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## Course Selection Sheet Grade 8 – 2026/2027

### Directions:

1. **This is a worksheet only.**
2. Please consult the [Course Selection](#) information posted on the website, including the Course Programming Guide.
3. Course selection should be entered online using PowerSchool. Parents and students should work together to select courses. Selections are considered to have parent approval.
4. Please contact Ms. Chinnapen ([natasha.chinnapen@stmc.bc.ca](mailto:natasha.chinnapen@stmc.bc.ca)) if you have any course selection questions. Please contact Mr. Olson ([ken.olson@stmc.bc.ca](mailto:ken.olson@stmc.bc.ca)) if you are experiencing difficulties registering for courses using PowerSchool.
5. Course selection will be completed on PowerSchool. **Information about registration through the portal, including registration dates, will be sent to new families directly.**
6. **Note:** Students are admitted into accelerated courses through the Head of Department (HOD) as part of a formal review process. Please see the information provided in the Course Programming Guide. Teacher and Administration approval will be given after course selection is complete.

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### 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 second language exempted]

### B. Select ONE (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)
- Combined Electives 8 (Full-Year Elective that includes quarter terms in each of the following disciplines: Materials Engineering, IT, Drama, and Visual Arts)

**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](mailto:johnson.lui@stmc.bc.ca)), or the Band Director, Ms. MacLellan ([christin.maclellan@stmc.bc.ca](mailto:christin.maclellan@stmc.bc.ca)) for more information about auditions for these programs.

### C. Admission into Accelerated Courses:

**\*\*\*Mathematics 8/9 -** This course has 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 5, 2025 at 3PM. Please email Mr. Power, our Mathematics HOD ([joseph.power@stmc.bc.ca](mailto:joseph.power@stmc.bc.ca)), for exam information and registration details.**

**Senior Level Core French** - If your child is transitioning from a French Immersion program, we invite them to participate in a placement test to assess their suitability for advanced placement in French. Our goal is to ensure they begin their educational journey at the appropriate level. As we do not currently offer a French Immersion program, students coming from this environment may be well suited for a higher grade level with increased language expectations.

Placement in senior level core French will be decided using the following criteria:

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

**The French Challenge Exam is OPEN TO IMMERSION STUDENTS ONLY. It is scheduled for Thursday May 7 or Thursday May 21 at 3PM. Two dates are offered, but you only need to attend one. Please email Ms. Ransom, our French HOD, ([karryn.ransom@stmc.bc.ca](mailto:karryn.ransom@stmc.bc.ca)), for exam information and registration details.**

*Please ensure that you make a concerted effort to attend the exam on one of the designated dates as accommodating individual schedules is not possible in most cases.*