# Course Selection Assemblies 

 and Information for Parents for new Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12's of 2019/20February 19 \& 26, 2019


## Claremont Course Selection Information

Tuesday February 19th 6:00-7:00 p.m. Ridge Theatre

PAC Meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

## Purpose of Information Session:

- To learn about the many course options available to students at Claremont.
- To understand the process of selecting the right courses.

Who should attend?:

- Parent/guardians of students' new to Claremont 2019/20.


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To understand some of the changes with new curriculum.

## Agenda



1. 6:00-6:50 Course Information for Parent/Guardians - Ridge Theatre - Mr. Westhaver, Mr. Pama and Ms. Giese
2. 7:00-8:00-Break out sessions Programs of Choice
a. Claremont Sports Institute (CSI) - Gym Mr. Reisig, Mr. Ohl, Mr. Pereira
b. Institute for Global Solutions (IGS) - Rm 264 Dr. Mitchell, Mr. Neufeld
c. Pursuit of Excellence Program (PEP) - Rm 323 Mrs. Tong
d. Dual Credit Courses - Rm. Mrs. Heppell
3. 7:00-8:00-PAC Meeting - Learning Commons - Mr. Westhaver, Mrs. de Klerk

## The Administrators



Mr. Westhaver

Principal

Mr. Pereira<br>Vice-Principal



Mrs. de Klerk

Vice-Principal

## The Counselling Team



School Counsellor, South
Zone District Advocate.


School Counsellor


Ms. Huber
Youth and Family Worker


Scholarship Coordinator


## The Career Center Team



Ms. Rhodes
Career Center
Coordinator


Mr. Arsenault
Careers Teacher



## What is Happening with this new Curriculum?

"British Columbia's graduation program is changing. Our education system has been recognized internationally for its excellence and we can make it even better. The Ministry of Education has worked with educators, post-secondary institutions and employers to update the B.C. Graduation Program. The new program will help students develop their full potential and equip them with the skills they need to adapt and thrive well into the future."

## What's staying the same?

- High standards focused on foundational skills of reading writing, and math
- 80 Credits to graduate (52 required 28 electives)
- Letter grades and percentages on report cards and transcripts $(10,11,12)$
- Alternative ways to earn credits (WEX, independent directed study, external credits, dual credits...


## 2018 Graduation Program Requirements

## The 52 required credits are:

- Two Career Education courses (8 credits total)
- Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)
- Science 10 (4 credits)
- One Science 11 or 12 course (4 credits)
- Social Studies 10 (4 credits)
- One Social Studies 11 or 12 course (4 credits)
- One Math 10 course (4 credits)
- One Math 11 or 12 course ( 4 credits)

- One English 10 course (4 credits)*
- One English 11 course (4 credits)
- One English 12 course (4 credits)
- One Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or
- One Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 course (4 credits)


## What's changing?

- New curriculum is learner centered.
- A range of new course offerings i.e. web design, robotics, engineering, environmental sciences,
- Focus on what student will know, be able to do and understand
- Critical thinking, communication, and personal and social core competencies are emphasized across all grades
- Indigenous knowledges and perspectives woven across all areas on learning
- New Career-Life Education program


## Career Life Education \& Connections

Two new career education courses are being introduced, giving students an opportunity to explore Career pathways, and develop the skills needed to manage their career and life transitions.

Career-Life Education: 8 credits of Career Education required for graduation as two courses -Career-Life Education (CLE) and Career-Life Connections (CLC):

- CLE $10=4$ credits and CLC 11/12 = $2+2$ credits
- A final grade will be provided for CLC (compared to "Requirements Met" used in Graduation Transitions).
- 30 hours of work experience or career-life explorations included as a component of CLC.
- A Capstone presentation is included as a component of CLC


## Three new Provincial Graduation Assessments

Rigorous, assessment aligned with new curriculum that will provide students with their proficiency in numeracy and literacy.

Not based on specific courses, but on numeracy and literacy developed across all grades and areas of learning

- The new Graduation Numeracy Assessment was introduced in 2018
- The new Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment will be introduced in 2019/20
- The New Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment will be introduced in 2020/21

Note on the Language Arts 12 exams: Students graduating in 2018/19 school year will not write a literacy assessment. They will be the last class to write the course based Language Arts 12 provincial exam.

## What is the registration process and how do I know if I am accepted?

Claremont Website



## First day of school -- start up 2019



- We will model kindness and caring relationships with our new grade 9's (and all our students)
- Day one Grade 9's and Grade 12's are here together
- Safe opportunities to explore new student schedules and school
- End of day welcoming BBQ hosted by Grade 12's for the Grade 9's
- Day two Gr. 10 and 11 only for start-up
- Day three, all grades at school



## A typical Day for grade 9 students...



- Four classes per day, or more...
- Some classes are linear
- Homeroom by grade
- Classes 85 minutes in length
- Spares not permitted
- Homework will be part of your routine
- Teacher available for assistance
- Google Classroom, district Gmail accounts
*semester system can sneak up fast on students

| Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
| :--- | :--- |
| AM (PEP, Band) | AM (PEP, Band) |
| 1. Math | 1. Elective (AS) |
| 2. P.E. | 2. S.S. |
| Lunch | Lunch |
| 3. English | 3. Science |
| 4. Elective (FA) | 4. French/Spanish |
| PM (Stage, Musical <br> Theatre... | PM (Stage, Musical <br> Theatre... |

## This year's Gr. 9's

- Will have completed all core subjects and electives for total of 8 classes
- Will have experienced exam weeks in January and June.
- Gr. 9's should not have spares blocks
- Are expected to have a Fine Art and Applied Skill course
- Should be very thoughtful about enrolling in online courses, i.e. SIDES -they need to understand the commitment
- Begin planning for graduation program


## This year's Gr. 10's



- Classroom assessment for Math 10, Eng 10, Sc. 10 and others
- No Provincial Exams
- Exam weeks in January and June as usual.
- No spare blocks permitted
- First cohort to have completed Career Life Education and MyBluePrint


## This year's Gr. 11's



- Have already completed a Math 11, a Science 11, English 11, S.S. 11
- Have completed the Ministry Numeracy Assessment
- Exam weeks in January and June as usual.
- Will be the final cohort enrolled in Grad Transition for their Grade 12 year
- Be mindful of credit count


## English Language Arts at Grades 10 \& 11

## Literary Studies \& Composition 10

- formerly called English 10


## Literary Studies 11

- formerly called English 11

Both focus on the interpretation of texts, organization of ideas, and development of critical thinking.

Assignment options will include New Media, Creative Writing, and/or Spoken Word.

## English Studies 12 English First Peoples 12 Literature Focus \& New Media Focus

## Three Options

- are recognized by universities and colleges
- are equally rigorous and will prepare students for success after graduation
- focus on the interpretation of texts, organization of ideas, and development of critical thinking.


## English Studies 12:

## Literature Focus

- Literary Essay Writing
- Literary Analysis of Fiction
- Personal Essay and Creative Compositions
- Creative Projects


## New Media Focus

- Persuasive/Argumentative Writing
- Rhetorical Skill Development
- Research-Based Journalism (podcasts, blogging, interviews...)
- Speeches/Debates, and Spoken Word

Resources Include: screenplays, spoken word poetry, nonfiction, short stories, and essays
\# Please talk to your current teachers to make the best course choices based on your personal strengths and interests

## Social Studies 11/12

- $\quad$ The following courses will meet the requirement in 2019/2020:
- Social Studies Explorations 11
- BC First Nations 12
- Physical Geography 12
- Human Geography 12 (IGS)
- Political Studies 12 (IGS 11)
- History 12
- Law 12
- Social Justice 12
- Philosophy 12



## Math Pathways - choose carefully



## Science 10, 11, 12

- Science 10
- Science 11
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Life Sciences (Biology 11)
- Earth Science
- Science for Citizens
- Environmental Science

Astronomy 11 (offered every 2nd years) -- an elective

- Science 12
- Anatomy \& Physiology (Biology 12)
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Environmental Science


## French and Spanish all levels



- French and Spanish 9-12
- Language courses offered inside and outside class, on-line
- Some Canadian and U.S. Universities require a language, program dependant
- We encourage students to take a language up to grade 11


## Our Grad Tracking Form is a useful tool

- Each course worth 4 credits.
- To Graduate you must have 80 credits
- Will you be on the right path for course credits?


# GRADE 9-12 NEW GRAD PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 

## Tracking Form - Are You On The Right Path?

Check off what courses you have and will complete by the end of the year. Circle courses you are planning to take next year. Each grade 10-12 course $=4$ credits.

| Personal Notes | GRADE 9 | GRADE 10 (4 credits per class) | GRADE 11 (4 credits per class) | GRADE 12(4 credits per class) | Year 5/Year 6and Post High School Plan:For more informationwww.educationplannerbc.ca |
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|  |  | Ongoing verification of Post-Secondary entry requirements is strongly recommended due to variations between Institutions and continual changes of their requirements. |  |  |  |
|  | English 9 | English Lit \& Composition 10 | English 11 | English Studies 12 or AP English Lit 12/English 12 |  |
|  | Social Studies 9 | Social Studies 10 | SS 11 or Grade 12 SS option | Grade 12 elective |  |
|  | Math 9 or Math 9 Linear | Workplace Mathematics 10 or Foundations of Mathematics \& Pre-Calc 10 | App Math 11, Foundations 11 or Pre calculus 11 | Grade 12 Elective |  |
|  | Science 9 | Science 10 | Bio 11 or 12 , Phys 11, Chem 11, ESc 11 or Sc for Citizens 11 | Grade 12 Elective |  |
|  | Physical Health Education 9 | Physical Education 10 | Elective: | Career Life Connections/Capstone Project |  |
|  | Elective/Language: | Career Life Education 10 | Elective: | Grade 12 level Elective: |  |
|  | Applied Skill: | Elective: | Elective: | Grade 12 level Elective: |  |
|  | Fine Arts: | Elective: | Elective: | Elective: |  |
|  | Elective (AM/PM or online classes) | Elective (AM/PM or online classes) | Elective (AM/PM or online classes) | Elective (AM/PM or online classes) |  |
|  | No Credits | Credit total for grade 10: | Credit total for grade 11: | Credit total for grade 12: | Total Grade 10 to 12 credits: |

Total minimum credits required for graduation $=80$ (Many students will have more)
 require a minimum of 16 credits at the Grade 12 level, and a minimum of 28 elective course credits.

| Gr. 10-12 Fine Art/Applied Skill : | Apprenticeship \& Dual Credit Programs | Work Experience Credit: (See Career Office) | Numeracy Assessment: | Literacy Assessment: |
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| Course: | (if applicable): | 30 Hr ( (requirement of Career Life Connections) | 1st Attempt (date) | 1st Attempt (date) |
|  | Program: | WEX 12A (100 Hrs.) Placement(s): | 2nd Attempt (date) | 2nd Attempt (date) |
|  |  | WEX 12B (100 Hrs.) Placement(s): | 3rd Attempt (date) | 3rd Attempt (date) |



All students must have an Applied Skill or Fine Arts course for Graduation (4 credits)

These Credits may be achieved at the Gr. 10, 11, or 12 level


Fine Arts include subjects like:
Art
Photography
Dance
Musical Theater
Band
Choir

Applied Skills include subjects like:
Drafting
Foods
Woodwork/Metal
Textiles
Marketing/Business/Accounting
Psychology 11
Strength/ Conditioning 11

## Electives can be...

- Applied Skills
- Fine Arts
- Academics
- Modern Languages
- Physical Education 11, 12



## Physical

 Health
## Education



- PE 9 and 10 are required
- Grade 11 and 12 PE classes are electives
- Consider your options:
- PE Boys (9 and 10)
- PE Girls (9 and 10)
- PE Rugby (9-12)
- PE Girls Lacrosse (9-12)
- Athletic Basketball (10-12)
- Strength and Conditioning 11/12


## Let's chat about Vaping for a moment...



## Tips for parents

## Talking to your child

- Know the facts
- Be patient and be ready to listen
- Avoid criticism
- Encourage an open dialogue

- Have a conversation -- do not to deliver a lecture.
- It is OK for your conversation to take place over time, in bits and pieces.
- Set a positive example by being tobacco free
- Find the right moment -- A more natural discussion will increase the likelihood that your teen will listen
- Answer their questions

We value mental well-being at Claremont


## Claremont Programs

- Institute for Global Solutions
- Claremont Sports Institute
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Rowing
- Aquatics
- Pursuit of Excellence Program
- Focus on Fine Arts Program
* Fees are attached to some programs


## Claremont Sports Institute

- Golf -- semester two only
- Aquatics
- Lacrosse
- Rowing
* Separate application required to be submitted to Claremont

Sport performance Courses:

- Basketball
- Rugby


## Pursuit of Excellence Program (PEP)

- Students to identify an area of interest in which they want to be challenged
- Excellence programs in Science, Math, Social Studies, Fine Arts, Applied Skills, PE, English, Business, Global Studies \& Modern Languages
- The program requires students to achieve a minimum of bronze in the Duke of Edinburgh awards program
- PEP students will meet at a common location outside the regular timetable (either morning, lunch or after school). At the meetings, students will gain skills in public speaking, studying and opportunities for work placement in their area of study.
- PEP students will receive 12-24 additional course credits

- Program dedicated to providing high-quality Fine Arts instruction and offering multiple opportunities for students to deepen and display their knowledge and appreciation of the Fine Arts.
- All students taking a Fine Arts course are automatically enrolled.
- Earn 40 credits of Fine Arts in grades 9-12 and receive Focus on Fine Arts Graduation Certificate when you graduate! Students will choose a focus area.


## Engineering 10, 11, 12

## Engineering Applications 10

- An introduction to computer based drafting, architectural design and structural engineering
- Electronics, robotics, programming and control mechanisms.


## Engineering Design 11/12

- Advanced drawing and design with an added focus on programming languages, electronics and robotics.


## Engineering 11/12

- Project development from inception to completion applying an iterative cycle of problem solving.
- Emphasis on a collaborative team approach and public speaking.


Are you passionate about Social Justice, the Environment, and coming up with solutions for a better future?

- Courses designed for students interested in sustainability, environmental ecology, and governance through:
- Social/Science 9 \& 10 yearlong
- Political Studies / International Relations 11, semester 2
- Environmental Science / Human Geography 12, semester 1


## Trades Exploration - TEX

- Introduction to trade opportunities for Gr. 11/12's
- Explore four disciplines
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Carpentry
- Welding / Machining
- Camosun Partnership
- Combination classroom and worksite experience
- 24 Graduation credits - Grades 11 \& 12
- Runs Semester 2, must have 16 students
* Completed English 11 and a Math 11 in semester one.



## Work Experience 12A \& B

- Part time, paid or unpaid employment can earn credits towards graduation
- Volunteering can also be used for this credit
- 15 years of age
- WEX A: 100 hours $=4$


## KEEP

CALM
AND
MAKE MONEY credits

- WEX B: 100 hours = 4 credits


## General Info for Post Secondary

- UVIC, UBC \& SFU - Eng. 12 and 3 Academic subjects at Gr. 12 level
- Please be aware changes are in process for admissions to some universities -- please keep up to date.
- Some Eastern Universities require Eng. 12 plus 4 Gr. 12 Academics
- Second Language - UBC/SFU and some Universities require it for general admission (Not UVic and some others)
- Foundations Math 11/12 \& Pre-Calculus 11/12 can be used for University admission
- Select your Math pathways carefully depending on your post-secondary goals
- Do your homework online re: specific entrance information on Post- Secondary institutions (there is a lot of variance)


## Advanced Placement (AP)

1. Earn credit for first year College and University
courses (depending on your AP Exam scores)
2. Exam and lab fees apply

- AP Biology 12
- AP Chemistry 12
- AP Physics 12
- AP English Language 12
- AP English Literature and Composition 12


## Dual Credit courses with Camosun

Earn credits for first year college course at Claremont

- Accounting 110
- Marketing 110
- Economics 103
- Business 140
- Criminology 154
- Psychology 130
- History 130
- Math 100


## Course Selection Sheets - Due Mar. 1, 2019

- Choose carefully - The timetable is determined by your selections!
- Students and parents should note that the school cannot guarantee that all courses will be offered unless there is sufficient enrollment.
- Grade 9-10 students are required to have a full schedule (Blocks 1-4 each semester). Spare blocks will not be scheduled
- Once again.....Choose carefully. Changes may not be possible (classes full or not running due to low numbers).


## SIDES

- Courses online through SD63
- Families must support this learning option
- SIDES course at grade 9/10 level does not mean you get a spare
- Students must make appointment with counsellor before considering SIDES.


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* Grade 12 courses need to be completed prior to graduation in June


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## Questions?

Counsellors and Administration are part of your team

Thank You

