reassemble a single cylinder engine in a small engine unit. Drafting is introduced and students produce drawings for many of their shop projects.

Trades Sampler 9 - Trades Sampler 9 includes an introduction to trades such as metal fabrication, sheet metal work, carpentry, cabinet making, electrical, plumbing, drywall, parts technician, and small engines. We briefly introduce Horticultural Trades by taking care of the school gardens. The course takes up two of your electives and may lead to secondary credits upon successful completion. There are academic (theory) and hands-on components to the course. Students build toolboxes and various tools. Students practice math and measurement. They learn to read building plans, study orthographic drawing, and draft their own plans for projects. Students disassemble and reassemble small 2 stroke and 4 stroke engines, learning the names of the engine parts and tools in the process.

LANGUAGE OPTIONS

French 9 - Bonjour et bienvenue à la classe de Français. Welcome to French 9. We will build on all that you learned in French 8 in terms of vocabulary, grammar, and your general sense of comfort with the French language. You will learn to ask for help, give your opinion, and describe yourself. You will learn about different French-speaking cultures from around the world. You are going to taste, watch, and listen to French culture and language at their finest.

Hul'q'umi'num Culture & Arts 9 - This course is designed for all students who are interested in learning about Quw'utsun people, with emphasis on the Hul'q'umi'num language – words, phrases, sentences and beginning conversations. Students will participate in a variety of hands-on activities such as harvesting local food, working

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with cedar, hosting guest speakers and field trips. There will also be an Indigenous Art component. This course represents two electives and runs all year.

Spanish 9 – Spanish 9 is a fun, interactive class that introduces students to the Spanish culture and language. This course is designed to develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing competency at the beginning level through games, songs and dialogue. During this course students will learn basic greetings, simple dialogues, alphabet sounds, numbers, telling the date, enjoy Spanish music and other cultural highlights. No previous Spanish required.

PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION OPTIONS

Basketball Sport Specific 9 – This course is all basketball and is recommended for those students who have a love for the sport and plan to play competitively in upper secondary years, whether at the school or club level. Focus will be on practicing fundamentals (offence and defence), rules, individual skill development, whole team concepts and strength training & conditioning.

Competitive Sport 9 - This course will be centered around four sports (basketball, floor hockey, flag football and rugby) and is recommended for competitive students who enjoy or all willing to explore each of the 4 sports. Focus will be on individual skill development, team concepts, rules, competitive games, and strength training & conditioning in preparation for upper secondary and/or community sports teams.

Physical and Health Education 9 – Traditional individual and games-based approach to physical activity. The focus will be on fitness and high intensity activities as well as healthy living. Students are encouraged to wear a gym strip.

Rock Climbing 9 – Credit for P.H.E.9 can be achieved through our rock-climbing academy. This academy has a fee associated with it to cover the cost of equipment and bussing to our rock-climbing facility at Mt Prevost school.

Fitness and Wellness 9 - This class represents an opportunity for students who may feel more comfortable in a less competitive and less sport-based environment. Focus will be on more individual activities and games such as walking, tag games, mobility (yoga, stretching), strength training & conditioning, self-directed fitness goals, and healthy living.