



Brock Middle Grade  
8 & 9 Parent  
Information Meeting

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

# Introductions

Mr. Horton – Principal

Mrs. McVittie – Vice-Principal

Chante Reddeman – School Counsellor

Kevin Chow – School Counsellor

Scott Galloway – Vice-Principal

# Welcome

Mr. Horton – Principal

## Purpose of Meeting:

- Review Student Schedule Structures for 2021/22
- Review COVID driven structural changes
- Answer questions you may have

# Questions

Feel free to ask in the chat *or*  
wait until the end to ask *or*  
call us at the school.

# Guiding Principles

- **Must meet H&S Guidelines**
  - Cohorts of 60
  - Overall Quarterly term structure (not linear)
- **Alignment with the philosophy of Middle Level education**
  - Fewer teachers to allow for improved personal connections
- **Intentional interventions that target lagging skills**
  - Increase students' skills in areas that they need extra support
- **Discovery/Exploration of skills/knowledge/interests (i.e. Explorations – formerly Electives or Mosaic)**

# Grade 8 Schedule

- **Academics**

- Math-Science pairs (Semester)
- English-Socials pairs (Semester)

- **Language**

- All Gr. 8's receive French

- **Explorations**

- 1 Quarter – 3 Explorations (3 week terms)
  - Metal, Food Sustainability, Drama
- 1 Quarter – 2 Explorations + 1 Careers (3 week terms)
  - Foods, Media Arts, Careers
- Roughly 40 hours of instruction per course

- An Academy replaces PE and one Explorations

- Dance replaces PE

- Band or Choir replaces one Explorations

- Gr. 8 different explorations than Grade 7

- Course Selections – Tuesday, April 6

		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
8.05	A	M-S	Explo	French	Explo
	B	PE	M-S	Hum	Hum

A	Hum	Hum	M-S	French
B	Hockey Academy		Explo	M-S
A	M-S	M-S	Hum	Hum
B	Explo	French	Band/Choir	PE
A	Hum	French	M-S	M-S
B	Explo	Hum	Swim Academy	

# Grade 9 Schedule

- **Academics**

- Math-Science pairs (Semester)
- English-Socials pairs (Semester)

- **Seminar**

- Transitions & High School Success, Careers, Computer Studies

- **Electives and French**

- **1 Major = full quarter (120 hrs of instruction)**
- Based on Course selections
- French 9 is a major
- **2 Minors = half of a quarter each (60 hours of instruction)(no choice due to COVID)**

- An Academy replaces PE and an Explorations

- Dance replaces PE

- Band or Choir replaces one Elective block

- Course Selections – Thursday, April 1

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
A	Major Elective	Minor Electives	Math-Sci	PE
B	English-SS	English-SS	Seminar	Math-Sci

## Gr. 9 Major Elective Choices

Woodwork 9	Metalwork 9	Art 9
Tech Ed 9	Foods 9	Outdoor Ed 9
Drama 9	Sewing 9	Gamemaker 9
Lego Robotics 9	Food Sustainability 9	
Video Production 9	Fly Fishing 9	Leadership 9



## School Counsellors

- Kevin Chow – last names starting with A to K
- Chante Reddeman – last names starting with L to Z

# Academies

- Aquatics
  - \$350
  - Swim, water polo, kayaking, scuba
  - Bussing
  - Two quarters
- Dance
  - \$225
  - Teacher and part-time dance instructor
  - One quarter
- Hockey
  - \$300
  - Brock Arena
  - Teacher and helpers
  - Two quarters
- Soccer
  - \$475
  - Brock Middle field and soccer dome
  - Bussing
  - Two quarters

# Opportunities - Cecile

Clubs (eg Games)	Athletics	Leadership	Intramurals
GSA	Service (eg Helping at Therapeutic Riding)	Bus to Boys/Girls Club (North Shore)	Math Contests/Pi Day
Young Authors	Young Artists	Science Fair	Heritage Fair
Drama Productions	Family Art Evenings	Bingo Night	Boys Club Network
Girls Club (Indigenous/Metis)	Power of Being a Girl	Student Voice	Diversity District Committee

....and so many others!!

# Questions

