



ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE

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Course Selection Sheet Grade 8 – 2023/2024

Directions:

1. **This is a worksheet only.**
2. Please consult the [Course Selection](#) information posted on the website, including the Jr. Course Programming guide.
3. Please visit the [STMC Grades 8-12 Academics](#) pages to see full course descriptions.
4. Course selection should be entered online using PowerSchool. Parents and students should work together to select courses. Selections are considered to have parent approval.
5. 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.
6. Course selection will be completed on PowerSchool. **Course selection will open at the end of February and close mid March.** More information to come to new families directly.
7. **Note:** Students are admitted into 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 and Administration approval will be given *after* course selection is complete.

A. Pre-selected courses:

- ✓ Career Education 8 (offered via an integrated delivery model)
- ✓ English Language Arts 8
- ✓ Core French 8**
- ✓ Mathematics 8 / ***Mathematics 8/9
- ✓ Physical & Health Education 8
- ✓ Religion 8
- ✓ Science 8
- ✓ Social Studies 8

[**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 (1/3 Year Elective)

ADST:IT 8 (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.**

Chamber Choir 8

Jazz Band 8

Vocal Jazz 8

Please contact the Choir Director, Mr. Lui (johnson.lui@stmc.bc.ca), or the Band Director, Ms. MacLellan (christin.maclellan@stmc.bc.ca) for more information about auditions for these programs.

C. Admission into Accelerated Courses:

*****Mathematics 8/9** - Beginning September 2023, STMC will offer a new course, Mathematics 8/9. This course will have limited enrollment of 25-30 students, and it is intended for students who have consistently performed at the Extending level in Math 7 *and* would like to accelerate their high school math program. Mathematics 8/9 is designed to accelerate students through Mathematics 8 and Mathematics 9 in one year. At the end of the course, students will be prepared to enter Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-Calculus 10.

Incoming Grade 8 students may be granted admission into Mathematics 8/9 by earning a proficiency level of **Extending** on the *Mathematics 8/9 Enrollment 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.

More information about the program can be found [here](#).

The Mathematics 8/9 Enrollment Exam is scheduled for Tuesday May 9, 2023 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 OPEN TO IMMERSION STUDENTS ONLY. It is scheduled for Thursday May 11, 2023 @ 3PM. Please email Ms. Ransom, our French HOD, (karryn.ransom@stmc.bc.ca), for exam information and registration details.