

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT GRADE 9

1. What courses can I take in grade 9 at Canterbury?

Every student in grade 9 in an Ontario high school takes 8 courses. Of these courses, 7 are compulsory: Math, English, French, Geography, Physical Education, Science, and one Arts course (Drama, Visual Arts, Dance, or Music). The 8th course is an elective and, at Canterbury, students may choose from Introduction to Information Technology (Business), Integrated Technologies (Tech), or Spanish (Grade 10 Beginner).

2. What course levels are offered to grade 9 students?

In grade 9, academic or applied courses are offered in Math, Science, English, French, and Geography. A locally developed course is also available in Math for students performing below grade level. It is important that grade 8 students listen carefully to the suggestions of their current teachers and counsellors when completing the option sheet for Canterbury High School.

3. How many classes do I have each day?

Each semester you will have four 75 minute classes. Semester 1 runs from September to January. Semester 2 runs from February to June.

4. Can I begin accumulating the required community involvement hours before I begin grade nine?

Yes, students entering grade 9 in September can begin to complete their community involvement hours in July, following their completion of grade 8.

5. When will I receive information about the first day of school in September?

In August, a letter will be sent to incoming grade 9 students. This will tell them about the grade 9 orientation day organized by our Link Crew that will be held during the last week of August. Link Crew is a team of senior students selected to serve as mentors for our grade 9s throughout the school year, and this event is a kick-off to that mentorship. The August orientation day will include fun activities, timetable pickup, and a tour, as well as a barbeque put on by staff and student council. We encourage students to attend, as it can make the transition from grade 8 to grade 9 much less stressful.

6. When do I write the literacy test?

All students entering grade 9 will write the OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) in their grade 10 year.

7. What sorts of co-curricular events can I participate in at lunch, or after school?

There are many activities at Canterbury HS in which students can participate, including intramural sports, a weight room, various clubs, and student council activities. Canterbury sports teams include basketball, volleyball, ice hockey, swimming, rugby, wrestling, track and field, golf, soccer and alpine skiing.

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