



St. Mary Catholic Secondary School

Welcome to Grade 9



Requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma

- **30 Credits** (18 compulsory and 12 elective courses)
- **Provincial Literacy Requirement** (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test – Spring of Grade 10)
- **40 hours of Community Service** (Starting as early as the summer after Grade 8)

Course Types & Pathways

Grade 9 and 10

Academic (D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students learn the essential concepts of a subject and explore related materials • Emphasis is on theory and abstract thinking as a basis for future learning • Students are creative and like to research and problem-solve • Students are independent learners with good to excellent learning skills • Students who do well in Grade 9 Academic have generally performed in the Level 3-4 range • most direct route toward studies at university
Destreamed (W)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available for Grade 9 Math (MTH1W1) and Science (SNC1W1) • Supports students in having every opportunity to pursue the pathway of their choice
Applied (P) (as of Sept 2022, Grade 10 courses only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develops students' practical knowledge and skills • emphasizes concrete/hands on applications relates to familiar real-life situations • Students are more dependent learners, preferring discussions, teacher-directed or teacher-guided learning and real-life applications • Students who do well in Grade 9 Applied have generally performed in the Level 2-3 range • most direct route toward studies at college
Locally Developed (L)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intended for students who require extensive program support and who are planning to enter the workplace once they leave high school * The Program Support department will contact parents whose children have been recommended for these courses by their Elementary school.
Open (O)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open level courses are offered for students at all levels of academic abilities and learning needs and strengths • Expectations are designed to be appropriate for all students
Alternative (K)* (Non-Credit)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative, non-credit courses focus on independent learning skills • Special Education classes designed specifically for Functional Life Skills students

Decoding the Course Code

e.g. **SNC1W1** = Science, Grade 9 (Destreamed)

First 3 characters

identifies the subject

e.g. SNC= Science

4th character

identifies the grade

e.g. 1 = Grade 9

5th character

identifies the

course level

e.g. W = Destreamed

6th character

identifies

specialty course

e.g. 1 = regular

course

F = French

Immersion

A = Pre-Advanced

Placement

Course Options (Grade 9)

Compulsory (Choose One from each grouping)

Elective (Choose One from entire list below)

English	ENG1D1 (academic) ENG1L1 (locally developed) ESLA01/ELDA01*: English as a Second Language (open) Pre-Advanced Placement English begins in Grade 10	Arts <i>Students are encouraged to complete their one compulsory Arts credit in Grade 9 or Grade 10</i>	ADA101: Drama (open) AMI101: Instrumental Music – Beginner (open) AMV101: Vocal Music (open) ATC101: Dance (open) AVI101: Visual Arts (open)
French	FSF1D1 (academic) FSF101 (open – no or limited experience)		
Geography	CGC1D1 (academic)	Business	BTT101: Information and Communication Technology (open)
Math	MTH1W1 (destreamed) MAT1L1 (locally developed) Pre-Advanced Placement Math begins in Grade 10 GLS10M*(Ultimate Potential Math – registration form required)	Program Support	GLE101/GLS101*: Learning Strategies (open) KALBNS*: Creative Arts for Enjoyment & Expression KGLBNS*: Personal Life Skills KGWBNS*: Exploring the World of Work
Science	SNC1W1 (destreamed) SNC1L1 (locally developed)	Technology	TIJ101: Exploring Technologies (open) TTJ101: Exploring Transportation Technologies (open)
Phys. Ed/ Health	PPL103 (open - female) PPL104 (open - male) PAF103 Yoga and Pilates (open - female)		
Religion	HRE101 (open)		

*Specialized courses that require consultation with Guidance Counsellor, Program Support Teacher, and/or ESL Teacher.

French Immersion Program: Grade 9 students must take **FOUR** courses in French (French, Geography, Physical Education and Religion). Students with 3800 hours of French should choose French Immersion (FIF1DF).

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
French Immersion (FIF1DF)	French (FIF2DF)	French (FIF3UF)	French (FIF4UF)
Religion (HRE10F)	Religion (HRE20F)	Religion (HRT3MF)	*Religion (HRE4MF) may be taken in French, if desired
Geography (CGC1DF)	History (CHC2DF or CHC2PF)		
Phys. Ed (PPL10F female or PPL10G male)			

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Late January** – Guidance Counsellors visit Grade 8 classes to discuss Course Selection
- February** – Course Selection via myBlueprint & Activity Fees due
- Spring** – Transition meetings with Program Support for student with IEPs
- Late August** – DCDSB “High School Head Start” (3-day Introduction to Gr 9 program)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Please visit: stmary.dcdsb.ca > Guidance
 - Transitioning to High School
 - Course Levels and Calendars
 - Pathway Programs (information on Secondary School)
 - Getting Ready for Post-Secondary (information on Apprenticeship, Community Living, College, University and Workplace)
- Call a St. Mary Guidance Counsellor: 905-420-7166 x56020



COURSE CODES AND TITLES

GRADE 9 AND 10

2022 - 2023

GRADE 9

ADA1O1	Drama (open)
AMI1O1	Instrumental Music - (open)
AMV1O1	Vocal Music (open)
ATC1O1	Dance (open)
AVI1O1	Visual Arts (open)
BTT1O1	Information and Communication Technology in Business (open)
CGC1D1	Canadian Geography (academic)
CGC1DF	Canadian Geography (academic) – French Immersion
ENG1D1	English (academic)
ENG1L1	English (locally developed)
ESLAO1/	English as a Second Language (open)
ELDAO1	
FIF1DF	French Immersion (academic)
FSF1D1	French (academic)
FSF1O1	French (open) – No/ Limited Experience
GLE/GLS	Learning Strategies (open)
GLS1OM	Learning Strategies – Ultimate Potential (UP) Math (open)
HRE1O1	Religion (open)
HRE1OF	Religion (open) – French Immersion
MAT1L1	Mathematics (locally developed)
MTH1W1	Mathematics, Grade 9 (de-streamed, NEW)
PPL1O3	Phys. Ed. / Health - female (open)
PAF1O3	Personal and Fitness Activities – female (Yoga & Pilates Focus)
PPL1O4	Phys. Ed. / Health - male (open)
PPL1OF	Phys. Ed. / Health - female (open) - French Immersion
PPL1OG	Phys. Ed. / Health - male (open) – French Immersion
SNC1W1	Science (academic)
SNC1L1	Science (locally developed)
TIJ1O1	Exploring Technologies (open)
TTJ1O1	Exploring Transportation Technologies (open)

GRADE 10

ADA2O1	Drama (open)
AMU2O1	Instrumental Music - Beginner (open)
AMI2O1	Instrumental Music - 1 year experience (open)
AMV2O0	Vocal Music - Beginner (open)
AMV2O1	Vocal Music - Experienced (open)
ATC2O1	Dance (open)
AVI2O1	Visual Arts (open)
AWA2O1	Visual Arts – Crafts and 3-D Art (open)
AWD2O1	Visual Arts – Digital Field Photography (open)
BBI2O1	Introduction to Business (open)
CHC2D1	History (academic)
CHC2DF	History (academic) – French Immersion
CHC2L1	History (locally developed)
CHC2P1	History (applied)
CHC2PF	History (applied) – French Immersion
CHV2O1	Civics (open)
ENG2D1	English (academic)
ENG2DA	English (Advanced Placement Preparation)
ENG2L1	English (locally developed)
ENG2P1	English (applied)
FIF2DF	French Immersion (academic)
FSF2D1	French (academic)
GLC2O1	Career Studies (open)
GLE2O1	Learning Strategies (open)
HFN2O1	Food and Nutrition (open)
HRE2O1	Religion (open)
HRE2OF	Religion (open) – French Immersion
LWSBD1	Spanish (academic)
MAT2L1	Mathematics (locally developed)
MFM2P1	Mathematics (applied)
MPM2D1	Mathematics (academic)
MPM2DA	Mathematics (AP Preparation)
PAF2O3	Phys. Ed. – Weight Training and Fitness – female (open)
PAF2O4	Phys. Ed. – Weight Training and Fitness – male (open)
PPL2O3	Phys. Ed. / Health - female (open)
PPL2O4	Phys. Ed. / Health - male (open)
SNC2D1	Science (academic)
SNC2L1	Science (locally developed)
SNC2P1	Science (applied)
TCJ2O1	Construction Technology (open)
TGJ2O1	Communications Technology (open)
TTJ2O1	Transportation Technology (open)