

# GETTING READY FOR GRADE NINE

St. Mary Catholic Secondary  
School



January 2018

**COURAGE** **COMPASSION**  
**RESPONSIBILITY** **RESPECT**  
**HUMILITY**



**AMARE ET SERVIRE**



**TRUST**  
**HONESTY** **FORGIVENESS**  
**FAITH** **INCLUSION**

Please welcome Grade 9 Extended French student...



....Miles Leslie!

# What Grade 8 Students & Their Parents Need to Know

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



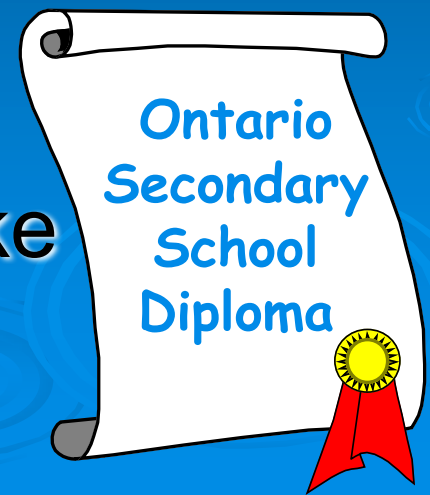
# ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA (OSSD)

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

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

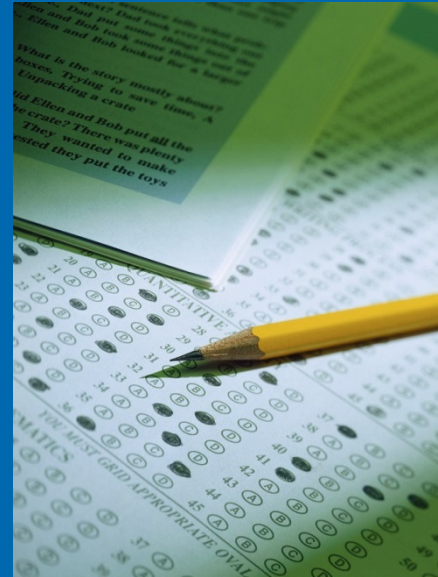
- 40 hrs. community involvement activities
- Provincial literacy requirement  
(OSSLT – written in Gr. 10)

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.

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

4<sup>th</sup> character identifies the **grade**  
e.g. 1 = Grade 9

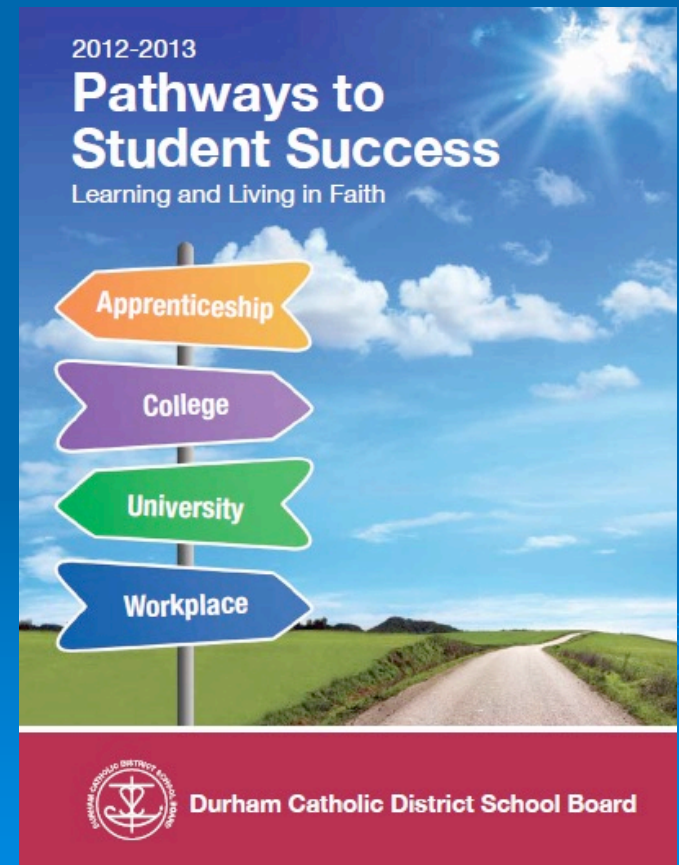
5<sup>th</sup> character identifies the **course level**  
e.g. P = Applied

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

# Pathways for Student Success: Other Learning Experiences

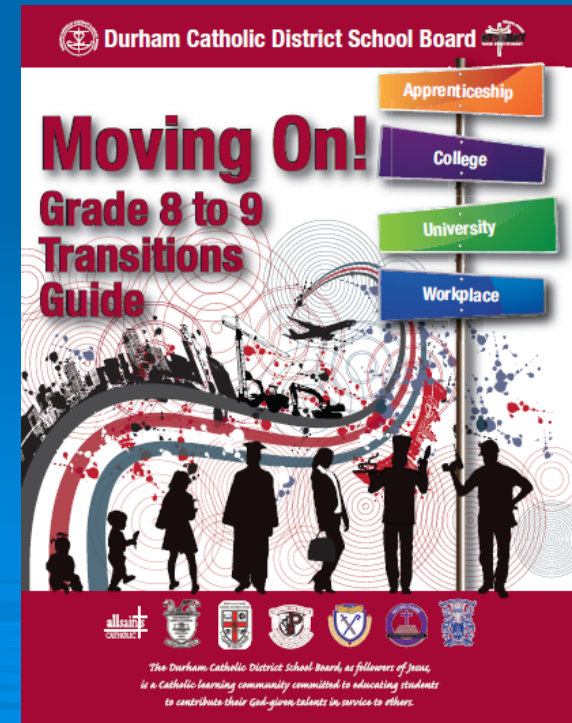
- Cooperative Education
- OYAP
- Specialist High Skills Major
- eLearning
- Partnership with Durham College – Dual Credit program

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



# Advanced Placement

## AP Program at St. Mary

If interested in learning more,  
please remain in the cafeteria  
after this general info  
session

Please view presentation  
times on Agenda



# The Typical AP Student has...

- Demonstrated exceptional work ethic
- Strong academic performance
- Intellectual curiosity
- Independent/self directed skills
- A desire to get ahead



# AP Courses Offered at St. Mary

## September 2018

Pre AP Math (preparing for  
Grade 12 Calculus)

Courses include:

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

Advanced Placement  
Course:

- ❑ MCV4UA

Pre AP English Courses  
include:

- ❑ ENG1DA
- ❑ ENG2DA
- ❑ ENG3UA

Advanced Placement  
Course:

- ❑ ENG 4UA (English  
Literature & Composition)



# French – Extended/Immersion at St. Mary

- Students who have completed a minimum of **1260 hours** of elementary French will choose **FEF1DF**
- Students who have completed a minimum of **3800 hours** of elementary French will choose **FIF1DF**
- **ALL** Extended French/French Immersion students will choose 4 courses in French in Grade 9
- **ALL** Extended French/French Immersion students will graduate with a minimum of 10 courses in French

# Extended/ French Immersion Courses

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

Mme Oster will be conducting two information sessions this evening in Room 124 – please view agenda for times

# 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 210 after this general info session

# PROGRAM SUPPORT

- Students who are on an IEP are monitored on a continuous basis by the Program Support Teacher.
- Close communication between home, the subject teacher and the student is encouraged.
- Assistance is available to students not on an IEP.
- Peer tutoring is also available over all lunches.



For more information, visit Mrs. Hooftman and Mr. Murphy in Room 130 this evening

# Student Success Teacher

- Advocate for students
- Works on a team to find alternative options for individual student success

Please visit Mrs. Baglole in Room 164 this evening

# 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)

- Guidance Counsellors will be visiting the elementary schools between **Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – Jan 29<sup>th</sup>**
- Registration packages and information will be provided to each student
- Fully completed packages are due back to the Gr 8 teacher by **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**



# The Registration Process

...for Students **NEW** to the DCDSB

➤ Parents/guardians must complete an on-line registration first, then the pre-admission package (download)

...for Students **NOT NEW** to the DCDSB

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



# The Registration Process...

...for Students who do not live within the St. Mary boundaries

➤ A cross-boundary OR cross-regional form MUST be completed and approved

Visit the St. Mary webpage at [stmary.dcdsb.ca](http://stmary.dcdsb.ca) for links to the registration process

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

# Items of Interest

- Please feel free to use the map – meet faculty and students! Ask questions!
- Refer to the “Welcome to Gr 9” pamphlet for descriptions on course levels and a Grade 9 Course List so that you may plan your selections in advance!
- “Parents as Partners” – Mental Health Night on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at Fr Leo J. Austin.

