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Complementary Courses 2025-26 Grade 8

Below are the complementary courses offered at Senator Patrick Burns School for the 2025-26 school year. The purpose of complementary courses is to encourage students to explore new opportunities and discover possible career paths. Each term students will be enrolled in 2 complementary courses, resulting in a total of 4 courses per year. Students who are taking band are an exception as band is a **full year** course. Band students take only 1 other complementary course per term. Students will select their Student Course Requests through their MyCBE PowerSchool account. When making course selections, students should choose 5 courses of interest. Complementary courses are a very exciting part of junior high school, and we do our very best to honor some of each student's selections. Class size and student safety impact the offerings we are able to provide. Complementary courses do have additional fees however, we hope that students are not limited to choice because of fees. CBE provides a fee waiver opportunity for students who may require support to pursue their interests.

Complementary Course Name	Complementary Course Descriptions
Art	Ready! Set! Create! If you like getting your hands dirty and want to explore your creative side, then this course is for you. Throughout your term in Art, you will develop and refine skills in drawing, painting, bookbinding, pottery, sculpture, and printmaking. Students may also use sewing machines to create clothing, design rope baskets, or make a community quilt. Students have ample choice within this course, opening various possibilities for them to work on projects in which they are most interested and decide how they would like to go about completing them. If you would like the freedom to fully express yourself as an artist, then sign up for art next year. You'll absolutely love it. (There is a \$70.00 fee associated with this course)
Band (Instrumental Music) Woodwind Full Year Course	Flute, Oboe, Bassoon Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Saxophone You're officially ready to level up! Grade 8 band students will continue to build on their knowledge from grade 7. Expanding their playing ability and musicality, we will move beyond basic notes and rhythms to explore using music as a medium of expression in a variety of styles. Students require previous experience to join grade 8 Band. If they did not take band in Grade 7, they will need approval from the Band Teacher before enrolment. There is a fee associated with this course. (There is a \$70.00 fee associated with this course)
Band (Instrumental Music) Brass Full Year Course	Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Percussion You're officially ready to level up! Grade 8 band students will continue to build on their knowledge from grade 7 band. Expanding their playing ability and musicality, we will move beyond basic notes and rhythms to explore using music as a medium of expression in a variety of styles. Students require previous experience to join grade 8 Band. If they did not take band in Grade 7, they will need approval from the Band Teacher before enrolment. There is a fee associated with this course. (There is a \$70.00 fee associated with this course)

CTF Communication Technology Photography	Lights, Camera, Action! Do you want to strengthen your photography and skills? Create your own photography portfolios? In this course students will learn fundamental yet simple techniques that will elevate any photo they take. This course offers plenty of independent and group work, both inside and outside of the classroom, where students can explore their own creative process and showcase their individual strengths. Students will practice many photography mediums like portraiture, sense photography, the exposure triangle, light paintings, silent films, commercial creation, and historical processes. Successful students in this class will need to demonstrate self-accountability, organization, strong time management, and effective use of technology. (There is a \$70.00 fee associated with this course)
CTF Construction	In this Construction/woodworking course, students will have the opportunity to integrate Math and Science concepts while learning how to work safely in a shop/worksite. They will learn the proper and safe use of hand tools and power tools in the shop including the scroll saw, band saw and drill press. They will have one set project and have the opportunity to create 1-2 projects of choice based on difficulty level. During these projects, students will be required to learn and practice, basic planning and goal setting, basic measurement, blueprint reading, and demonstrate consistent shop safety. (There is a \$35.00 fee associated with this course)
CTF Design Studies	In Design Studies, students unleash their creativity while mastering cutting-edge skills that merge art and technology. Through hands-on projects, they explore diverse design fields—architecture, fashion, graphic design, and coding—gaining real-world experience with tools like 3D printers, vinyl cutters, and design software. This dynamic learning environment prepares students for exciting careers in architecture, tech, product design, and visual arts, empowering them to turn bold ideas into innovative solutions for the future." (There is a \$50.00 fee associated with this course)
CTF Drama	In Drama, students explore the five disciplines; acting, movement, speech, theatre studies, and technical theatre. Working in small and large groups, students participate in a variety of creative projects that may include slapstick comedy, improvisation, and character work. There is a fee associated with this course, which covers the price of transportation and tickets to a live play or musical, as well as guest instruction in technical theatre disciplines and/or masterclasses such as stage makeup or stage combat. (There is a \$50.00 fee associated with this course)
Environmental and Outdoor Education	This is a great course for anyone who enjoys activities outdoors. Students are provided the opportunity to engage in units where skills are developed over the grade levels. Activities include bicycle ridership and repair, snowshoeing, rope and tarp challenges, compass navigation, cross country skiing, as examples. Students are encouraged to develop skills on the local level so that they can apply them to overnight field trips in the outdoors of Alberta. There is a \$40.00 fee associated with this course)
CTF Foods	In this course, students will further build upon and develop their knowledge and food preparation and safety. Students will learn about wise food choices and meal planning. This course covers the topics of food and kitchen safety, cooking methods and techniques, and health and nutrition. Recipes are chosen to give students a broad range of cooking experiences. (Vegetarian options offered when appropriate) (There is a \$50.00 fee associated with this course)
Leadership	Students will develop and demonstrate leadership, communication and organizational skills through the planning and implementation of school-wide activities to build school pride, spirit, and community. Activities may include fun days, dances, school improvement, special events and activities related to environmental action and social justice. Students will be required to complete service hours outside of class time as part of their evaluation. (There is a \$20.00 fee associated with this course)