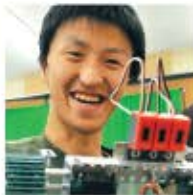




Western Canada High School

Grade 9 Parent Information Evening: January 30th, 2024





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Transitioning to High School



- **Registration procedures and timelines**
 - Connect with Junior High schools – January
 - Course selections online – February 26 to March 11
- **Fast-paced, 2-Semester year**
 - 4 Courses per semester
 - Sem 1: Sept to Jan; Sem 2: Feb to June
- **Keep up with homework/practice**
- **Check PS marks & comments regularly *****
- **Attendance!** - *missing 1 day is like missing 3 days of JH*

Supporting Our Students...



- **Connect with your Counsellor:**

- High school & post-secondary planning
- Decision-making
- Emotional support



- **Transitioning IPPs:**

- Dedicated Learning Strategist
- Connects with student & parents



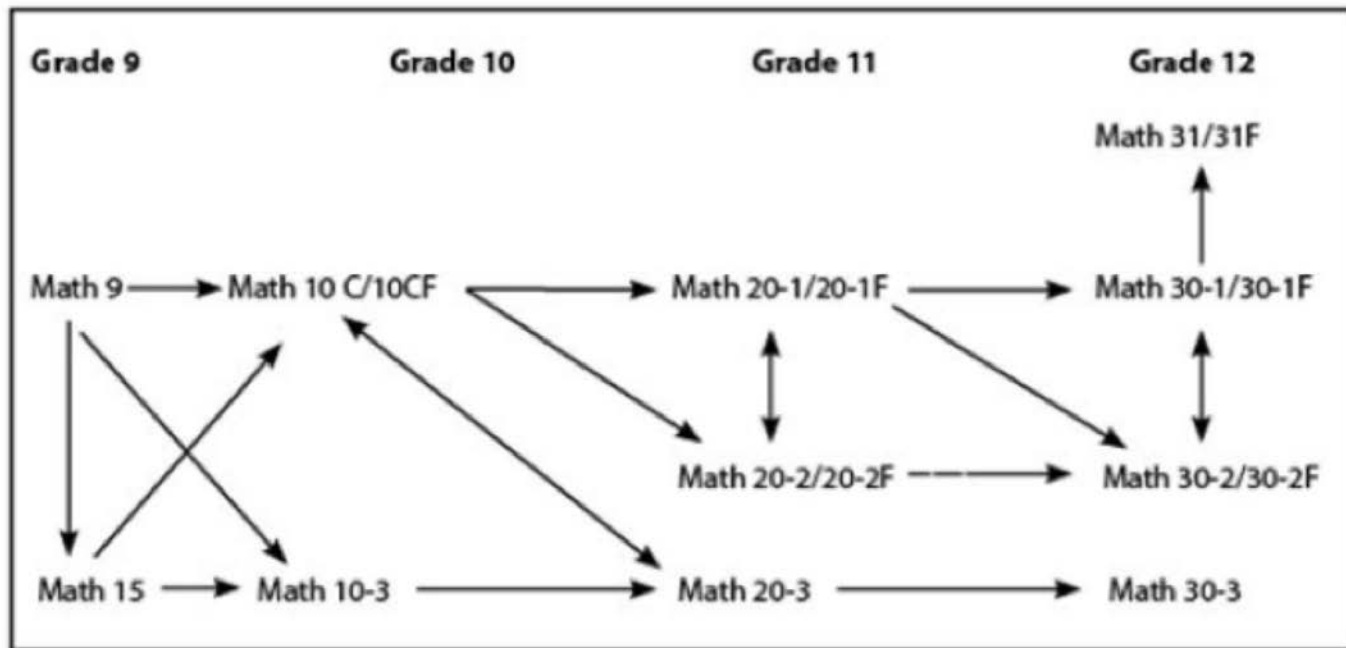
Supporting Our Students...



Which math course should I take?



Supporting Our Students...



Supporting Our Students...



**I love working through
challenging problems and
find math fun**



**Math 10C Honours
(offered in French and
English)**



Supporting Our Students...



I feel pretty comfortable with
math most of the time, but I
have to work at it



Math 10C

(offered in French and
English)



Supporting Our Students...



I can understand math, but I usually feel like I'm barely keeping up



Math 15 in semester 1
(offered in English only)
Math 10C in semester 2



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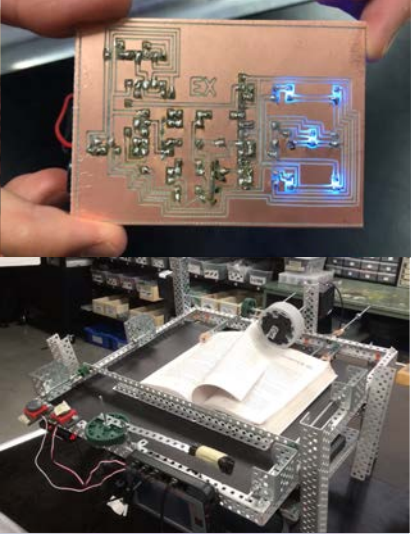


I have to work so hard at
math and still feel
overwhelmed most of the
time



Math 10-3
(offered in English only)





Career and Technology (CTS)

Barry G. Smith, Learning Leader

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Introduction

- CTS courses allow students to explore career pathways and explore interests
- CTS pairs foundational knowledge with practical skills
- CTS provides students with a leg up on post-secondary
- CTS is about problem solving and solution focused thinking
- CTS includes courses in Architecture, Business, Computer Science, Foods, Film & Digital Media, Legal Studies, & Robotics



Career and Technology (CTS)

Course Offerings & Co-curricular (24-25)



Course Content	PS Pick	Opportunities
Business Studies <i>Focusing on Marketing & IB Business Management</i>	Marketing & Management ML (5CR)	Ivy Case Competition, JA
Computer Science <i>Problem solving and algorithm development using C++</i>	Computer Science 10 (3CR)	Waterloo Computing Comp., Esports Hackathons
Design Engineering <i>Using Autodesk Revit & Inventor for Architecture and Mechanical Design</i>	Design Engineering 10 (5CR)	House Design Competition



Career and Technology (CTS)

Course Offerings & Co-curricular (24-25)



Course Content	PS Pick	Opportunities
Film & Media <i>Using Adobe Premiere, After Effects & Photoshop</i>	Film & Media Art (6 CR)	1-Minute Film Festival
Personal Foods	Personal Foods 10	Cupcake Wars! Chopped!
Legal Studies	Legal Studies 20	Mock Trial
Robotics <i>Using Vex, Lego and Arduino</i>	Robotics Engineering 10 (3CR)	Battle Bots! Vex Competitions



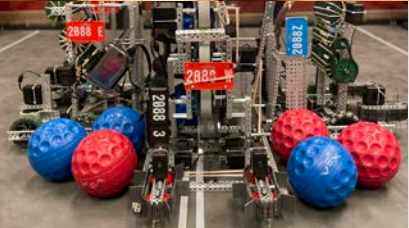
Career and Technology (CTS)

Complementary Course Offerings



Potential career pathways and courses that support post-secondary exploration

- **Architecture, Engineering, Planning, (*Comp. Sci., Robotics & Design*)**
- **Law, Governance, Social Work (*Legal Studies*)**
- **Wellness, Life Skills (*CALM, Info. Processing, Personal Food Studies*)**
- **Management, Entrepreneurship, Work (*IB Business, Business*)**
- **Film, Audio Engineering, Visual Media (*Film & Media Arts*)**
- See our program videos at [WCHS > Teaching & Learning > CTS](#)



Fine and Performing Arts

Brendan Hagan, Learning Leader
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Overview | Fine and Performing Arts Programming at Western

- Band
- Choir
- Dance
- Drama
- Visual Arts



Band

- The **Grade 10 Concert Band** is open to students with previous experience in instrumental music
- **Band IB** is available to incoming grade 10 students. This program is an excellent way for students in Partial IB or Full IB to **include Music IB as an Arts component (group 6) of their IB enrollment**
- **Brass, Woodwind, Percussion, String players and Pianists** are eligible to enroll in Band Program
- Band courses are offered in both the day block and the AM block before school. The AM block provides students with a full academic schedule the ability to enroll in the program.
- *Each year students perform at the Jack Singer Concert Hall, compete in festivals, attend band camp and participate on an annual spring performance tour*



Choir



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- Choir is open to every student at the grade 10 level and does not require any previous experience in singing
- We offer two vocal performance ensembles:
 - **Festival Chorus** (treble choir)
 - **Concert Choir** (mixed voices)
- You will have the opportunity to compete in local and provincial festivals, and host performances at Knox United Church
- The Choral Program is available in the AM block, allowing students to access the course with a full academic schedule



Dance



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- The Dance Program at Western provides opportunity for both new and experienced dancers
- No experience required to enroll in a Dance course at Western. All skill levels are welcome!
- You will have the opportunity to work with a specialist Dance teacher and guest artists, allowing you to study many genres of Dance including *Ballet*, *Lyrical*, *Jazz*, *Contemporary*, and *Hip Hop*
- Exciting student showcase performances occur in each semester of the school year



Drama



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- The Drama Program holds two major productions annually for students to explore performance
- You will have the opportunity to perform, participate in the Calgary High School Drama Festival, and to be a part of student-directed productions
- If behind the scenes is more of a fit for you, we also have an incredible Technical Theatre Program
- No previous experience is required to enroll in our Drama or Technical Theatre intro courses



Visual Arts



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- **Art 10** provides an introduction to the use of a variety of materials and technical skills including: work with sketch pencils, charcoals, pen and ink, pastels, watercolor, print making, clay and acrylic paints
- For students in the **IB Program**, you may want to consider **Art IB** to be a part of your schedule
- No experience is required for enrollment in Art 10 or Art 10 IB.






Discover our Fine and Performing Arts Program

Visit our school website

Teaching & Learning > Classes & Departments > Fine and Performing Arts

(<https://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/westerncanada/teaching-learning/classes-departments/fine-arts/>)



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Fine and Performing Arts

Western Canada High School is proud of its flourishing Fine and Performing Arts Program. Each school year, 50% of the student population is enrolled in at least one of the Fine Arts disciplines (Band, Choir, Dance, Drama, and Visual Arts). Most of the Fine Arts offerings at Western for students entering grade 10 do not require any previous experience or prerequisites. Opportunities are provided in every facet of the Fine and Performing Arts Program for students wishing to pursue excellence.

At the links below, you will find information on all of the **entry-level classes available to incoming grade 10 students** and the appropriate registration information for those classes.

For **current grade 10 and 11** students at Western, information for Fine and Performing Arts course registration and sequence can also be found at the links below.

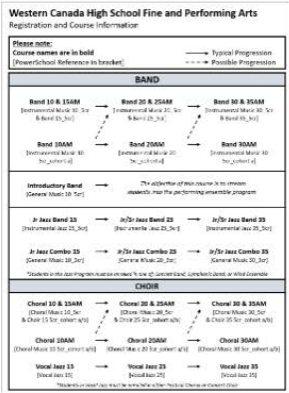
For PowerSchool course codes, please reference the registration chart available under 'Resources' on the right of this page.

We want to help you get involved in our program, so please do not hesitate to contact any one of the Fine and Performing Arts teachers. All teacher contact information is available on the website. You may also direct any questions to the Learning Leader for the Fine and Performing Arts Program, Mr. Brendan Hagan at behagan@cbe.ab.ca

- Band
- Choir
- Dance

Resources

[Fine and Performing Arts Registration and Course Information](#)



You will find:

- All the information you will need when considering Fine and Performing Arts courses available to you as a new student to Western
- Course Descriptions
- Registration Information
- Photo Gallery
- Student Testimonials



Physical Education

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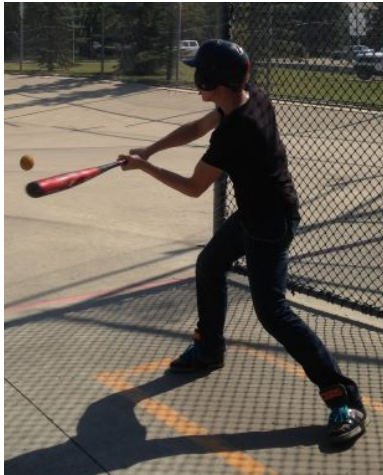
Three Main Disciplines:

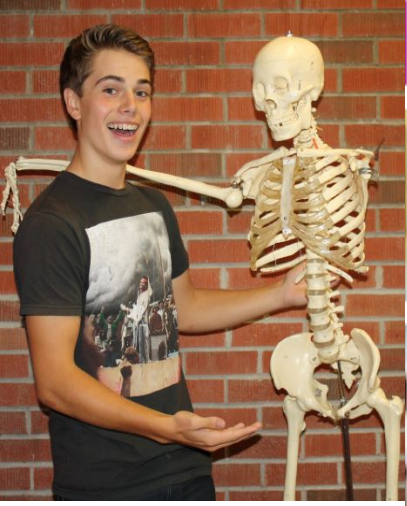
Physical Education, Sports Medicine and Sports Performance



Physical Education

- Physical Education 10 is a required course for graduation in Alberta
- Physical Education 20 and 30 transitions from more traditional on-campus activities to many off-campus, lifelong activities such as canoeing, hiking, golf and squash etc.
- Physical Education 30 can be used as a post-secondary entrance course in many programs and Universities across Canada. In Alberta, it can be used at the UofA, UofC, MRU and the UofL to name a few.
- Physical Education 30 Leadership is a full year, 10 credit program that combines the regular PE 30 program with an athletic based leadership course.





Sports Medicine

- Sports Medicine is taught in 3 levels: Introduction, Intermediate and Advanced.
- Sports Medicine students are a valuable part of our athletics program and is a great way to become involved in our sports community.
- Students will learn basic anatomy, mechanism of injuries, injury prevention, injury treatment and rehabilitation.
- Students will have the opportunity to work closely with one of our Western sports teams. The Introductory level will have a ten-hour commitment where they will observe the work of senior trainers. Students in Intermediate and Advanced levels will have more of their course dedicated to their practicum, as they spend more time focusing on injury prevention and the treatment of injuries.
- Sports Medicine is a great introduction for students interested in careers in Physiotherapy, Kinesiology or Medicine.



Sports Performance

- Sports Performance is taught in 3 levels: Introduction, Intermediate and Advanced.
- Students will train to improve their Strength, Speed, Agility, Quickness, Flexibility, Core stability and Power. Time will be spent training in our fitness center and classroom topics explore Anatomy, Sports Nutrition, Sports Psychology and how to build your own program.
- Sports Performance is a physically intense course designed to help students reach their athletic potential.





ATHLETICS

Sheldon Brady



Sports Offered

- Fall Season – Cross Country, Girls Soccer, Football, Volleyball
- Winter Season – Swim & Dive, Cheer, Basketball, Wrestling, Badminton
- Spring Season – Boys Soccer, Rugby, Field Hockey, Track & Field

Ways to get involved

- Team manager, statistician, Videographer, Photographer, Online Streaming
- Sports Medicine Program, Leadership Program, Physical Education Program





French Immersion & International Languages Learning Leader Mme / Sra. Lucille Bergerman labergerman@cbe.ab.ca



There are many reasons to come study at WCHS:



- Academic and International Baccalaureate programs
- Fine Arts
- CTS – Career & Technology Studies
- Clubs and Co-curricular activities and athletics
- **Languages**





Why would you want to study languages at Western Canada High School?

- Enhanced lifetime experiences
- Travelling
- Work opportunities
- Advantages due to globalization
- Appreciation of other cultures
- Promotion of lifelong learning





LANGUAGES:

- **French Immersion Programme**



- **FLA: 10, 20, 30**
- **Mathématiques 10, 20, 30 (31)**
- **Études Sociales 10, 20, 30 (35IB)**

These courses are offered at the IB level as well.

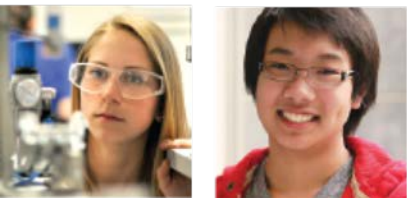




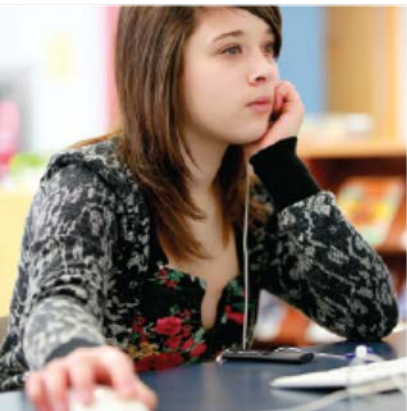
French Immersion experiences:

- **Debate**
- **House of commons**
- **Exchange programs**
- **International job opportunities**
- **Student comments on the YouTube video**





Languages:



- **FRENCH as a Second Language:**
- **FSL and International Baccalaureate 10, 20, 30, 31**
- **Student experiences**
- **Besançon**





LANGUAGES:



- **SPANISH Language & Culture 10, 20, 30**
- **SPANISH IB – 10 Honors, 20IB, 30IB, 31IB, 35IB**
- From basic / beginner Spanish to...
- Students wishing to pursue high level studies in Spanish
- Student experiences
- Travel opportunities





LANGUAGES:



- Japanese Language and Culture 10, 20, 30
- Japanese exchanges
- Trip to Japan





The International Languages Certificate

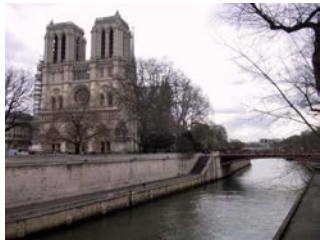
- Established in 2008
- Obtaining credits
 - at the 30 level or higher
 - in two or more languages



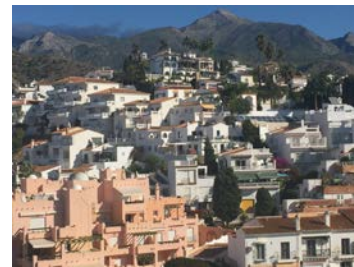
- Come join us and live a grand three-year adventure.



- En français:



- En español:





Closing Comments: Darrin Whitbread

Excellent Resources:

- WCHS Website
- E-mail: westerncanada@cbe.ab.ca
- Your child's junior high
- CBE Registration Documents: <https://cbe.ab.ca/registration/registration/Pages/High-School-Registration.aspx>



Thank-you for joining us!

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