



St. John's High School

Grade 9 Family Orientation Guide "Together in Education"

September 2020



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Greetings from admnistration!

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Joanne Sabourin and I am the Vice-Principal for our St. John's students from grades 7 through 9. I am very excited to get to know your children and serve the St. John's community and staff. I openly share with our students "that I am here for you, you are not here for me." Please feel free to reach out to me if ever needed, JSabourin@wsd1.org.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Sabourin

Vice Principal



A Message from Parent Council

Comprised of parents/guardians, grandparents, caregivers of St. John's High School as well as community members and organizations of the St. John's area, that support and are invested in the success of our students.

Our children, knowing we are involved in their education and the community of their school, is the most powerful influence of their success.

Together we work with and strive to complement the efforts of St. John's High School administration and its initiatives for student success.

Meeting days and format are to be determined. If you're interested in joining Parent Council, please email Melissa Critch at mcritch@wsd1.org.



Grade 9 Hallway and Classrooms

An exciting change for the grade 9s this year is that they are all gathered together in their own wing on the second floor. This change has many benefits, including safety, a sense of belonging and less travel in the building.

Also new is that each section of grade 9 remains in their assigned room and the teachers will come to the room to teach their own subject. Students have an assigned desk that only they will use each day. All desks are sanitized at the end of the school day.

In this grade 9 area, we hope to hold some activities specifically for them to promote community, collaboration, identity and fun.

2020-2021 School Calendar

OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 / Day 3	2 / Day 4	3
4	5 / Day 5	6 / Day 6	7 / Day 1	8 / Day 2	9 / Day 3	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Day	13 / Day 4	14 / Day 5	15 / Day 6	16 / Day 1	17
18	19 / Day 2	20 / Day 3	21 / Day 4	22 / Day 5	23 / Day 6	24
25	26 / Day 1	27 / Day 2	28 / Day 3	29 / Day 4	30 / Day 5	31

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 / Day 6	3 / Day 1	4 / Day 2	5 / Day 3	6 / Day 4	7
8	9 / Day 5	10 / Day 6	11 Remembrance Day	12 / Day 1	13 / Day 2	14
15	16 / Day 3	17 / Day 4	18 / Day 5	19 / Day 6	20 / Day 1 Non-Instructional	21
22	23 / Day 2	24 / Day 3	25 / Day 4	26 / Day 5	27 / Day 6	28
29	30 / Day 1					



**Friday, Oct. 23,
Province wide,
No School**

**Friday, Nov. 20, In-
Service No
School**

2020-2021 School Calendar

DECEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 / Day 2	2 / Day 3	3 / Day 4	4 / Day 5	5
6	7 / Day 6	8 / Day 1	9 / Day 2	10 / Day 3	11 / Day 4	12
13	14 / Day 5	15 / Day 6	16 / Day 1	17 / Day 2	18 / Day 3 Last Day Of School	19
20	21 Winter Break Starts	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Winter Break Ends	2
3	4 / Day 4 School Reopens	5 / Day 5	6 / Day 6	7 / Day 1	8 / Day 2	9
10	11 / Day 3	12 / Day 4	13 / Day 5	14 / Day 6	15 / Day 1	16
17	18 / Day 2	19 / Day 3	20 / Day 4	21 / Day 5	22 / Day 6	23
24	25 / Day 1	26 / Day 2	27 / Day 3	28 / Day 4	29 / Day 5	30
31						

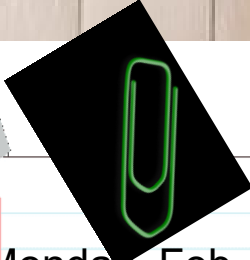
2020-2021 School Calendar

FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 / Day 6	2 / Day 1	3 / Day 2	4 / Day 3	5 / Day 4	6
7	8 / Day 5 Non-Instructional	9 / Day 6	10 / Day 1	11 / Day 2	12 / Day 3	13
14	15 Louis Riel Day	16 / Day 4	17 / Day 5	18 / Day 6	19 / Day 1	20
21	22 / Day 2	23 / Day 3	24 / Day 4	25 / Day 5	26 / Day 6	27
28						

MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1 / Day 1	2 / Day 2	3 / Day 3	4 / Day 4	5 / Day 5	6
7	8 / Day 6	9 / Day 1	10 / Day 2	11 / Day 3	12 / Day 4	13
14	15 / Day 5	16 / Day 6	17 / Day 1	18 / Day 2	19 / Day 3 Non-Instructional	20
21	22 / Day 4	23 / Day 5	24 / Day 6	25 / Day 1	26 / Day 2 Last Day Of School	27
28	29 Spring Break Starts	30	31			



Monday, Feb. 8,
In-Service,
No School

Friday, Mar. 19,
In-Service,
No School

2020-2021 School Calendar

APRIL 2021

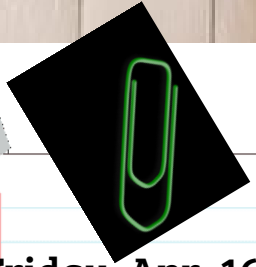
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 / Good Friday Spring Break Ends	3
4	5 / Day 3 School Reopens	6 / Day 4	7 / Day 5	8 / Day 6	9 / Day 1	10
11	12 / Day 2	13 / Day 3	14 / Day 4	15 / Day 5	16 / Day 6 Non-Instructional	17
18	19 / Day 1	20 / Day 2	21 / Day 3	22 / Day 4	23 / Day 5	24
25	26 / Day 6	27 / Day 1	28 / Day 2	29 / Day 3	30 / Day 4	

MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 / Day 5 Non-Instructional	4 / Day 6	5 / Day 1	6 / Day 2	7 / Day 3	8
9	10 / Day 4	11 / Day 5	12 / Day 6	13 / Day 1	14 / Day 2	15
16	17 / Day 3	18 / Day 4	19 / Day 5	20 / Day 6	21 / Day 1	22
23	24 Victoria Day	25 / Day 2	26 / Day 3	27 / Day 4	28 / Day 5	29
30	31 / Day 6					

JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 / Day 1	2 / Day 2	3 / Day 3	4 / Day 4	5
6	7 / Day 5	8 / Day 6	9 / Day 1	10 / Day 2	11 / Day 3	12
13	14 / Day 4	15 / Day 5	16 / Day 6	17 / Day 1	18 / Day 2	19
20	21 / Day 3	22 / Day 4	23 / Day 5	24 / Day 6	25 / Day 1	26
27	28 / Day 2	29 / Day 3	30 / Day 4 Last Day Of School			



Friday, Apr. 16,
No School

Monday, May 3,
No School



Health & Safety Protocols

Masks are required where social distancing of 6 feet is not possible.

We strongly suggest students wear them in common areas like the hallways, library and cafeteria.

Directional arrows guiding traffic flow and reminding students and staff to social distance are placed throughout the school.

- There are many **sanitization stations** around the school, and at all entry/exit doors. The best safety measure your child can take is to wash their hands for 20 seconds.
- Every classroom has been set up so that all students are safe and **social distanced** appropriately, as directed by the Province of Manitoba.

There are designated entry/exit doors for grades 7-8 and 9-12.



Cohorts

Cohorts are small groups of students that attend school together.

At St. John's we have 2 cohorts.
Last name A-J
Last name K-Z

In September:

- A- J came on days 1, 3 and 5
 - K-Z came on days 2, 4 and 6.
- These will switch every month.

Though your child attends only one of every two days, we encourage them to have a mindset of learning every day.

Students are expected to complete any unfinished classwork at home.

Please also encourage your child to check google classroom for notifications from their teachers.



Attendance, Absences, Lates, Appointments

-Attendance is crucial to a student's success at school. As such, we are very invested with every child's regular attendance.

Here is an overview of our attendance guidelines:

-Late: a student is considered late if they are not in class at the beginning of class. If they are more than 30 minutes late, or miss more than 30 minutes of class, they are considered absent. 3 lates is considered an absence.

-3 consecutive absences:	the teacher will call home.
-8 absences in a course:	a letter will be sent home.
-12 absences in a course:	another letter will be sent and an appointment with administration may be required.



Attendance, Absences, Lates, Appointments

If your child has a **medical appointment or is sick**, please call the school to verify their absence (204-589-4374)



Welcome to Guidance

Ms. Denys is the grade 9 and 10 guidance counsellor at St. John's High School.

She is available by appointments on days students are at school, by phone, or through online face to face appointments on days when students are not at school.

She welcomes any opportunity to meet with students and discuss any of the following topics with students:

- timetables/scheduling
- friendships
- self esteem
- positive mindset/goal setting
- personal worries
- anxiety and stress
- relationship issues
- personal growth
- future plans
- topics of students choice

Students may schedule an appointment in guidance or via email.

Ms. Denys' email address is: sdenys@wsd1.org



Growth Mindset



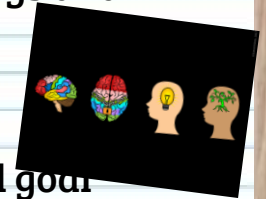
Our school journey, beginning this year, is the development of a **growth mindset** for all students and educators with the support of families.

-Growth mindset thinking involves a positive mind set and a belief that one's abilities and talents can be developed and improved with persistence, practice, and effort.

A growth mindset values learning as an ongoing process that **every person** can take part in.

-We want to support all learners to believe that they can learn new things and develop a mindset for success in **all areas of their life**.

-This year Ms. Stephanie will be supporting all students in grades 7, 8, and 9 in learning about their brains, mindsets, self talk, and goal setting to achieve a growth mindset.





Schedule and Student Timetable

Period	Day 1	Day 2	Semester - 1 Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
1 09:00-10:03						
2 10:06-11:09						
3 11:12-12:15						
4 1:15-2:21			Options Classes period 4			

	Day 1	Day 2	Semester - 2 Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
03						
09						
15						
			Options Classes period 4			

Please Note:

Grade 9 students
do not have
spares

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
6 compulsory*	5 compulsory	5 compulsory	3 compulsory
ENGLISH 1 credit	ENGLISH 1 credit	ENGLISH 1 credit	ENGLISH 1 credit
Math 1 credit	MATH 1 credit	MATH 1 credit	MATH 1 credit
PHYSICAL ED. 1 credit	PHYSICAL ED. 1 credit	PHYSICAL ED. 1 credit	PHYSICAL ED. 1 credit
SOCIAL STUDIES 1 credit	GEOGRAPHY 1 credit	HISTORY 1 credit	Grade 12 Elective 1 credit
SCIENCE 1 credit	SCIENCE 1 credit	SCIENCE 1 credit	Grade 12 Elective 1 credit
HEALTH 1 credit	3 Elective credits (any grade 9, 10 level)	3 Elective credits (any grade 9, 10, 11 level)	1 Electives (any grade)
2 Elective credits			
8 credits	minimum of 8 credits	minimum of 8 credits	minimum of 6 credits

Credit System

In order to graduate you must complete all of the requirements with a total of 30 high school credits.

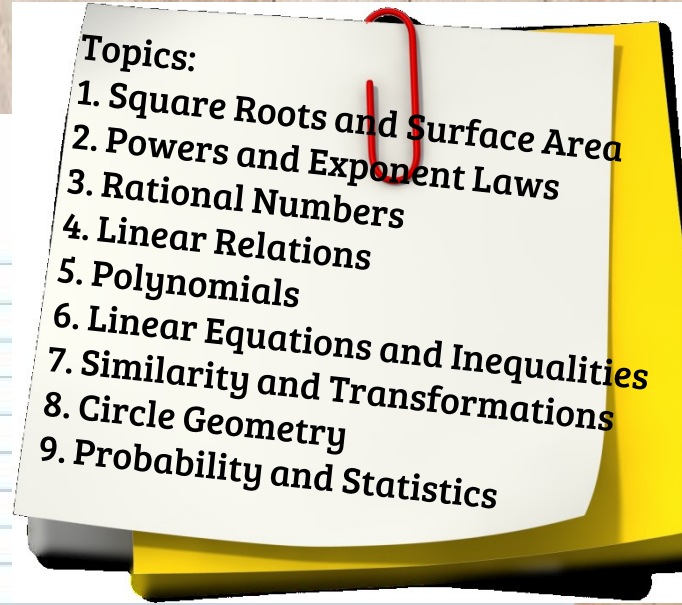
At the end of grade 9, it is recommended a student earn 8 credits, to stay on track for graduation.

Math

-1 credit

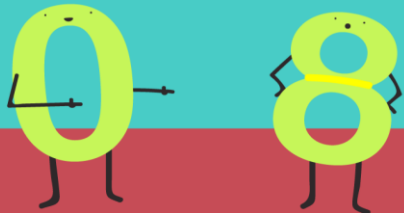
- September - June (all year)

Grade 9 Math prepares students for Pre-Cal, Applied or Essential Math pathways in Grades 10 to 12.



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ZERO SAY TO THE
EIGHT?**

"NICE BELT."



Math Teachers:

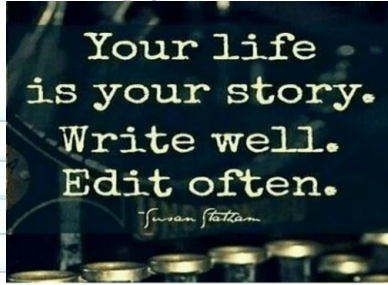
9-01: Ms. Pempeng

9-02: Mr. Vuong

9-03: Ms. Dhadda

9-04: Ms. Pempeng

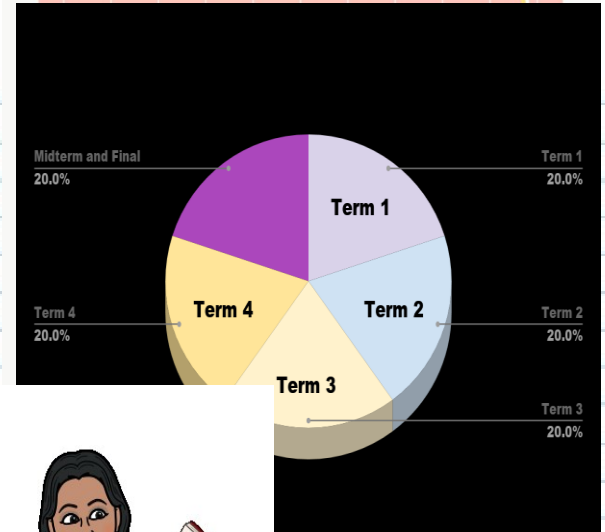




English

Course Description

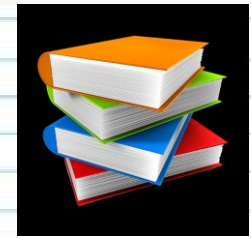
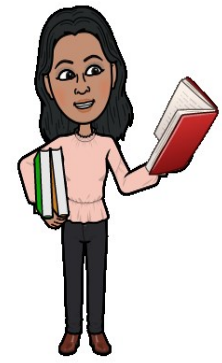
- 1 credit
- Sept - June (all year)



Ms. Ronquillo is the English teacher for 9-01, 9-02, 9-03, 9-04.

She is 9 months pregnant. A new teacher will take her place. More information to come.

Throughout the year, we are earning the skills needed to apply critical thinking skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening and representing.



Social Studies

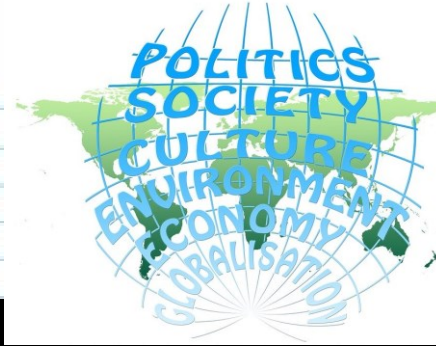


- 1 credit
- one semester

In Studies we learn about Canada. How 'bout that, eh?

Topics of study:

- The Canadian identity
- Canadian government
- Canada in the World.



Social Studies teachers:

- 9-01 Mr. Patterson
- 9-02 Mr. Patterson
- 9-03 Mr. Patterson
- 9-04 Mr. Sango-Spence

SCIENCE



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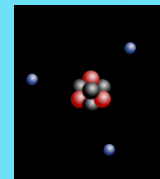
Science Teachers:

9-01: Ms. Ocharuk
9-02: Ms. Ocharuk
9-03: Ms. Ocharuk
9-04: Mr. Birley &
Ms. Pempengco



credit (1 semester)

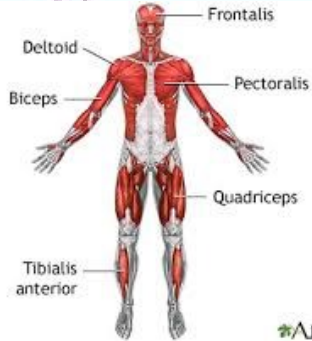
S1 Science is designed to encourage students to develop a critical sense of wonder and curiosity about scientific and technological endeavors



Physical Education and Health



The aim of Physical Education is to get the students **active** and expose them to a variety of activities in a safe environment. We are respecting the rules of social distancing and getting outside as much as possible. Students are enrolled in a second health credit while in this course.



ADAM

Phys Ed teachers:

9-01 Ms. Steeves

9-02

Mr. Rattai

9-03 Ms. Steeves

9-04

Mr. Rattai



Visual and Performing Arts

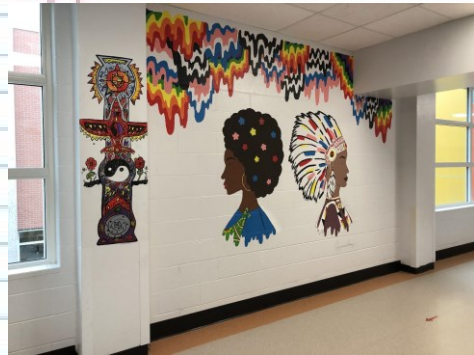
Students can choose to register for Art, Band and / or Dance. The purpose of these classes are to develop one's creative skills and provide a positive outlet for expression. In lieu of physical concerts and presentations will be done virtually. You may be able to

VPA Teachers

Art - L. Robinson

Band - B. Watt

Dance - R. Suban

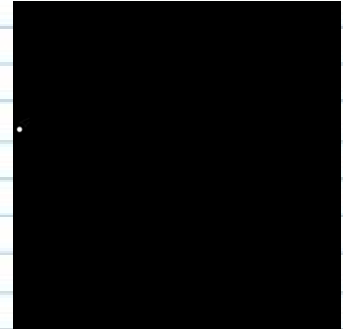


Industrial Arts

In Grade 9, students can choose which Industrial Arts classes they would like to have a more in depth experience. Some curriculum theory will be added, as well as more time to work on detailed projects throughout the semester.

Industrial Arts choices include:

Woodwork, Clothing and Design, Food and Nutrition, Graphic Arts, Electronics, Information Technology and Communications



In-School digital learning



At St. John's, we use Google Classroom as our primary method of online learning. It is fully supported by the Winnipeg School Division and all WSD students can access it from school and at home.

It is easy to use and has a variety of apps for teachers and students to use to further and enhance learning.

If you need support with technology at home, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Using Phones in Class



At St. John's we encourage students to be **responsible users** of personal devices in class.

Students should not be on their devices during instruction, work time, etc., unless otherwise directed by their classroom teacher.

Students will given reminders to put personal devices away if they become a distraction to the teacher and/or other students in the room.

If this continues to pose a problem, students may have their phone taken away.

This is always the last option, as we want students to learn how to use their device respectfully and appropriately.

Unless there is an emergency, please support your child by avoiding messaging during class time.

Extracurricular Activities

For now, all extracurricular activities are on hold. This includes in-school clubs, intramurals and after school sports.

We will resume these types of activities as soon as we are able. St. John's recognizes them as an important part of school culture and an integral part of overall mental health.



Teacher and Resource Staff Contacts

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Michelle Gougeon- 9-12 Indigenous grad coach	mgougeon@wsd1.org



Closing Remarks

We sincerely hope you and your child have a positive experience at St. John's for their grade 9 year and the years ahead. Grade 9 is an important transition year for students and we want to provide as much support as possible to ensure your child's success. Have a wonderful school year!

Yours Truly,

The grade 9 team at St. John's High School

"Together in Education"

THANK
YOU!