

Westwood Junior High School

Course description information



ARTS VISUELS

This two-year course is a hands-on course where students are given the opportunity to develop their creative and expressive abilities through doing various art projects. At the same time, they are developing observational and technical skills. Students are challenged as they are guided in discovering their own potential. Over the two year period students explore a wide range of art mediums and materials in a bright, spacious art room. The students' art work is displayed on an ongoing basis throughout the school year.



DRAMA

In this two year course, students will learn to communicate through voice, gesture and body language. They will create, perform and appreciate dramatic works through fun activities like: games, skits, plays, videos, puppets, circus arts and improvisational theatre. Drama helps students to gain confidence and ease in front of others, which benefits them both in and outside of school.



MUSIC

In this two year course, students have the pleasure of playing a wind or percussion instrument. At the beginning of Grade 7, students try all of the different instruments and choose one that they like to play. We begin to play our instrument by learning the musical basics so if you have no musical experience at all, you will be part of the majority. If you have some musical experience, you have the advantage. As a bonus, we perform concerts throughout the year for our community and take trips to compete at the provincial and national levels. Pre-requisites are not mandatory for students going into grade 7. There is one extra-curricular rehearsal per week in Grade 8 which is part of the music course. All students are expected to participate in all concerts, recording, competitions, and events. Over-night trips are optional. There is a one-time fee for the uniform (burgundy band sweater).