

## **Guide to Complementary Courses** **St. John XXIII**

### **Art and Design (semestered)**

Art classes give students the opportunity to do many creative projects and work with different types of media. Projects and media include stained glass, sketching, abstracts, portraits, pastels, watercolors, wire sculptures, clay work, collages, cave art, magazine strip art, tile mosaics, cartoon flip books, paper mâché masks, and silhouette art.

### **Career & Technology Foundation -CTF (semestered)**

Our students spend a significant amount of time in the online environment every day for both personal and academic reasons. We want our students to navigate safely and ethically in the digital world to prepare them for job opportunities and success in the global economy. There are a variety of options that are a part of the CTF which include – Foods, Construction, Art, Communication Technology, fashion, digital media. This allows students' opportunities to explore areas of interest and passions as they attempt using various media, audio, and video production.

### **Construction and Design (semestered)**

Students will develop skills in using common hand tools and machines to design and construct basic woodworking and glass projects. Emphasis is placed on woodworking, but students will also have the opportunity to explore the many different areas of the lab as well as special projects. As the years progress, students will be introduced to new machines and techniques with an emphasis placed on construction of more difficult projects.

### **Instrumental Band (full year)**

The band program provides students opportunities for students to learn a wind or brass instrument developing their skills and abilities in music. They also develop and improve aural, technical and synthesis skills. They also learn to play with good tone and intonation as well as to interpret the music studied.

### **Drama (semestered)**

Students will be actively involved in a variety of projects and assignments that include creative movement, mime, stage fighting, choral speech, improvisation, theatre sports, puppetry, film, reader's theatre, scripted work audition pieces, and video and stage productions. This will be a performance-based class where the students will be expected to perform in front of audiences.

### **Foods (semestered)**

Students will build on skills learned in the previous grades. These include simple food preparation to more complex food planning and preparation. In grade nine, cultural foods are examined and nutrition is an integral part of their food planning.

### **French as a Second Language (full year)**

Students will study French as a Second Language, according to the Alberta Curriculum. Students who continue through the three years of junior high French will have the opportunity to go into an advanced class in high school. Focus is on both the spoken language as well as writing/grammar.