



Welcome to Highland, Grade 8's!

GRADE 8 EXPLORATORIES

ART 8

Students will be exposed to many different media and techniques in this fast paced survey course. Both 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional compositions will be explored with a focus on creative expression. A basic understanding of colour theory as well as the principles and elements of design will guide students through this project focused curriculum.

BAND 8

We are very pleased that you are interested in taking Band at Highland next year! This is a fun and exciting journey that you are about to begin and we would like to outline some of the opportunities that will be available to you. Students may choose one of the following instruments to learn: flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, bass guitar and percussion. Hopefully the instrument demonstrations at the elementary schools have helped you narrow down your choices to one or two instruments. Once you start Band in September not only will you be learning to play an instrument you will also be learning to read music, play pieces in a variety of different styles as part of a large group and make a lot of new friends. Grade 8's will also have the opportunity to participate in a number of public performances throughout the year including the local music festival, Christmas and Spring concerts and a Spring trip. Students who are in Band will also have the opportunity to join and perform in the Jazz Band. No previous musical experience is necessary and you do not need to own your own instrument. If you like the fun and challenge of performing with friends, then this is the course for you!

CAREER EDUCATION 8

In Career Education 8, students will acquire the knowledge, and develop the skills and attitudes to assist them in making informed decisions related to their health, their education, and their future careers.

DRAMA 8

Drama 8 is part of the exploratory cycle at Highland. It is five weeks in length and is meant to be an introduction to the daily working of an ensemble drama class. Everything we do in drama, we do together. You will never have to do any solo work, unless you want to. Units of instruction include the Canadian Improv Games, role-drama, theatrical makeup, air-bands, introductory stagecraft, and ensemble theme based dramas. Bring lots of enthusiasm! This is your chance to discover if drama will be your destiny all through high school!

FOODS 8

Food 8 is a course that focuses on the importance of good nutrition and methods of food cookery. Safety and time management are focused on during food preparation.

INQUIRY 8

Inquiry 8 is an elective course that gives students the opportunity to pursue, in depth, a topic/question of interest.

The course ends with a showcase of all projects. The very best projects will be selected to represent Highland at the school district Inquiry Fair in the Spring.

MEDIA 8

This class will allow students to explore desktop publishing and graphic design. They will learn how to make their documents look their best and how to work with pictures and graphics in their assignments; students may have the opportunity to produce their own magazine. Internet use and beginning web design will also be covered.

ROBOTICS 8

In Robotics / Electronics 8 you will design, plan and build working robots. Machine and hand tools will be used to bring theory and the student's ideas from concept to working products. You will make motor controls, electronic circuits and simple machines which will control robots. This class is designed to challenge the students and improve their technical skills.

WOODWORK

This is a hands on course to learn basic hand tool techniques, intermediate methods of joinery and finishing, plus a wide selection of machine safety and skills. Most projects are of the hand held size and are offered at no cost to students. Students also will experience the challenges of engineering by designing, building and testing CO powered cars. This class will introduce you in a fun and interactive way to the basic engineering principles, challenges and rewards that are encountered in today's complex world.

CLUBS, GROUPS AND EXTRA CURRICULARS

The following are just some of the activities that happen at Highland. Have some fun and get involved!

Athletic Opportunities:

Basketball, Volleyball, Ski and Snowboard, Track and Field, Rugby, Soccer, Cross Country Running, golf, badminton Rugby, Mountain Biking

Clubs and Other Opportunities:

Eco Team	Interact Club	Leadership	Model UN Club
Youth Unlimited	Jazz Band	Chorus	Yearbook
Musical	Improv Team	Robotics Club	
Gender Sexuality Alliance (GEA)		Girls' Group	Guys' Group
Highland Aboriginal Student Council (HASC)			

For more information check out Highland's website www.highlandsecondary.ca or contact:

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