

TOM BAINES

SCHOOL

Complementary Selection Form

Grade 7, 2025-2026

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Student's Name:(Last)	(First)	(Initial)
Some important reminders:		
 choice, 3 in front of you courses in the spaces I Please discuss the ord Make your selections or 	ctions by rank. Record a 1 in front of your THIRD choice, and so on until you have below. er of your selections with your parents carefully as changes requested later will not be give you your top two choices, but the	e prioritized ALL of the complementary ot be able to be accommodated
Art	Band (full year)	
Computer Science	Construction	Drama
Electro Technology	Exploration in Film	Food and Fashion
French	Outdoor Education	Photography
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(student signature)		

Students will be placed in courses for next year with the careful consultation of your child's current teachers. Many factors are considered in creating thoughtful course compositions, including the needs of individual students, creating balanced courses, and our observations of how students work together—your input is also a valued factor. If you have any instructional recommendations regarding your child's placement in complementary courses for the 2025-2026 school year, please express them in writing and attach them to this paper form. While we will consider all parent requests, we cannot guarantee that all requests will be accommodated. Requests made after form submission may not be able to be considered.

Art

This course is a project-based exploration of art that stresses hands-on experience creating 2D and 3D artworks. Students will gain familiarity with a variety of artistic media such as coloured pencil, pen and ink, watercolour paint, ceramics and more. Through your immersion in art creation, you will learn about discipline-based concepts such as the elements and principles of design, composition and the technical use of a range of art materials. A key focal point of this class will be critically assessing artworks to refine and revise them to foster high quality artistic creations.

Computer Science

Students will be introduced and/or develop their skills in the relevant and exciting world of computer coding. In this course, students will learn coding skills and computational thinking with opportunities to apply their coding skills in various ways, such as developing apps in JavaScript and Python. Initially, students will be learning about Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence (Machine Learning and Generative AI). Then they will progress into creating animation via block coding, design a video game, and explore introductory computer science languages to finish the course.

Electro-Technology

Robotic Foundations: Exploring Component

Development

Lay the groundwork for future innovation with our Electro-Technology Grade 7 complementary course. Students will delve into the fascinating world of robotics, focusing on the development of fundamental components essential for intelligent systems. Through hands-on exploration and experimentation, participants will gain insights into mechanical assemblies, electronic circuits, and sensor integration. Join us as we embark on a journey, paving the way for advanced robotics in grades 8 and 9 Electro-Technology courses.

Exploration in Film

This is your introduction to the movies! Join us for an adventure of "The Filmmakers Journey." You will learn about the history of film, view and create film projects and together we will sample from the "filmmakers buffet" with screen writing, filming, acting for film, editing, viewing and responding. To complete the journey, we will take your films and screen them in a theatre with popcorn in hand. See you in the movies.

French

Students will briefly review material taught in elementary grades, followed by Language Learning Survival Techniques to help individuals attain a similar level of expertise. No experience or background in French is required. The curriculum themes, including school, weather, people around me, holidays and celebrations and activities, will be taught using a variety of tools and technology. Cultural experience will complete the course.

Band (Brass or Woodwind)

This course is open to beginner, novice, and experienced players. No previous music experience is required. Students will work together as a group to develop instrumental skills, learn to read and write music, and perform multiple times throughout the year! This course includes a Band Camp that all students should attend. Students may rent an instrument from the school or provide their own (please check with Mrs. Siemens if bringing one from home). Please note that students must take Band in Grade 7 if they wish to take Band in Grade 8, 9 or in High School

Brass: Trumpet, French Horn, Euphonium, Trombone, Tuba **Woodwind:** Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Percussion

Construction

Craftsmanship Exploration: Leatherwork & Wooden Toys

Dive into the world of craftsmanship with our Construction 7 complementary course. Students will embark on a journey of creativity, learning the art of designing and constructing small leather items and wooden toys. Through hands-on experience with traditional woodworking hand tools and machinery, participants will hone their skills in product design and fabrication, fostering a deep appreciation for the craftsmanship involved in every creation.

Drama

This is an active, creative and fun class where you will develop healthy positive relationships, build confidence, character, and learn more about company and commitment all through drama games and activities. Students will dabble in improvisation, movement, speech, theatre study and technical theatre. It is a chance to learn more about yourself while exploring mime, tableau, stage fighting, and creating story for the stage. See you in the spotlights.

Food & Fashion

Food and Fashion combines two courses into one! We will spend half the semester on each course. In Foods, we will learn basic cooking and baking skills while creating some simple recipes. In Fashion, we will learn how to use a sewing machine, and you will create some simple sewing projects. There is no prerequisite for this class. Both courses involve theory and skill acquisition with an emphasis on safety, and a huge focus on hands on learning!

Outdoor Education

An introduction to the great outdoors! There is a wide range of planning done to ensure students fully enjoy their time outdoors from what to wear, understanding local wildlife, ecosystems, and emergency planning. This course will also increase knowledge and awareness of environmental issues. Calgary is situated on the doorstep of the Rockies and has an abundance of natural oases. Students will be able to enjoy the many outdoor opportunities available to us all.

Photography

Ever wondered how to create beautiful images in your camera without a filter or editing? In photography we will learn the elements of image composition and storytelling through images. After these fundamental basics, we will dabble in shutter speed, aperture, and ISO (known as the photography triangle) to create and manipulate images in-camera.