

Complementary Courses – 2018/19



WEST HAVEN

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Complementary Course Philosophy

- It is the WHPS philosophy that students benefit from a well balanced program. From this philosophy and based upon student interests, students will experience a variety of complementary courses through grades 7 to 9.
- We have worked hard to provide the widest range of options possible in order to reach the interests of our students. In some instances, several courses will be based within a specific skill category. This situation is typical of woods, foods, art, drama and visual communication. In assigning complementary courses we will be considering available space within each course as well as opportunity to a variety of course offerings. In order to accomplish this, it will be unlikely that a student will receive more than one or two courses within a single category. For example, a student could rank all of the woods courses as their top 4 selections, but would only be scheduled for a maximum of two woods courses.
- Students will not be allowed to change their selections once we have our timetable and staffing in place. Please listen to announcements in September for updates regarding complementary courses.
- Students will take at least one arts course each term over the course of the year.
- Course availability will be dependent upon the number of students indicating an interest in that course and the availability of the staff to teach the course.
- Priority for complementary course selection will be given to students registered in band and students who return their forms by the deadline.
- Please note that there will be fees associated with all complementary courses. The highest fees will be for band, woods and foods as these courses require additional materials and/or rental equipment.
- Band is a two term course. All other courses are for one term.

BAND

Learn how to play a musical instrument and enjoy the fun of playing together in a band! This course is an instrumental (wind) music program offered during the first two terms of the school year.

Instruments for which instruction is offered include:

Alto saxophone	Baritone saxophone	Bass clarinet
Clarinet	Euphonium/baritone	French horn
Flute	Tenor saxophone	Trombone
Trumpet	Tuba	

Band instruments can be rented from the school if needed (pricing to be determined).

ACTIVE LIVING

This program offers student the opportunity to learn and develop skills for lifelong fitness in every season. In addition, students will learn about fitness activities that will help them in a program of “fitness for life”.

DRAMA

Improv

Students will engage in the art of improv and do mini-shows in the foyer every other week in small groups.

One Acts

Students will participate in One Acts, whether they are acting, creating sets, collecting/making props, or stage managing. We will present to the school and community at the end of the term.

Musical Theatre

Students will primarily learn choreography and song. They will have to choreograph and sing a musical piece for their final project.

LEADERSHIP

Leadership is a choice, not a title. In this course, students will learn and apply leadership theory, create projects to help improve our school and lead activities with our students. As well, there will be numerous opportunities for students to volunteer in the school and the community. Students are also responsible for the enhancement of our school through the beautification of school grounds and the promotion of our school’s culture and family. This group will be reliable, responsible, creative, and dedicated to the promotion of school and community wellness.

WOODS

Take a Seat

We will explore the wild world of sitting down! Your challenge will be to design and build a item meant for sitting. This will include some research, design, and dust!

Round it Out

Have you ever wanted to bend a piece of wood? How would one do so? We will explore this topic and design an individual piece of woodworking that incorporates bending.

Set the Table

Looking to build that perfect table to set your favorite book on? Come a learn how design and build one from the ground up!

Storage solutions for You!

Learn the fundamental skills for building a box or cabinet and then design one for yourself! You will have somewhere to keep some of your stuff!

FOODS

Crash Course Cooking

Stepping into the kitchen can be intimidating if you don't know the basics. In this course, you will increase your kitchen confidence by preparing and planning simple, quick and easy baking basics and cooked dishes. The progression of this course depends upon students first learning and understanding the foundations of kitchen safety, sanitation, tools and equipment, knife handling and food preparation. This course is intended to be a stepping stone for other foods classes.

Bakeshop Bosses

Does baking seem sweet to you? In this course, students will explore the world of baking and create a delicious array of baked goods and sweet treats. Students will experiment with decorating techniques using a variety of tools and will put their skills to use during baking challenges.

Do You Know the Muffin Pan?

Muffin pans aren't just for muffins or cupcakes! In this course, you'll be armed with the right recipes to learn how make a variety of unexpected meals and treats ranging from egg breakfasts and mini pizzas to cinnamon rolls and mini pies. This course builds upon basic knowledge and skills students would have acquired from "Crash Course Cooking". It is a requirement that students have training in kitchen safety, awareness and knife skills along with the know-how to read, plan and prepare basic recipes before taking this course.

Global Passport Cooking

Are you ready to take your tastebuds on a world tour? In this course, students will explore exotic flavours while preparing and learning about a variety of international foods. Having an open mind and curious palate are essential parts to this culinary journey. This course builds upon basic knowledge and intermediate skills students would have acquired from "Crash Course Cooking". It is a requirement that students have training in kitchen safety, awareness and knife skills along with the know-how to read, plan and prepare basic recipes before taking this course.

ART

Sketching

Do you find yourself sketching a lot in class? Let's apply those talents! In this section of 2D Art, you will learn a variety of awesome techniques in drawing portraits, still life, landscapes and even dragon eyes! If you have a interest in drawing, or want to hone your skills, this class is for you!

Painting

Would you like to learn how to paint? In this class you will be introduced to a variety of watercolour and acrylic painting techniques as well as study several Art movements involving a variety of paint techniques. Learn how to enhance your work by experimenting with a variety of tools.

Digital Art and Collage

Have you ever wanted to create an animal with the head of a dog and the body of a duck? How about making an 8-Bit video game-like landscape? Are you interested in creating interesting posters that can be used in any subject? This course may be for you! In this section of Art, you will have the opportunity to take on challenges in digital art and hone your editing skills with images online.

Modelling and Design

In this course, students will study elements of design, using that knowledge to create a model in response to a developed challenge. Students will potentially use tools such as clay, found materials, computer assisted design and our 3D printer.

ROCKETRY

Students will have the opportunity to design, create and fly rockets and planes. During the course we will learn the fundamentals of design, construction and basic rocket science.

GUITAR

Guitar is open to students from the beginner stage to the advanced stage. The focus will include chording, fingerstyle playing, guitar tablature, and playing in a band setting. Students will also play to sound tracks with the possibility of playing to their own compositions. School guitars are available for students to use.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Students in this course take part in a variety of Outdoor Ed. related activities ranging from outdoor cooking, navigation skills, biking, hiking, wall climbing, survival games as well as other activities that may be planned based on instructor and student interest. Students should be prepared to participate outside in most weather conditions.

SPORTS SKILLS

This is a course for students who are driven to do their best in athletics and who want to improve on their skills and techniques in school sports, as well as increase their understanding of teamwork, fairplay, strategy, officiating and scorekeeping. We will be looking at fundamental and advanced skills for sports and working on our sports leadership through teamwork situations.

FSL

The FSL program will focus on the communication skills of speaking, reading, writing, listening, and viewing through various units. The key objectives are to provide students with many language experiences that will enable them to learn new vocabulary related to everyday activities, school, people, places, weather, animals, clothing and food. Students will also build upon their knowledge of verbs in the present tense in conversational settings. Additionally, the course aims to foster an appreciation of French culture in Canada and throughout the world.

VISUAL COMMUNICATION

Animation

Let's get animated! Have you always wanted your art to come alive? In this class, you will have the opportunity to create animations using online software, as well as learn important elements in film. By the end of the term, you will make a awesome animated short as well as a stop-motion film with the DSLR cameras!

Advertising and Marketing

Design, market, advertise and sell a product. You will focus on product design, learning digital design and visual communications skills, green screen and video making technology. You will focus on a variety of larger questions such as 'Who is the target audience for my product?' and 'How can I make my product and marketing appealing to them?'. If you have a flair for design and love to create, this is the option for you!

Photography

In Photography, you will learn the fundamentals of picture taking with DSLR cameras. In particular, you will hone your photography skills through lessons on framing, angles, lighting, and principles of design. You will create portfolios that incorporate products such as an image cloning yourself as well as a photo essay.

Complementary Course Selection Form – 2018/19

Student's Legal Name (please print): _____ Grade: _____

NOTE: There will be three terms at WHPS. Other than band, all options are one term in length. Any student choosing band will have their choices for any other complementary courses placed at the top of the list.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please rank the Arts Complementary Courses and Other Complementary Courses from most to least preferred. Your most preferred course will be number 1. Use all numbers from 1 to 13.

Arts Complementary Course Preferences

Complementary Courses	Rank 1-13 (1 = most preferred)
Band (2 terms)	
Improv (Drama	
One Acts	
Musical Theatre	
Sketching	
Painting	
Digital Art and Collage	
Modelling and Design	
FSL	
Guitar	
Animation	
Advertising and Marketing	
Photography	

Other Complementary Course Preferences

Complementary Courses	Rank 1-13 (1 = most preferred)
Active Living	
Outdoor Education	
Take a Seat	
Round it Out	
Set the Table	
Storage Solutions for You	
Sports Skills	
Rocketry	
Crash Course Cooking	
Bakeshop Bosses	
Do You Know the Muffin Pan?	
Global Passport Cooking	
Leadership	

Permission

The deadline to return this form to the WHPS or ELES office is:

Friday, May 25th, 2018.

Student's Legal Name (please print): _____

Present School: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Parent's Initial: ____ I understand that there will be fees for all complementary courses, that these costs will be given at a later date and that some courses will cost more than others.

Date: _____