

GETTING READY FOR GRADE NINE

St. Mary Catholic Secondary
School



January 2019

What Grade 8 Students & Their Parents Need to Know

- Graduation Requirements
- What does the Grade 9 program look like?
- Registration Procedures



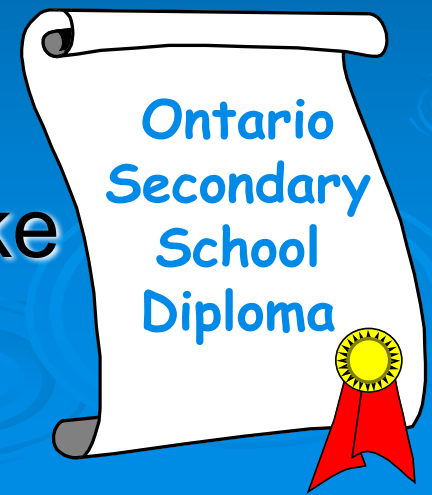
ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA (OSSD)

- 30 credits (110 hours each)
 - 18 compulsory credits
 - 12 elective credits

Visit the Course Calendar found on the St. Mary homepage for details

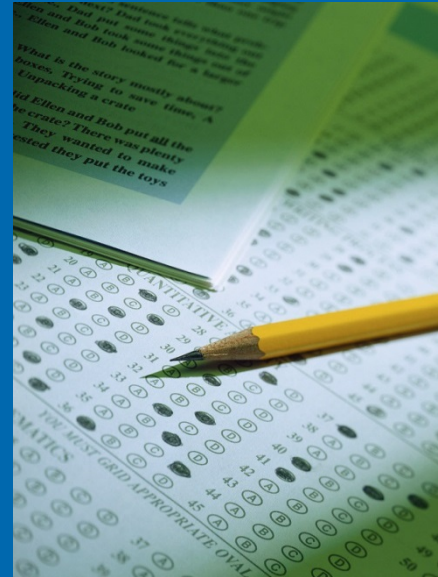
- 40 hrs. community involvement activities
- Provincial literacy requirement
(OSSLT – written in Gr. 10)

Students are also required to take
Religion each year.



TYPES OF COURSES – Gr. 9 & 10

- **Academic**
- **Applied**
- **Open**
- **Locally Developed**



Please consider your child's Gr. 8 Teacher recommendations before choosing between academic, applied, and locally developed courses.

CHOOSING MY PATHWAY

Locally Developed	Applied	Open	Academic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOST essential concepts of a subject • Concrete practical tasks • Pacing to match their needs • More one on one support in smaller classes • Have difficulty meeting grade 8 expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential concepts of a subject • Practical, real life applications • Moderate pacing with great attention on new concepts • Moderate workload with some homework completion required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All elective courses in grade 9 and 10 are at the open level • These courses are designed to enrich a student's education and give them an opportunity to explore a variety of different options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Essential concepts AND exploring related materials and ideas • Emphasis on theory and abstract thinking as basis for future inquiry • Faster pacing to allow new concepts to be introduced more frequently • Workload is demanding requiring regular homework completion

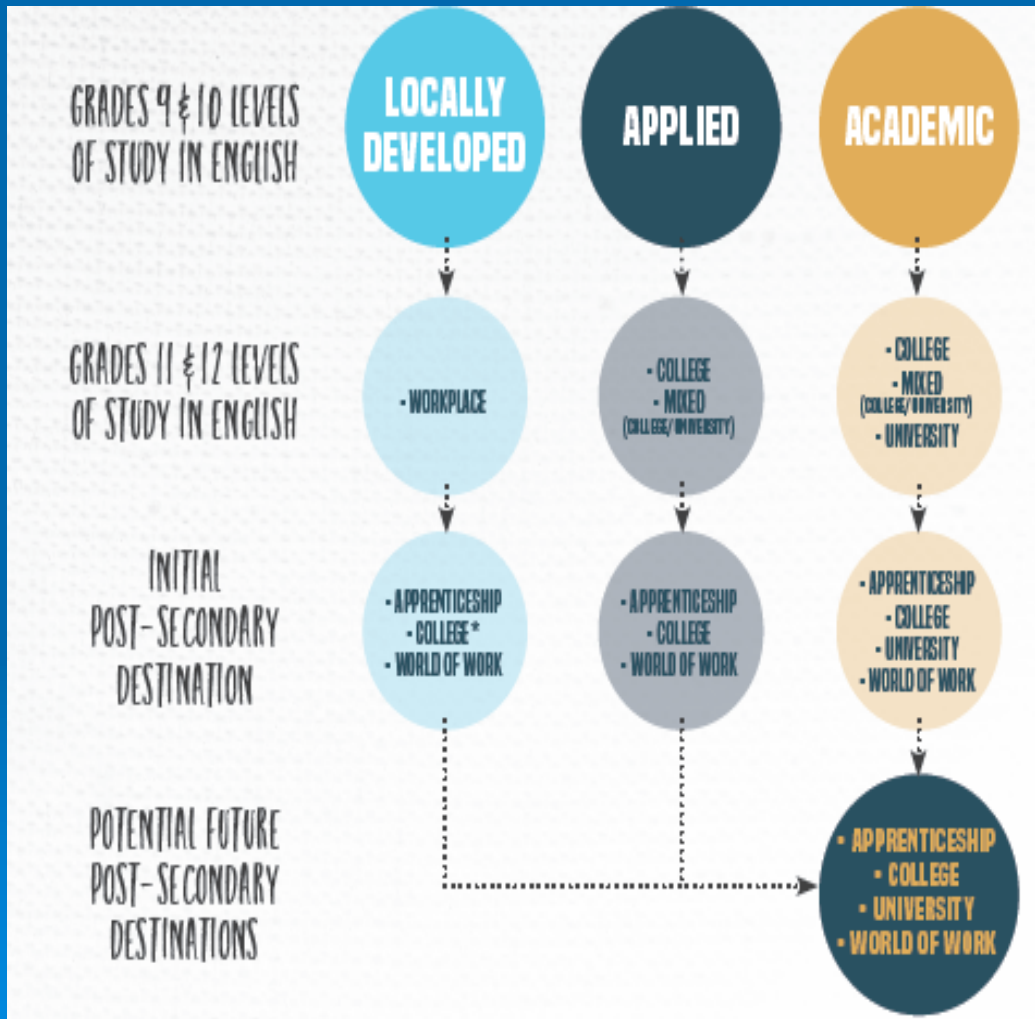
Matching Achievement and Work Habits when choosing the type of content to study

LEARNING SKILLS AND WORK HABITS

LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT	E	G	S	N	
	excellent	good	satisfactory	needs improvement	
	4	Academic	Academic	Academic	Academic or Applied
	3*	Academic	Academic	Applied	Applied
	2	Academic or Applied	Academic or Applied	Applied	Applied
	1	Applied	Applied or Locally Developed	Applied or Locally Developed	Locally Developed
Mod. IEP**	Applied or Locally Developed	Applied or Locally Developed	Locally Developed	Locally Developed	

**Special education transition meetings will support course selection

*Students achieving level 3 are meeting provincial achievement standards



**PATHWAYS
CAN CHANGE
– FOCUS ON
THE
JOURNEY**

Guidance



Alternative Education

Career Cruising

Community Involvement Hours

Continuing and Adult Education

Courses Levels and Calendars

Dual Credits

Getting Ready for Post-Secondary

Graduation Requirements

Transitioning to High School/Head Start

 Receive Email Updates...



The transition from elementary school to high school is a time of celebration - new challenges and opportunities await for our students. We recognize that students enter Grade 9 with different strengths, interests and goals.

For this reason, students can select a variety of different course levels and programs that provide

Making Your Choices – Gr 9

A Gr 9 student MUST choose:

8 courses = 7 compulsory
1 elective

Making Your Choices- Gr. 9

Compulsory courses (choose 7)

Academic or Applied

1. English
2. Mathematics
3. Science
4. French
5. Canadian Geography

*Engl, Math, Sci offered at the locally developed level

*Engl, Math offered at the Pre-AP level

Open

6. Religion
7. Health & Physical Education

Optional courses (Choose one only)

Open

- Music – Instrumental
(beginner or experienced)
- Music - Vocal
- Info. Technology in Business
- Exploring Technologies
- Transportation Technology
- Visual Arts
- Dramatic Arts
- Dance



Changing Types (levels) from Grade 9 to Grade 10

- APPLIED courses in Grade 9 to ACADEMIC courses in Grade 10
- ACADEMIC courses in Grade 9 courses to APPLIED courses in Grade 10

Note: A (summer school) transfer course will be required to move from Grade 9 Applied to Grade 10 Academic mathematics.

Decoding Course Codes

What does this ALL mean?!

e.g. MFM 1P1

First 3 characters identify the **subject**
eg. MFM – Foundations of Mathematics

4th character identifies the **grade**
e.g. 1 = Grade 9

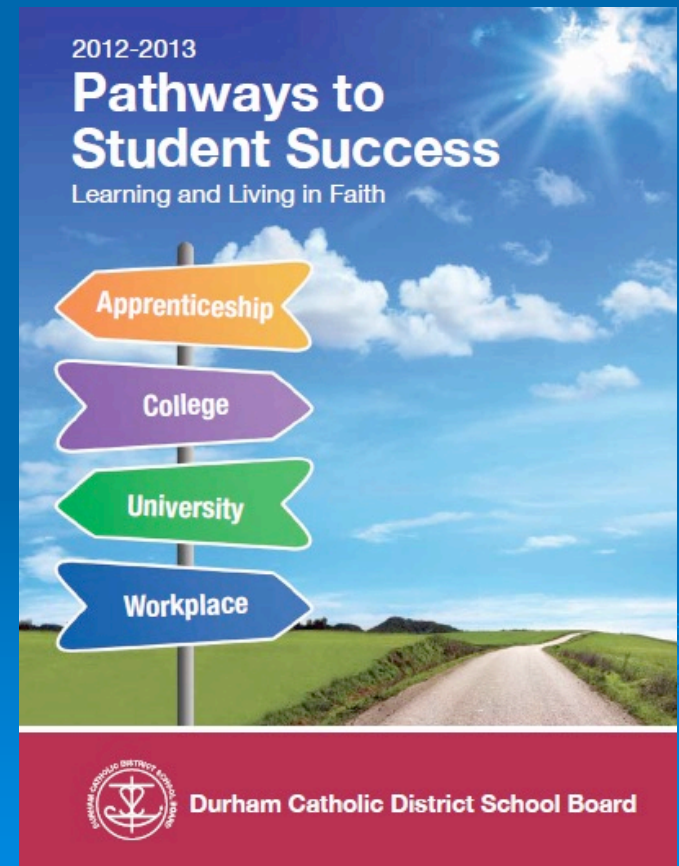
5th character identifies the **course level**
e.g. P = Applied

6th character identifies **specialty course**
e.g. 1 = regular course, F = Ext. French, A = AP, etc

Pathways for Student Success: Other Learning Experiences

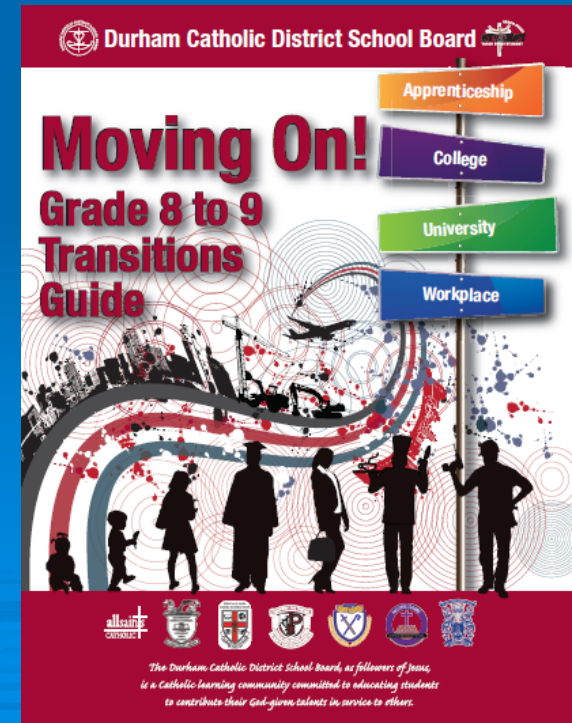
- Cooperative Education
- OYAP
- Specialist High Skills Major
- eLearning
- Partnership with Durham College – Dual Credit program

For more information, visit our Guidance/Coop department this evening



Transition to Grade 9

- August Newsletter
- Head Start Program
- First day in Grade 9
- Grade 9 Orientation
- Moving on – Transition Guide



AP Courses Offered at St. Mary

September 2019

Pre AP Math (preparing for
Grade 12 Calculus)

Courses include:

- ❑ MPM1DA
- ❑ MPM2DA
- ❑ MCR3UA
- ❑ MHF4UA

Advanced Placement
Course:

- ❑ MCV4UA

Pre AP English Courses
include:

- ❑ ENG2DA
- ❑ ENG3UA

Advanced Placement
Course:

- ❑ ENG 4UA (English
Language & Composition)

Extended/ French Immersion Courses

9e année	10e année	11e année	12e année
French	French	French	French
Religion	Religion	Religion	*Religion
Geography	History		
Phys. Ed & Health	*Civics & Careers *Course may be taken in French if desired.		*Course may be taken in French if desired.

U.P. Math

- UP Math is a comprehensive remediation course that will give students the opportunity to develop Math skills that are integral for success in Grade 9 Math
- Registration for UP starts with a strong recommendation from the Grade 8 teacher, in consultation with a school's core resource department

For further information, please visit our Math teachers in Room 260 after this general info session

Selecting Courses On-line

- Students will be given their password and username by grade 8 teacher (for Catholic associate schools)
- Instructions will be provided – See website on this evening's programme where you can access a demonstration
- Course Selection Sign off Sheet (with barcode!) is due with the registration package
- Any student from a non-associate school will be scheduled for a registration appointment once the Pre-Admission package has been approved



The Registration Process...

For Students in St. Mary Catholic Associate Schools (living within the St. Mary boundary)

- Counsellors will be visiting the elementary schools between **Jan 23rd – Jan 29th**
- Registration packages and information will be provided to each student
- Fully completed packages are due back to the Gr 8 teacher by **Friday, February 15th**



The Registration Process

NEW to the Board

- on-line registration & pre-admission package (download)

NOT New to the Board

- Parents/guardians must complete a pre-admission package **ONLY**

ANYONE living OUTSIDE of boundary

- Contact Guidance after March Break

The Registration Process... (for In-boundary Students)

Visit the St. Mary webpage at stmary.dcdsb.ca for links to the registration process

All required documents submitted no later than mid-February to Guidance

