

MARY BUTTERWORTH SCHOOL

OPTION SELECTIONS FOR GRADE 8 STUDENTS

General information for each course is described below. Students will choose courses from both Option A and Option B.

Option A courses consist of either full year Band or trimester courses.

Option B courses are offered once a week in a double block. Option B consists of trimester courses.

Trimester courses are three in a year, each course will run for about 13 weeks.

Please Note: Course fees are required for enrollment in these options. By selecting these courses, you agree to pay the fee assigned for each option.

OPTION A COURSES

ART 8

FEE \$20

Students develop a repertoire of approaches to record visual information and to experience a variety of techniques, design elements and media. They may use clay, plaster, tempera paint, watercolours, acrylics, ink, metal, wire, paper maché, charcoal, printing ink, etc. Students apply analytical and critical skills when responding to works of art.

BAND 8 – FULL YEAR COURSE

FEE \$100

Have you ever wanted to play in a band? Now is your chance to learn to play one of your favourite musical instruments, right along with your friends! If you join the band, you'll be part of a group of students who perform together at various functions. At MBS you can learn to play one or more of the following instruments: flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto, tenor or baritone saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba or percussion. The fee covers the instrument rental for the year.

COMMERCIAL ART 8

FEE \$20

This option provides students with a hands-on, practical application of artistic skills. This course challenges students to be creative while learning the basic skills necessary to prepare work for reproduction. Projects include typography, graphic design, poster design, greeting cards, illustration, cartooning and interior design. Projects are designed to allow students artistic creativity while learning the basic skills and vocabulary of a graphic artist.

LEADERSHIP 8**FEE \$0**

Students in this option participate in hands-on activities to promote positive school culture. In the Grade 8 Leadership option, students are introduced to the foundations of Learning to Lead; organizational skills and cooperation are stressed.

STRATEGIC GAMES 8**FEE \$0**

The focus of Strategic Games is to provide students with an opportunity to learn and master games requiring strategy. Through game play, students develop analytical skills and improve cooperation with peers. During this course students will develop their own individual games.

TRAVEL & LEISURE 8**FEE \$0**

Travel and tourism is one of the fastest growing industries in our world today. Students will get to learn about various popular tourist destinations around the world, explore what makes these destinations so attractive to the public, and discover what goes on behind the scenes of the tourism industry. Furthermore, students will have the chance to explore local tourist attractions, create a model of their own tourist attraction (eg. aerial park, camping resort), and learn marketing techniques to help their business grow!

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS 8**FEE \$0**

Visual Communications 8 is graphic design, photography & video editing, developing both photo and video editing skills. Multimedia software will be used to manipulate images as students learn both practical and creative ways to alter and enhance images and create videos.

OPTION B COURSES

CONSTRUCTION 8**FEE \$40**

Students learn about blueprints, measuring, project layout, and basic hand tools. Students learn to work safely while they learn about tools and machinery. Students will have the opportunity to create projects to take home.

COSMETOLOGY 8**FEE \$15**

Students will explore topics related to aesthetics and beauty. This fun and engaging class is intended to introduce students to nail care & art, haircare and hairstyling, beginner skincare, and age-appropriate makeup application.

FASHIONS 8**FEE \$20**

Students enrolled in this course learn the basics of sewing both by hand and machine.

FOOD STUDIES 8**FEE \$35**

Students will be offered introductory level modules to help build daily life skills in the kitchen. Safe food handling, safety in the kitchen, basic cooking principles and the importance of a well managed workstation will be covered. Students will prepare a large variety of food products from the three food groups, with emphasis placed on the importance of following Canada's Food Guide for nutritionally balanced meals and wise food choices.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION 8**FEE \$125**

Do you LOVE the outdoors and all things in nature? Do you enjoy physical activity and roughing it? This is an activity based course which provides students with opportunities to study and experience many outdoor pursuits. Students participate in indoor and outdoor activities including canoeing, orienteering, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, environmental studies, animal identification, environmental education, and outdoor adventure games. Students must be willing to participate in all field trips.

PINTEREST FAILS 8**FEE \$20**

Pinterest shows us the coolest and sweetest ideas. It is arts, crafts and everything in between. Have you ever wanted to try something you've seen on Pinterest? If so, join this fun class where we will explore, create (and maybe fail) at some Pinterest inspired projects.

RECREATIONAL FITNESS & WELLNESS 8**FEE \$25**

Through fitness activities, students will improve their physical strength, endurance, core stability & cardiorespiratory fitness. This course also covers wellness information on being emotionally, physically, socially & spiritually 'well'. There is a classroom component to this course and students will be off-site for a number of activities that may include trips to local sports performance centers and recreation facilities.