

March 1, 2022

Dear parents / guardians:

Your child participated in a virtual course planning session today with W.J. Mouat counsellors. The information that was presented to students can be seen through the power point presentation that is posted on the school website (Student Services—Course Planning). Looking through the power point slides will help you to understand grade 9 requirements and elective options.

To summarize: Each student must take a minimum of **8** courses—5 mandatory classes: English 9, Math 9, Social Studies 9, Science 9, Physical and Health Education 9 – and **3** elective courses. Students in the English stream will choose at least one Fine Art and one Applied Skill elective plus either one more of these or a second language (French or German). Students who want to take advantage of the extended day class options will choose these **in addition to** their required 8 courses. *French Immersion students* must take: Français langue 9, Mathématiques 9, Sciences humaines 9, Éducation physique 9, English 9, Science 9 and **2** electives (1 Fine Art & 1 Applied Skill).

Please go to the Course Selection Guide posted in the course planning section on the school website to read the course descriptions for all courses of interest. Informational videos highlighting some of our electives are posted on the school website as well. All students must submit their complete course selection form that is signed by a parent / guardian to their classroom teacher by **March 3, 2022**. Students will enter their course selections online with their teacher on March 3, 2022.

For students requiring additional support: Counsellors and case managers will be having transition discussions with the Middle Schools in May to ensure that necessary supports are put in place for these students, and course adjustments will be made accordingly.

Further questions can be directed to your child's counsellor (last name by alpha):

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Welcome to the Mouat family!

