



# St. Mary Catholic Secondary School

## Grade 9

### Course Selection Guide

2024-2025

#### Introduction

We are pleased to provide this Course Selection Planning Guide to assist with course selection for the 2024-2025 school year. Students of St. Mary Catholic Secondary School will use myBlueprint, an internet-based career exploration and planning tool, to select their courses for the 2024-2025 school year. In addition to the course selection feature, myBlueprint:

- provides interest and skills assessments
- allows you to read career profiles
- gives access to college, university and apprenticeship information
- helps students build their Individual Pathways Plan
- assists in creating a resume
- stores research in a portfolio

#### **Student Information in PowerSchool**

All student information will be transferred electronically from your child's elementary school to St. Mary. Please confirm that all student information in PowerSchool is accurate. This includes student/parent/guardian demographics, active and current email/phone contact information, home address, emergency contacts, allergy information, etc. If any changes need to be made now, please contact your school prior to the end of this school year. You will be asked to reconfirm all information using Permission Click at the start of your child's Grade 9 year as well.

#### **Student Accounts in myBlueprint**

All St. Mary students have an individual account with myBlueprint. Students can access myBlueprint by logging in to their board email studentid#@dclive, ex: 123456789@dclive.ca.

Once students have logged in they will see their Home dashboard. They should scroll all the way down to utilize the Resources provided to help with Career exploration and Course selections.



## St. Mary C.S.S. On-Line Course Calendar

The complete St. Mary CSS Course Calendar can be accessed through our school website at [stmary.dcdsb.ca](http://stmary.dcdsb.ca). Select the **STUDENT** link, then the **GUIDANCE** link. On the left side of the **GUIDANCE** screen, select **Course Levels and Calendars**. Click on the **COURSE CALENDAR**.

When choosing a course, students should ask themselves the following questions:

1. Have I selected my courses at the appropriate academic level?
2. Have I selected the compulsory courses for my grade level? For graduation?
3. Do I have the necessary prerequisites for my post-secondary pathway?
4. Are my choices realistic? Do they reflect my level of achievement? Do they reflect my potential?

### Student Activity Fee

The Student Activity fee of \$75 helps to support events and initiatives throughout the school year that build school spirit. We greatly appreciate the support of parents and guardians.

This fee helps to subsidize the following:

**Student Engagement:** student recognition, guest speakers, clubs and council initiatives

**Wellness and Inclusion:** student council, leadership development, special events, faith development, mental health initiatives, yearbook, lock for Gr 9 students

### Final Note

We are firm believers in making informed choices. There will be **NO** changes to electives/alternates once submissions are made. It is our expectation at St. Mary that students and their parents/guardians will take full responsibility for their choices by doing the following:

- review the entire Course Calendar online and adhere to School Dress Code and course option policies outlined therein
- consult with and consider the recommendations of the Grade 8 teacher and Intermediate Guidance Teacher, Mrs. Dehaney
- follow the course selection instructions provided in this package prior to submitting courses
- submit completed Course Selection form and school fees by the requested deadline. Failure to do so may impede student registration and limit options

### Contact List

St. Mary Guidance Office 905.420.7166 ext. 56020

McCarthy's Uniform 905.428.6285  
[www.rjmccarthy.com](http://www.rjmccarthy.com)

Durham Student Transportation Services 905.666.6395  
[www.dsts.on.ca](http://www.dsts.on.ca)

We look forward to meeting you in September 2024!