

Graminia School
Complementary Course Descriptions
2022-2023

Graminia Families in Gr 7-9 will choose 3 options each term. Please see below the choices and descriptions for the complementary courses for Term One

Term 1

(September-December)

Complementary Course Option 1

**Choose one of the following
(Mondays & Tuesdays Block 6)**

Beginner Band (Mr West) - Full Year - \$35 + Instrument Rental (typically \$21/month)

Beginning Band is the first level of the band program at Graminia and is open to students in grade 7, 8 and 9. In this class, students will have the opportunity to choose and learn a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument and continue with that chosen instrument in a group setting. Students learn the fundamentals necessary to properly hold and produce a characteristic sound on a band instrument. Instrument care and proper rehearsal etiquette are taught and practiced. Students participate in two evening concerts and get the opportunity to go on exciting field trips.

Foods gr 7 only (Mr. Fraser) - \$35

In Foods class, students will learn skills related to the culinary industry including food prep, workstation cleaning, and working with a team. Students will cook breakfast, lunch, supper, and dessert items.

Leadership in Volleyball (Mr Lygo) - No Cost

Students will get the opportunity to develop an understanding of what it takes to build a strong sports program in order to be successful. The areas that we are going to cover include: training both in and out of season, specific skills for the sport, basics of coaching, basics of refereeing and strategies. Students will be able to use this information throughout their athletic careers as well as for any coaching/refereeing opportunities they may have in the future. This course will be offered for specific sports throughout the year, usually during the school season when it is played.

Building Construction (Mr. Inglehart) - \$40

Students will have the opportunity to construct a number of small wood projects. Students will learn the importance of material selection, understanding Imperial measurement, shop safety, and appropriate use of hand tools in the construction of their projects. They will also learn the importance of planning, budget, and attention to detail.

Soccer (Mr Breckenridge) - No Cost

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Academic Leadership (Mrs Holst) - No Cost

Students will be provided with leadership opportunities to work with students in younger grades. Students will develop their leadership skills and build connections by assisting younger students in a variety of ways.

Comic Creation (Mr Sloane) - No Cost

Students will get the opportunity to develop an understanding of what it takes to make a comic of their own. They will start by looking at the history of comics. We will discuss how these stories have been adapted to the movies. We will also look at the comic industry, artists and what opportunities are present for people entering this field of work. Students will learn about creating their own comics and will come up with their own comic creations. If you like writing and drawing then this might be the option for you.

Complementary Course Option 2

**Choose one of the following
(Mondays & Tuesdays Block 7)**

Drama - FULL YEAR - (Mrs Jacobs) - \$50

In this full year option, students will explore character, movement, speech and elements of design through an immersive, performance based experience. Students who take Drama will participate in the production of TWO one-act performances: After completing the Orientation unit, in which students learn games and basics in order to get to know and become comfortable with one another, we will begin rehearsing our first play, which will be a Holiday show to be performed in December. Before Spring Break, students will work as a collective to choose our second one-act play (final choice to be approved by Mrs. Jacobs), which will be performed in May.

Foods gr 7 only (Mrs. Holst) - \$35

In Foods class, students will learn skills related to the culinary industry including food prep, workstation cleaning, and working with a team. Students will cook breakfast, lunch, supper, and dessert items.

Building Construction (Mr. Lygo) - \$40

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Genius Hour (Mr. Inglehart) - No Cost

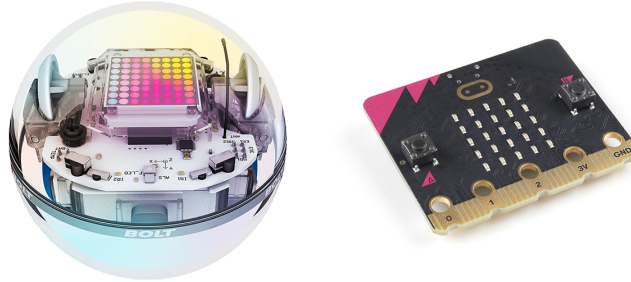
This is a project-based course that gives students the opportunity to explore their own passions and interests beyond the curriculum. Students will select a topic of inquiry, research it, and plan a culminating presentation to share with classmates.

Art (Mr. Breckenridge) - No Cost

This projects based course uses a variety of techniques and supplies to explore a number of traditional visual art forms. These forms might range from abstract and modern compositions to still life and other creative art projects. Some of these projects will be instructor selected, and others you will have some input in selecting. Media that we will be focusing on will be acrylic and/or watercolour paint, pencil, paper/clay sculpture, and other non-traditional materials.

Coding Robotics (Mr. Fraser) - No Cost

In Coding Robotics, students use Sphero Bolt robots and Micro:bit pocket computers to learn the basics of coding/programming. Students will complete a wide variety of robot/computer tasks while learning how to code using drawing, blocks, python, and javascript. If you enjoy working with technology, this is the course for you!



French as a Second Language (Mme Shea-Pecoskie) - Full Year - \$20

This course will focus on oral communication skills in French. Students will engage in authentic conversations (ex. ordering a coffee/meals etc). This course encourages students to focus on improving *confidence* in speaking and listening in French in a range of everyday situations. The fee attached will contribute to the authentic experiences with food, and possible excursions.

Complementary Course Option 3

**Choose one of the following
(Wednesdays and Thursdays Block 7)**

Senior Band (Mr West) - Full Year - \$35 + Instrument Rental (typically \$21/month)

Senior Band is the second full year program designed to continue to develop the student's ability in instrumental music. Basic music reading skills are reinforced and students continue to refine correct posture for playing. Jazz, rock, and improvisation are also introduced this year. Students participate in two evening concerts and get the opportunity to go on exciting field trips.

Foods gr 7 only (Mr. Fraser) - \$35

In Foods class, students will learn skills related to the culinary industry including food prep, workstation cleaning, and working with a team. Students will cook breakfast, lunch, supper, and dessert items.

Carving (Mr. Sloane) - \$35

Students will get the opportunity to practice carving using a number of different mediums. Carving is a subtractive process whereby material is systematically eliminated from the outside in. It involves cutting or chipping away a shape from a mass of stone, wood, or other hard material. Students will get to create objects that they can visualize as they remove layers and pieces.

Knitwits (Mrs. Jacobs)- \$30

Come out and learn how to knit or crochet in order to create something cozy and quite possibly also beautiful! Students will learn about a variety of materials that can be used in creating knit textiles and the differences between knitting and crocheting. They will learn basic stitches, pattern terminology as well as how to follow a pattern before beginning their main project where they will choose between making a scarf, cozy socks, or another approved project of their choice! The course fee will go entirely towards the purchase of yarn, pattern and the required tools.

Building Construction (Mr. Inglehart) - \$40

Students will have the opportunity to construct a number of small wood projects. Students will learn the importance of material selection, understanding Imperial measurement, shop safety, and appropriate use of hand tools in the construction of their projects. They will also learn the importance of planning, budget, and attention to detail.

Leadership in Racquet Sports (Mrs Holst) - No Cost

Students will get the opportunity to develop an understanding of what it takes to build a strong sports program in order to be successful. The areas that we are going to cover include: specific skills for the sport, basics of coaching, basics of refereeing and strategies. Students will be able to use this information throughout their athletic careers as well as for any coaching/refereeing opportunities they may have in the future. The racquet sports covered will be tennis, pickleball, badminton and table tennis.

Art History (Mr. Breckenridge) - No Cost

This is an opportunity for students who are eager to explore the world of classic and modern art. Students will engage in projects and pursue personal projects in line with their historical art aesthetic. They will develop curating abilities and become knowledgeable about different styles of art, its historical context, and the meaning and skill behind classical and modern masterpieces.