



St. Thomas More Collegiate – Course Selection Sheet Grade 8 – 2022/2023

NAME:

Directions:

1. **This is a worksheet only.**
 2. Course selection should be entered online using PowerSchool. Parents and students should work together to select courses. Selections are considered to have parent approval.
 3. Please see Mr. Bouwman or Mr. Spanjers if you have any course selection questions. See Mr. Olson if you are experiencing difficulties registering for courses using PowerSchool.
 4. The **deadline** for course selections to be entered into PowerSchool is **March 11, 2022.**
 5. Check the boxes of the courses you wish to take after consulting with your parents.
 6. **Note:** Students are admitted into enriched and/or accelerated mathematics courses through the Head of Department (HOD) as part of a formal review process. Please see the course descriptions on our STMC Academics pages of our school website. Teacher approval will be given *after* course selection is complete. Final placement in these courses will be subject to Grade Level Administrator & STMC HOD approval.
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Please consult the [Course Selection](#) information posted on the website, including the Jr. Course Programming guide. Please visit the [STMC Grades 8-12 Academics](#) pages to see full course descriptions.

A. Pre-selected courses:

- ✓ *Career Education 8**
- ✓ English Language Arts 8
- ✓ Core French 8**
- ✓ Mathematics 8 / ****Mathematics 9*
- ✓ Physical & Health Education 8
- ✓ Religion 8
- ✓ Science 8
- ✓ Social Studies 8

[**Career Education 8 is offered via an integrated delivery model through all courses*]

[**Students with an IEP that require a Learning Strategies block are Language exempted]

B. Select either 1 of the following Elective Courses:

Band 8 and Choir 8 classes are FULL YEAR courses and cannot be taken along with other electives.

- Band 8 (Full-Year Elective)
- Choir 8 (Full-Year Elective)

OR

Select 3 of the following Elective Courses:

The following classes are $\frac{1}{3}$ Year Elective courses.

- Materials Engineering 8 ($\frac{1}{3}$ Year Elective)
- Drama 8 ($\frac{1}{3}$ Year Elective)
- Visual Art 8 ($\frac{1}{3}$ Year Elective)
- ADST:IT 8 ($\frac{1}{3}$ Year Elective)

Outside of Timetable Elective Courses – These auditioned courses will run before OR after school.

Admission to the following courses is by **audition** ONLY. Students MUST be enrolled already in the on-timetable full-year Band or Choir Elective. *Please see Mr. Shoemaker for permission and information on how to audition.*

- Chamber Choir 8
- Jazz Band 8
- Vocal Jazz 8

Please contact Mr. Shoemaker (ethan.shoemaker@stmc.bc.ca), Head of the Fine and Applied Arts Department, to enquire about auditions for Chamber Choir or Jazz Band.

C. Admission into Accelerated Courses:

*****Mathematics 9** - Incoming Grade 8 students may be granted admission into Mathematics 9 by earning a proficiency level of **Extending** on the Grade 8 Mathematics Challenge Exam. An **Extending** result looks beyond rote memorization and basic problem-solving to evidence of a deeper and sophisticated understanding. Please note there is NOT an enriched mathematics 8 program. This exam is for entrance directly into mathematics 9.

The Mathematics Challenge Exam is scheduled for Tuesday May 10, 2022 at 3pm. Please email Ms. Cameron, our Mathematics HOD (erica.cameron@stmc.bc.ca), for exam information and registration details.

Senior Level Core French - Incoming Grade 8 students coming from French Immersion programs may be granted admission into a Senior Level French course using a combination of the following criteria:

1. Recommendation of Grade 7 French Immersion teacher
2. Grade 8 French Challenge Exam Final Mark

The French Challenge Exam is scheduled for Thursday May 12, 2022 @ 3PM. Please email Ms. Ransom, our French HOD (karryn.ransom@stmc.bc.ca), for exam information and registration details.