

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School students are in Grades 7 and 8. In the journey towards the development of autonomy and responsibility, students are in the phase that we call the transition years. Based on an interdisciplinary/team-teaching model, the Middle School supports the students' growing maturity with a dynamic team of teachers specially dedicated to this age group.

ARTS ROTATION

In addition to the enriched academic program, Middle School students are required to take the following four courses over the two years, allowing them to expand their horizons: Art, Debating, Drama, Music History/Appreciation. Students may opt to take Jazz Band instead of the arts rotation.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

In Middle School, math and science tutorials are offered every week. These tutorials enable students to catch up on work missed due to absence or to come in and sort out any difficulties they might have. Science tutorials are also an opportunity for students to receive one-on-one help with science fair projects, a traditional kiosk in Grade 7 and a virtual science fair in Grade 8.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Students from Grades 9 to 11 are prepared to exercise a greater level of independence. During these independence years, they have the opportunity to choose more academic and arts options. The Senior School offers a solid and thorough preparation for college and university. Senior School students spend the majority of their time in the Macaulay Building on Stanton Street. Students also have access to facilities in the two other buildings on campus (computer labs, students' agora, chemistry, physics, and biology science labs, dining room, and library).

PROGRAMME DE FRANÇAIS

L'élève reçoit une solide préparation afin de pouvoir bien communiquer en français, tant à l'écrit qu'à l'oral. Il est amené à développer ses habiletés à l'expression orale, à l'écoute, à la lecture et à l'écriture et est encouragé à s'exprimer avec plaisir et assurance en français. Il est aussi exposé à la culture francophone par le biais d'une grande variété d'activités culturelles : sorties au théâtre, au cinéma, visites aux musées, concours d'art oratoire, participation aux concours littéraires, rencontres avec des auteurs, des chansonniers et des éditeurs qui oeuvrent dans le milieu culturel francophone. L'élève évolue ainsi dans un environnement visant à développer les connaissances nécessaires pour communiquer et vivre dans une société francophone.

Le programme de français au secondaire offre trois niveaux : français langue maternelle, français langue enrichie et français niveau régulier. Tout élève qui entre en 7^e année aura passé un examen de classement au mois de juin et sera placé dans l'un des groupes selon ses connaissances et ses besoins. Le classement est réévalué chaque fin d'année.

MATH LEVELS

Three levels of math are offered in the Senior School, each streamed according to ability: enriched, advanced and calculus (for Grade 11 students). There are, on average, 12 students for each math class.

LAPTOP PROGRAM

The ACCESS laptop program ensures that every student from Grades 7 to 11 has his own laptop for use in school

and at home. These tools support project-based learning involving research, inquiry, analysis, and critical thinking, and they allow students to demonstrate their understanding through new media.

TEACHER ADVISORY GROUPS (TAG)

In 2008, Teacher Advisory Groups (TAG) were established for secondary school students. These small groups provide an opportunity for more focused attention on individual student needs and guidance. The major objectives of the program are to: provide students with an adult mentor at school, assist and encourage each student to monitor his academic performance, provide a venue to discuss important issues, and enhance positive engagement in school life. Each Middle or Senior School group consists of six to eight students and one faculty advisor. Groups meet twice a week, and a general assembly is held bi-weekly.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SERVICE

LEARNING

In Middle and Senior School students are encouraged to get involved with charitable organizations about which they are passionate. In Middle School, students typically work in groups to develop ideas about how they can make a difference for a specific charity. Sometimes they volunteer at the organization, and other times they fundraise by organizing events or activities. Regardless of the help provided, students always raise awareness about the cause and why their charity exists. In Senior School, students work towards a specific number of volunteer hours to achieve their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Many students volunteer in groups at charitable events in the evenings and on weekends. The focus of all service opportunities is to give students a chance to use their talents and skills to give back to the community.

LEADERSHIP

The Senior School Leadership program has developed significantly over the last few years. In 2011-12, students can participate in monthly House events, to encourage friendly competition and to build a sense of school spirit. Students are encouraged to put their ideas into action with the support of the Prefects. Activities scheduled for 2011-12 are: Leadership Camp, Shave to Save, Halloween Day, Middle School Dance, Music Fest, House Days including motivational speakers, and more. Selwyn House School will also host the 2012 Canadian Association of Independent Schools Student Leadership Conference, which welcomes 200 students from across Canada here in Montreal.

ACTIVITIES

Middle and Senior School students are involved in a wide variety of activities and field trips such as the interdisciplinary trip to Europe, Social Justice trip, Service Learning trip to India, Career Day, Virtual Science Fair, House activity days, the carnival, back-to-school orientation activities, and several sports trips. Students enjoy challenging themselves both nationally and internationally through public speaking, debating, essay writing, music, math and science competitions. The robotics competition is one of the many highlights at the school. Students also participate in activities such as drama, music productions and dances with students from local girls' schools.

CURRICULUM 2011-2012 - MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL

GRADES 7 AND 8

- English
- Français*
niveaux: régulier, enrichi ou langue maternelle
- Math
- History
- Géographie**
- Science and Technology
- Ethics & Religious Culture

GRADE 9

- English
- Français*
niveaux: régulier, enrichi ou langue maternelle
- Math: Enriched, Accelerated
- Science and Technology
- Histoire**
- Ethics & Religious Culture

GRADE 10

- English
- Français*
niveaux: régulier, enrichi ou langue maternelle
- Math: Accelerated, Science (S), Technical Science (TS)
- Histoire**
- Science and Technology
- Environmental Science

GRADE 11

- English
- Français*
niveaux: régulier, enrichi ou langue maternelle
- Math: Calculus, Science (S), Technical Science (TS)
- Contemporary World

OPTION

(Empty space for options in Grades 7 & 8)

- (GR. 9 CHOOSE ONE)**
- Computer Studies and Programming
 - Creative Writing
 - Current Events
 - Effective Reading and Writing
 - Spanish
 - Sports Physiology

- GRADES 9 AND 11 (CHOOSE ONE)**
- Art
 - Digital Art (Gr.11)
 - Drama
 - Music

- (GRADES 10 & 11 CHOOSE TWO HALF-YEAR COURSES)**
- AP Physics (Gr. 11)
 - Biology-Current Issues in Genetics
 - Biology-Evolution & Genetics
 - Biology-Human Systems
 - Computer Media I
 - Computer Programming
 - Debating and Public Speaking
 - Drama-Improvisation
 - Drawing

- From Rock 'n' Roll to Rap
- Honours English
- Honours Science (Gr.11)
- Law
- Leadership
- Spanish (full-year)
- U.S. History

- (GRADE 11 CHOOSE TWO FULL-YEAR COURSES)**
- Chemistry
 - Economics
 - Multimedia Projects
 - Physics
 - World History

ARTS

- TWO STUDIED IN GRADE 7 AND TWO STUDIED IN GRADE 8**
- Art
 - Debating
 - Drama
 - Music History/Appreciation
- Or students can take Jazz Band full-time in both grades

- GR. 9 TO 11 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (OPTIONAL: CHOOSE ONE OR MORE)**
- Debating
 - Jazz Band
 - Photography
 - Public Speaking
 - Robotics

- School Newspaper
- School Play
- Social Justice and Development
- Yearbook

GRADES 7 & 8 PHYS ED.

- Football
- Soccer teams
- Rock climbing
- Badminton
- Fitness

GRADES 9 TO 11 PHYS ED.

- Badminton
- Intramural Soccer
- Fitness

- X-country running
- Football teams
- Soccer teams

- Rock climbing
- Squash
- Rowing

FALL

WINTER

SPRING

- Hockey teams
- Basketball teams
- Rock climbing
- Wrestling
- Fitness
- Curling (Gr.8)

- Tennis
- Fitness
- Basketball teams

- Curling team
- Hockey teams
- Intramural Basketball

- Squash
- Wrestling team

- Rugby teams
- Ball Hockey
- Baseball (Gr. 8)
- Tennis (Gr. 8)
- Badminton
- Fitness
- Rock climbing

- Rowing
- Baseball team
- Golf
- Rugby teams

- Tennis team
- Ball hockey league
- Track team
- Fitness

- Rock climbing
- Badminton

*Français – les différents niveaux sont offerts selon le besoin des élèves. **Cours enseigné en français. ***85% average in math and science.