

West Haven Public School

COMPLEMENTARY COURSE SELECTION SHEET

2023-2024

- There is a link to a [Google Form](#) at the end of this document for you to enter your child's option course selections. After reading the course descriptions, please ensure that you complete ALL sections of the form and submit your child's Junior High Complimentary Course choices to us by **May 1st**.
- This form needs to be completed for each child who will be in Junior High in the 2023-2024 school year. Students will be assigned two option courses for each of the 3 terms according to individual choices, class sizes, and date received.

West Haven Public School Complementary Course Philosophy

- WHPS strives to have students experience a wide variety of complementary courses. To do this, we balance the yearly schedule between arts and non-arts complementary courses.
- The effort will be made to place students within their top choices in both the arts and non-arts categories.
- In order to diversify our students' learning opportunities, students may not repeat the same option classes during the year.
- Most options have a nominal fee attached to them. *Estimated* course fees are included beside the course name. These fees will be used to directly support those students registered in the course.
- Students will have the opportunity to **request to switch term 1, 2, or 3 complementary classes** at the beginning of the school year if they were placed into an option **outside of their top six choices** or if they were inadvertently placed in the **same option twice**. All class switches must be approved by an administrator. The deadline for changes for the year is **September 15th**.
- Courses will have an **A/B** or **C** designation. Option classes with an "**A/B**" will be **one hour per week**, and "**C**" options are **2 hours each week**. That means that students will either have both an A and B option **OR** one C option each term for a total of 2 hours each week.
- Note that if choices are not received for your child, we will place your child into courses where there is room. Failure to return a form will affect the opportunity to switch courses. If you have any difficulty completing this form, please contact either isaac.schnell@gshare.blackgold.ca or sandy.musteca@blackgold.ca and we will be happy to help you.

This chart is for your use only. You do not need to return to the school.

Section 1 - ARTS		Section 2 - Non-Arts	
#Coding	Podcasting	Basketball Skills	Soccer Skills
Animation	Guitar	Curling	Sports Skills
Band	Introduction to Musical Theatre	Foods	STEM
Crafts	Model & Design (3D)	Heart & Sole Running	Taekwondo
Digital Art & Photography	One Acts	Hockey	Volleyball Skills
Film Studies	Sketching	Leadership	Woodworking
French as a Second Language	Painting	Outdoor Education	
Song Writing		Debate	
Student Choices (complete all)		Student Choices (complete all)	
1 st Arts Choice:		1 st Non-Arts Choice:	
2 nd Arts Choice:		2 nd Non-Arts Choice:	
3 rd Arts Choice:		3 rd Non-Arts Choice:	
4 th Arts Choice:		4 th Non-Arts Choice:	
5 th Arts Choice:		5 th Non-Arts Choice:	
6 th Arts Choice:		6 th Non-Arts Choice:	

Use the following link to submit your choices to us by May 1st:

[Complementary Course Selection Form](#)

Section 1: Arts Complimentary Course Descriptions

#Coding [A/B]

No Charge

Do you ever wonder how your smartphone works? How about your Chromebook? What about your microwave? All of these items are told how to behave by a code that is programmed into them. **#Coding** is a course that will explore the basics of computational thinking and how to put these ideas into a coding language. We will explore languages such as Blockly, Java, and Python while making use of Microbits and other programmable hardware. 00100011 01100011 01101111 01100100 01101001 01101110 01100111

Animation [A/B]

\$ 8.00

Let's get animated! Have you ever wondered how Disney and Pixar create their movies? Do you enjoy drawing and creating stories but don't know how to bring your art to life? In this class, you will have the opportunity to create animations by hand and using online software. You will learn about important elements of film and animation techniques such as flipbooks, claymation, storyboarding, and photography in order to create your own stop-motion films!

Band [A/B]

\$ 50.00

Learn how to play a musical instrument and enjoy the fun of playing together in a band! This course is an instrumental (wind) program offered during the first two terms of the school year. You can play alto Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Bass Clarinet, Clarinet, Euphonium/Baritone, French Horn, Flute, Tenor Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet or Tuba. We prefer that band instruments be rented directly from The Bandstand Ltd. If necessary, rentals can also be arranged through the school, for a cost of \$150.00.

Crafts [A/B]

\$ 8.00

This course is designed for students who like to build things with their hands and are feeling inspired. We will be using a multitude of materials and mediums from hand sewing, to duct tape and yarn. If you're feeling crafty and like to create new materials, this is the perfect course for you.

Digital Art & Photography [A/B]

\$ 4.00

Want to take your artistic abilities to the digital realm? Maybe make your classwork and presentations a little more polished? In this course, you will learn to use Google Applications basics to make your drawings and presentation better! Next, we will take to the cameras and photo editing software to create awesome art and website portfolios.

Film Studies [C]

No Charge

Film studies is a course intended to familiarize students with the particulars of film history as well as to provide them with a chance to analyze film as a visual art form. This course should appeal to any and all

students who love to watch movies and discuss them. In addition, students will have the opportunity to develop skills in creative writing, analytical response and scriptwriting.

French as a Second Language [A/B]

\$ 5.00

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.

Guitar [A/B]

\$ 10.00

This guitar course is open to students of all skill levels and experiences. We cover the basics of playing melodies, scales, and chords, as well as performing songs. We study varying playing techniques and styles of well-known guitarists and work toward developing our own playing style. Depending on the skill development in class, the possibility of playing in a band-like setting could become an option as well. Please note that we do have a limited number of guitars for student usage.

Introduction to Musical Theatre [A/B]

\$ 8.00

The intent of this course is to provide students with a beginning understanding of musical theatre. Through this course, students will explore music and singing, choreography, and finally acting technique. This course is intended to follow the CTF curriculum and allow students some flexibility in pursuing interests related to musical theatre.

Model and Design (3D) [A/B]

\$ 8.00

In this course, students will study elements of design, using that knowledge to create a model in response to a developed challenge. Students will learn how to use Computer Assisted Design (CAD) software to bring their models to life and potentially 3D print their designs.

One Acts [A/B]

\$ 8.00

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.

Painting [A/B]

\$ 8.00

Would you like to learn how to paint?. In this class, you will be introduced to a variety of watercolors 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.

Podcasting [A/B]**No Charge**

Have you ever wanted to listen to a podcast, but don't know where to start? Do you have a favourite podcast already? Have you ever thought about creating your own podcast? Podcasting is a powerful storytelling tool that is continuing to grow in popularity and its reach to mass audiences. Listeners have endless options! Are you looking for an engaging story? Intriguing and informative interview? Unsolved mystery? Life-changing discovery? Tips and tricks for a newfound hobby? There really is something for everyone in the world of podcasts! In this class, you will get to know the format, style and structure of podcasts. Then, you will get a chance to create your own podcast! You will plan, record, edit, and market your own podcast by the end of the term.

Sketching [A/B]**\$ 4.00**

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 an interest in drawing or want to hone your skills, this class is for you!

Creative Writing/Songwriting [A/B]**No Charge**

Designed for students who wish to concentrate on songwriting, poetry, and fiction writing. Through lecture, lyric and poetry analysis, collaborative discussion, music, writing exercises, and critiques of student writing in a workshop mode, the student will examine critically the elements of literary creation, while being given the time, tools, and opportunity to write in a creative, fun, and cathartic capacity. The students will keep a journal and prepare a portfolio of their work.

End of Section 1 - please have your 6 choices ready

Section 2: Non-Arts Complimentary Course Descriptions

Basketball Skills [C]

\$20.00*

Basketball Skills provides instruction for the improvement of offensive skills including ball-handling and shooting, as well as for the improvement of defensive skills. Team strategy and game situations will be covered to assist students to improve their basketball abilities. This class will be open to beginning players as well as experienced players.

Curling [C]

\$65.00*

Have you ever watched curling but never really understood how the game works? Are you interested in learning a new sport? In this program, students will have the opportunity to learn the basics of proper curling technique and the strategy behind playing a curling game. Students will also get the chance to play some curling games against each other.

Debate [A/B]

No Charge

Important issues are often controversial. Listen to scholars discuss different topics from a range of viewpoints. Debate the merits of each argument and try to get a better understanding of your own position on the subject. Philosophical debates will range from the importance of religion in society, the differences between different religions, the importance of education, the value of sport, and the balance of government and the individual.

Foods [C]

\$ 25.00

In this complimentary course you will work to gain an appreciation of the processes involved in preparing a wide variety of foods. You will be guided through food topics that will increase your basic skill level and most importantly your kitchen management skills. Throughout the course, there will be various projects to complete: Breakfast Challenge, Baking challenge, Duelling Donut Challenge, Mystery Box Challenge or complete Meal Challenge. Project tasks will depend upon skill level and grade level of course offering.

Heart and Sole Running [A/B]

No Charge

The Heart and Sole option is for students who have an interest in, or already enjoy running outdoors. Students will learn techniques that will increase their knowledge of sport and nutrition, increase their knowledge of sport and nutrition, increase endurance and learn how to prevent injury while distance running. Are you an experienced runner? Great! Never run before? Perfect! There is something for everyone in this course.

Hockey [C]

\$20.00*

Our goal is to provide developing hockey players with more ice time - built into their school day. Our Hockey Option will consist of 12 ice times per trimester, with one class in school per week to deal with dryland training, hockey theory, and video analysis. This CTF challenge course is made for students who love hockey,

are committed to training, and are comfortable leaving school at least once a week to play hockey. Students must have their own equipment.

Leadership [A/B]

No Charge

This leadership course will emphasize skills such as goal setting, communication, and organization, along with the other skills it takes to be a good leader both in your school and community. The structure of this class will consist of group activities, completion of school-based opportunities, planning for school and community events, individual projects/goals, and the learning and practicing of leadership qualities/skills both as a group and as individuals. Remember, this course is based on the belief that good leaders are developed - not born. As such, the focus of this class will be to give you the tools you need to become great leaders.

Outdoor Education [C]

\$ 40.00

The goal of Outdoor Education is to provide students with opportunities to learn about and experience activities related to the outdoors. Classes will consist of some in-class instruction as well as a large degree of "learning by experiencing". Our emphasis will be on activities like camping, cycling, hiking, rock climbing, kayaking, as well as nurturing a respect for the environment in which we do these things.

Soccer Skills [A/B]

\$5.00

Students will learn many things to help them become more dynamic soccer players and better all-around athletes. The class will focus on the different skill sets including offensive skills, defensive skills, teamwork, physical fitness and attitude. Students of all ability levels will have the chance to improve and hone their skills.

Sports Skills [A/B]

\$5.00

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, fair play, strategy, officiating and scorekeeping. We will be looking at fundamental and advanced skills for sports and working on our sports leadership through teamwork situations.

STEM [A/B]

\$ 20.00

This program offers students the opportunity to learn and solve real-world problems related to science, technology, engineering, and math. During the course, students will engage in hands-on activities and labs to create solutions to problems related to STEM. Students will also be given the opportunity to guide their own learning based on their interests and further develop teamwork skills. During the course, we will also look into some of the careers that connect to STEM.

Taekwondo [A/B]

No Charge

Welcome to Taekwondo! This course will be dedicated to learning the basics of Taekwondo as well as developing an understanding of training for other sports in an effective, safe and fun environment. This

course will explore different aspects of Taekwondo as well as other sports. There will be some research and presentations as well as practical training of techniques and applications. **Taekwondo training will be strictly non-contact.**

Volleyball Skills [C]

\$20.00*

This course is designed to develop skills and knowledge in the sport of volleyball. Students will have the opportunity to learn the basic concepts, strategies, and understanding of terminology, as well as the rules of volleyball. Students should expect to be active in most classes, participating fully in drills, games, and different skill activities. The focus of this course will be on sportsmanship, team strategy, participation, and technical skills.

Woodworking [C]

\$ 25.00

This course will teach you to safely use a variety of hand and power machinery to create a product of your own design in response to a challenge. Past challenges have been table making, storage solutions, exploring making round products etc. We will work as a class to come up with our term challenges in the coming year.

***Fees are anticipated but may vary due to bussing costs or LRC charges**

End of Section 2 - please have your 6 choices ready

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