

GRADE 8 ELECTIVE OPTIONS

Course selections should be made through the BFIS Elective Choice Google form on the New Family page of our website. **Kindly submit choices by May 27th.**

French 8 Advanced (year long)

This is the 3rd (and last) foundation year that aims on developing the student's interactive oral and listening comprehension skills, with an emphasis on writing skills. Knowledge of grammatical concepts is extended and the students explore new vocabulary topics and themes, based on a wider range of texts. At the end of this year, the students should be able to communicate in everyday situations, exchanging ideas with French language people on common topics. This is the 3rd year of French foundation that meets the requirement of level A2 of the CFRE.

Drama 8 (one semester)

In Drama 8 students are exposed to more technical and specialised theatre practice. Starting with Physical Theatre, the students learn different approaches to devising using their physicality and working as an ensemble. The emphasis continues to be on practical experience and learning new acting methodologies. Students also participate in body/breath/voice workshops that focus on using the voice correctly before applying text to their physical work. Students collaborate and create their individual scenes and all students perform and participate in every lesson. Towards the end of the course in Drama 8 students write and perform a monologue.

Studio Art 8 (one semester)

Studio Art 8 will further build on skills learned in Studio Art 6 and 7, using both 2D and 3D mediums and techniques through projects meant to foster creative problem solvers and expose students to historical and contemporary trends and challenges of visual culture. Students will learn to better communicate their ideas through the language of art, as well as recognise various artists and techniques in an everyday context. This course will be more self directed than Studio Art 6 and 7, culminating in a semester project that challenges students to create a piece of artwork in a medium of their choice, demonstrating in a artist statement and presentation that they are able to define their intentions, and apply and reference the elements of art and principles of design.

Digital Art 8 (one semester)

This course is an advanced level of Digital Art. Students will be learning how to use a professional photo studio and work with portraits, backgrounds and lighting techniques. In Photoshop, they will learn advanced techniques such as chroma keying, 3D titles and face retouching filters. They will be using both Premiere Pro and After Effects for movie projects, such as a short film and a social network campaign. They will also learn more advanced techniques of Illustrator to create and design vectors and shapes.

Design Technology 8 (one semester)

Held in the Design Lab, this course is an introduction to design methodology, focusing on the basic technical skills required for rapid prototyping. Students will become familiar with the use of digital fabrication equipment such as 3D printers, laser cutters, and vinyl cutters, as well as interactive technologies such as breadboards and arduinos, in order to develop a skill set that will allow them to plan, design, and produce a final, personal project of their choice.

Computer Science 8

ComMed meets once every 8 days for a total of 35 hours of class time in the school year. Students will be focused on learning HTML coding as well as designing web pages using online tools such as wix, weebly, or wordpress. Once students grasp the basics of HTML and design techniques they will move into CSS to style their pages properly and then eventually move towards learning some basic JavaScript. This as a whole will show them web design and coding. The focus will be upon students coding ability, and ability to problem solve on their own.

Sample Course Projects and/or Projects: code academy, zoo webpage, wordpress, altering websites to fit students needs and more.

Materials Required in Class: computer lab, or students BYOB with computers where you can save and alter text files with an editor. Not web based.