

**2009-2010
DESCRIPTION OF ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM COURSES,
PHYSICAL EDUCATION FIELD TRIP FEE,
OPTION COURSES, REQUIRED AND OPTIONAL FEES**



OUTDOOR PURSUITS PROGRAM

- **Drill and Parade (grades 7-12):** A course designed to provide students a rigorous and traditional approach to learning the skills, precision and mental discipline associated with parade square drill. The course progresses through basic and primary aspects of posture and deportment to increasingly complex aspects of parade drill.

- **Wildlife (Pursuits) – High School:** Students are offered two 3-day overnight camping trips as well as other off-site excursions. A field trip fee has been assessed to cover camp expenses, transportation, admissions, subsistence, use of facility and additional supervision for excursions that happen outside of regular school hours.

Field trip fee: \$110.00/year

- **Wildlife (Pursuits) – Junior High:** Grade 7 students are offered one overnight camp and one day camp plus other off-site excursions and grade 8 & 9 students are offered two 2-day overnight camps plus other off-site excursions. A field trip fee has been assessed to cover camp expenses, transportation, admissions, subsistence, use of facility and additional supervision for excursions that happen outside of regular school hours.

**Field trip fee: Grade 7 - \$55.00/year
Grade 8 & 9 - \$90.00/year**

- **Canadian History (grade 7):** This course is designed as an introduction to the military history of Canada from the pre-conquest era to the present day. Students will be exposed to the vital role played by warfare and conflict in the foundation and development of Canada as a political entity. The course will trace the manner in which Canada developed from colony to nation-state through its involvement in domestic and international conflicts.
- **World History (grade 8):** This course introduces students to a study of the military history of the Americas. The emphasis is on military events, issues and personalities in the United States and in Central and South America from the Aztec period to the present.
- **Canadian History – Post Confederation (grade 9):** This course introduces students to the study of Canadian history from confederation to the contemporary era. Although the course is organized around political parameters, significant attention is paid to the “limited identities” of class, ethnicity and gender.

PROFESSIONAL DANCE PROGRAM

Professional Dance (grades 7-12): Offered through the **Edmonton School of Ballet (ESB)**, an Edmonton Public School partnership group. Students are accepted into the professional dance classes by audition. Parents/guardians **contact ESB directly at 440-2100** for more detailed information and an outline of fees.

ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM

Flexible programming for elite student-athletes who are provincial, national or international calibre in their chosen sport. Elite athletes enrol in the program and accommodations are provided by modifying a student's timetable or assignment schedule to avoid conflict with training or competition timelines.

SPORTS ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

Academic and Athletic Development Institute of Edmonton (grades 7-12): An Edmonton Public School partnership group, also known as "The Hockey Program", that offers **hockey, lacrosse, and sport recreation programs** to both girls and boys. Designed to help students develop the playing and teamwork skills needed to succeed at a competitive level in hockey and lacrosse and to introduce students in the sports recreation program to a variety of activities with a focus on life long enjoyment and participation.

Parents/guardians **contact the A.A.D. Program directly at 465-5461, ext. 186** for more detailed information and an outline of fees.

The Green & Gold Soccer Academy (grades 7-12): An Edmonton Public School partnership group that offers an ideal educational environment for girls and boys who are looking to balance the demands of an academic program with their passion for **soccer**. Coaches work within a framework of holistic education and develop the students' tactical, technical, mental and psychological understanding of fitness and sport.

Parents/guardians **contact The Green & Gold Soccer Academy directly at 465-5461, ext. 192** for more detailed information and an outline of fees.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education Field Trip Fee: Junior high students **\$20.00 for the year** to cover the cost of 2 field trips and for **Physical Education 10/20/30** students **\$150.00 for the year** for extended field trip opportunities. The fee covers cost of transportation, admissions, subsistence, and use of facilities. Programming is provided at the school for students who do not attend field trips.

OPTION COURSES

Art (grades 7-12): Students explore how artists use line, texture and color using fine art disciplines of drawing, printmaking and painting. A fee of **\$40.00** covers consumable products. Students have the option of independently purchasing required consumable products through local stores.

Career Exploration (grades 7-9): Students register for a 10 week rotation through four of a possible seven courses. Students have the option of purchasing required consumable products on their own through local stores or paying a fee for all four courses for the year and school staff will do the purchasing. Please note that there are two different fees for Career Explorations, depending on whether Outdoor Education is part of the rotation. The fee for Career Explorations **WITH outdoor education is \$90** per year, and Career Explorations **WITHOUT outdoor education is \$40** per semester.

- **Art Design:** Students explore how artists use line, texture and colour using fine art disciplines of drawing, print-making, and painting. Students are also introduced to graphic arts.
- **Computer Studies:** The course begins with basic keyboarding and works through modules of information processing, spreadsheets, database, hypermedia tools, graphics and other applications.
- **Construction Design:** Students learn how to construct a number of projects using a variety of wood-working machinery. Safety procedures and wood-working techniques are emphasized.
- **Digital Photography:** A course that encourages students to use creative thinking and problem-solving skills in presentations, digital photography, print and audio-visual production in order to help them develop media and technology literacy.
- **Drama:** Students learn how to improve their stage presence through activities focussed on movement, gestures, emotions, and voice. Students participate in theatre sports games and begin introductory work with characterization and scripts.
- **Foods:** This option involves theory and practical application of safety in the kitchen and basic preparation methods as well as the role of key ingredients in cookies, quick breads, pastries and simple entrées.
- **Outdoor Education:** Students will experience several outdoor education field trips such as downhill skiing and snowboarding, cross country skiing, orienteering, rock climbing, scuba diving and trail riding.

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Drama (grades 10-12): Students learn how to improve their stage presence through activities focussed on movement, gestures, emotions, and voice. Students participate in theatre sports games and begin introductory work with characterization and scripts.

Foods (grades 7-12): Junior High students cover the theory and practical application of safety in the kitchen and the basic preparation methods and role of key ingredients in cookies, quick breads, pastries and simple entries. Senior High students cover a series of single credit modules i.e. Foods Basics, Baking Basics, Snacks and Appetizers. A **\$40.00 fee** covers consumable products. Students have the option of independently purchasing required consumable products through local stores.

French as a Second Language (grades 7-12): This course works through the FSL curriculum beginning with the elements of Beginner Level One. Reading comprehension, oral, written and verbal skills are all emphasized.

Leadership Class (grades 8, 9, 10-12): This course allows students to study leadership and better understand the concept of leadership through a comparison of basic theories and styles of leadership in preparation for future career and life roles. This course is open to students who are part of the Vimy Ridge Academy WOW Team and/or Student Council.

Pipe & Drum Band (grades 7 – 12): Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced level instruction is available to our Canadian Studies Program students. Students are instructed in performance techniques of either the bag pipe or drum band instrument. Music theory, music history and aural skills are integrated into all classes regardless of playing level. **Bag pipe rental fee is \$100.00 per year, drum rental is \$50.00 per year** (intermediate and advanced students) and **band uniform rental is \$50.00 per year** (advanced students). Beginner level students will need to purchase a practice chanter or drumsticks and a drum pad available at local music stores or purchased through the school.

Spanish (grades 7, 8, 10 & 11): This course is intended for students who are interested in studying the Spanish language and culture. Junior high students will enter the six-year (6Y) program in Grade 7 while high school students will enter the three-year (3Y) program Grade 10.

Sports Performance (grades 10-12): This course is intended to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to understand the wide range of factors related to athletic performance in a variety of sports. A combination of theoretical and practical exposure to a variety of areas of sport will allow students to learn and demonstrate outcomes related to ethics, proper training principles, psychology, goal setting and personal development.

Study Skills (grades 7-9)/Learning Strategies (grades 10-12): Students are taught strategies they can use to be successful learners, to become actively involved in their learning, and to plan, monitor, and evaluate their learning. Topics include understanding themselves as learners, becoming more organized, managing resources, planning goals, managing time, overcoming barriers to learning, and preparing for evaluation.

Web Page Design (grades 10-12): This course is designed for students interested in learning how to design and publish web pages. Basic HTML programming and Dreamweaver software will introduce students to creating pages on the World Wide Web. Students will design several mock web pages suitable for a variety of client needs.

REQUIRED FEES

Lock Deposit: \$10.00 per year. Students are required to use school-purchased locks for their hallway lockers to ensure durability against theft. The lock deposit is carried forward each year and is refundable should the student withdraw or upon graduation and the lock has been returned. Replacement locks will cost students \$10.00 each time a replacement is required.

Textbook Caution Fee (grades 7-9): \$75.00 security deposit for textbooks. The fee is carried forward from grade 7 to 9 and transferred at the end of grade 9 to the high school textbook rental fee. Should a student withdraw from the school, the fee is refundable providing all books are returned and fees are up to date.

Textbook Rental (grades 10-12): \$75.00 per year

OPTIONAL FEES

Students' Union Activities Fee: \$15.00/year. The Students' Union is one of the pillars of "Lancer" tradition and is the heart of the school community. SU membership entitles students to free admission to all SU events (Week of Welcome, Achievement Breakfast, Fear Factor, Christmas events, Red Hot, Fan Challenge, Lancers' Playdium, Touch of Class, Hat Days, all Spring Fling events, Lancers' Ex and more) and discounted rates on Lancers' Pride clothing apparel and school dances.

Paper Fee: \$10.00/year. Covers the cost of paper used in the computer labs, library and additional student requests for photocopying.

Agenda Book Replacements: The school provides one custom-designed agenda book per student per year at no cost. The agenda includes the modified calendar, exam dates, special events, and schedules. Replacement agendas are available to the end of the school year **for \$7.00/each.**

Correspondence: Students requesting to register for correspondence will be assessed a materials deposit fee that varies depending on the course. The fee covers the cost of disposable/consumable supplies and is refundable once the student completes the coursework and assignments, writes the final exam and returns all course materials.

Grad Fee: \$40.00. Covers the cost of the cap & tassel, gown rental and the commencement ceremony.

Newsletter Print/Mail Fee: A newsletter is a key component in effective communication and a critical link between school and home. Parents are encouraged to access SchoolZone to acquire a copy of the newsletter at no cost or by pick-up at the school office. Printed copies may be mailed home by parent request for **\$10.00 per family for the school year.**

Yearbook: \$40.00/each