

**LAURIE MIDDLE SCHOOL
COURSE SELECTION
GRADE 8**

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

ALL STUDENTS WILL TAKE:

- ENGLISH 8
- MATH 8
- FRENCH 8
- SOCIAL STUDIES 8
- SCIENCE 8
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION 8
- HEALTH & CAREER EDUCATION 8

I AM ALSO COMPLETING THE SEPARATE APPLICATION FORM TO APPLY FOR THE COMPASS OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

ELECTIVES:

The number of electives a grade 8 student takes depends on if a student takes band or is successful in their application for COMPASS Outdoor Classroom.

Out of the 9 electives below, rank your top 6 choices. Electives will be scheduled in order of preference available.

_____ BAND (linear)

_____ SEWING

_____ ART

_____ METALWORK

_____ COMPUTERS

_____ WOODWORK

_____ DRAMA

_____ CHOIR

_____ FOODS

PARENT SIGNATURE

**LAURIE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 8
COURSE INFORMATION**

**BAND
LINEAR – ALL YEAR**

Band 8 is a continuation of Band 7. It is a linear class which means it runs all year. More and more responsibility will be placed on the student for home practice, technical requirements, solos, theory, and class analysis of music played.

**FOODS & NUTRITION
SEMESTER**

Food Studies 8 is an introductory course intended to give the students valuable information and practice in enjoyable food preparation (cooking), in safe food practice (food handling, equipment and working in a group) and in nutrition knowledge. They will cook foods such as biscuits and muffins, and will make meals such as spaghetti with sauce and stir fry; skills they can use at home. There will be an opportunity for the students to experience cooking a Metis meal with a Metis community member.

**ART
SEMESTER**

Art 8 will build on the grade 7 program, exposing students to the basic skills and techniques in art, expressing themselves creatively and effectively solving artistic problems. Students will further develop their understanding of design, composition and color theory. They will be exposed to a selection of fundamental artists and art periods.

**DRAMA
SEMESTER**

Grade 8 Drama will continue to expand your "actor's toolkit" with mini units in physical theatre, stage combat, voice work, character speeches, and improvisation. Come and join the fun with Ms. Turcon in the drama portable

**COMPUTERS
SEMESTER**

This class is an introduction to information technology. Students will have the opportunity to use computers in order to expand their knowledge and skills in a number of areas, including operating systems, file management, hardware and software applications, Internet Safety, and Media Literacy.

**CLOTHING & TEXTILES (SEWING)
SEMESTER**

Clothing and Textiles 8 (Sewing) is an introductory sewing course intended to give students basic sewing skills using woven and knit fabrics. They will learn hand sewing techniques as well as the safe use of a sewing machine and a serger. The projects will include an ear bud pouch, a sports bag and possibly boxer shorts. Knit fabric will be used to make a t-shirt, a toque or slippers. Learning to use a commercial sewing pattern will be included. The students will also have the opportunity to embellish their garments with the use of an embroidery sewing machine.

**WOODWORK
SEMESTER**

Learn how to use several of the power tools in the woodworking shop while you build a small wooden basketball toy and an air powered car. This is a course where you get out of the desk and get your hands busy creating and building in a safe and fun environment. For most students, there will be time to design, plan, and build your own small project.

**METALWORK
SEMESTER**

This course introduces the basic properties of metals and how they are used in everything from jewelry making to industrial applications. You will have opportunity to use interesting machines like the plasma cutter, metal lathe, and various other small tools to make jewelry and small metal projects like the chainmail ball and balancing person. Bring your creativity and imagination as you will have lots of time to design and build your own items.

**CHOIR
SEMESTER**

The technical/physical aspects of singing are the goals of Choir 8. Proper posture, breathing through the diaphragm, understanding the 1-10 scale of bright and dark tone and vowel placement, among other numerous details regarding singing technique, will be covered.