

PHILEMON WRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE SELECTION PACKAGE 2014-2015



STUDENTS ENTERING SECONDARY 3

Included in this package:

- Instructions for completing a course selection form
- Sec. 3 course selection form (complete and return to Day 1, Period 2 teacher by March 19, 2014)
- **PLEASE NOTE:** If students have not yet returned their re-registration form for 2014-15 school year their course selection will not be processed until their form has been received by Dianne Miljour in Room 129

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- Final placement in all courses will be determined by the school.
- If you wish to withdraw from the Enriched French program, you must do so by March 19, 2014.
- All option/advanced/enriched French classes offered are subject to sufficient numbers to warrant a class.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____	D.O.B.: _____
(PRINT YOUR NAME)	
<p>We, the student and parent, understand that every attempt will be made to schedule the preferred option, however the school cannot guarantee the numbered choices will be honored. Friday, September 26th, 2014 will be the last day for option request changes. If the first choice is scheduled, no course change will be granted.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> I WILL BE ATTENDING PHILEMON WRIGHT for the 2014-2015 school year.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I WILL NOT BE ATTENDING PHILEMON WRIGHT for the 2014-2015 school year. (Reason: _____)	
_____ STUDENT SIGNATURE	_____ PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

1. COMPULSORY COURSES (choose one)

GENERAL ENGLISH PROGRAM

- ENG306** English Language Arts
- FRB306** French Second Language
- HIS304** History & Citizenship Education
- MAT306** Math
- PED302** Physical Education & Health
- POP304** Personal Orientation Project (P.O.P.)
- STA306** Applied Science & Technology

ENRICHED FRENCH PROGRAM

[An Enriched French Program student MUST have **70%+** summary mark in Grade 8 Français Enrichi OR **80%+** summary mark in Grade 8 French Second Language AND be in good standing in all other Enriched French Program courses]

- ENG306** English Language Arts
- FRI306** Français Enrichi
- HIF304** Histoire et Citoyenneté
- MAT306** Math
- PED302** Physical Education & Health
- PPO304** Projet Personnel Orientation (P.P.O.)
- STA306** Applied Science & Technology

Grade 8 Courses

- FRB206** French Second Language
- MAT206** Math

**Students who have not been successful at either French or Math but have met the requirements to move forward into Grade 9 will be placed in the repeat Grade 8 French and/or Math courses above.

2. COMPULSORY ARTS COURSE:

[Number your preferences from 1 to 3.]

ART302 Visual Arts

DRA302 Drama

MUS302 Music

Course Descriptions

ART 302 This course offers an overview of visual arts as a foundation for further study in grade 10 and or 11. Students will experiment with a large variety of art materials, and become familiar with the art elements and principles of design through working with a range of materials, processes, techniques and styles. Students will be taught drawing skills, painting and printing techniques, colour theory, and they will have the opportunity to use different sculptural materials. Come experience the joy of creating. Everyone is an artist!!

DRAMA 302 Drama 302 builds on the skills developed in Level 1 Drama. Through the exploration of voice, movement, mimed illusions, stage fighting, blocking, pre-planned skits, improvisation, and performance, students will develop an appreciation of and a competence in the performing arts.

MUSIC 302 Music 302 will focus on three competencies: performing, appreciating and creating music. Using music as a tool of discovery, students will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of themselves and their potential, assess/discuss/perform musical works, experience community building and team work by playing in a ensemble and expand upon previously attained practical and theoretical musical knowledge. Assessment is ongoing and includes instrument comprehension, group performance, individual performance and musical theory.

**THIS COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO YOUR HOMEROOM
TEACHER (Day 1, Period 2) NO LATER THAN March 19, 2014**

How To Complete Your Course Selection Form

Students Entering Secondary 3 2014-2015

Selecting courses for the next school year is a very important decision, and should be thought about carefully and discussed by both students and parents. In order to begin, fill out your name, date of birth, and whether or not you will be attending Philemon Wright in 2014-15.

It must be noted that the promotion policy for students to move forward into Grade 9 states that a student must pass at least two of the core subjects (English, French, Math) and five of the other courses. If students do not meet the requirements to move forward they may repeat Grade 8 OR enter the Semi-Skilled Program (minimum age 15). If a student is not successful in only Grade 8 Math or French the student will move forward to Grade 9 but will be placed into a Grade 8 class for Math and/or French.

Follow the instructions below to properly fill out each of the corresponding sections of your form:

1. **Compulsory Courses** – Check the box for one (1) program, the General English program or the Enriched French program. Please read the criteria below regarding the French Enriched program:
 - a. An Enriched French Program student **MUST** have **70%+** summary mark in Gr. 8 Français Enrichi OR **80%+** summary mark in Grade 8 French Second Language AND be in good standing in all other Enriched French Program courses
 - b. The following criteria are strongly recommended in order for a student to be successful in Enriched French:
 - A proficiency in French and English Language Arts
 - Meeting expectations of competency levels in all subjects
 - Effective work and study habits
 - Cooperative classroom behaviour
 - Independent learner
 - c. The expectation is that students in Enriched French will be required to communicate in French at school during their French instruction, and spend approximately 1 hour each night developing their French skills (listening to French radio, reading and writing activities in French).
2. **Compulsory Arts Courses** –Read the course descriptions on the course selection form and determine what your preferences are. Place a number from 1 to 3 in the boxes for each of the compulsory Arts courses in order of preference (1 being your most preferred, 3 being your least).
3. **Once you have completed all sections of the form, please sign (and have your parent/guardian sign) and return your completed form to your homeroom teacher (Day 1, Period 2) before March 19, 2014.**

We ask all Grade 8 and Grade 9 students to consider the importance of achieving their highest potential in every subject BUT in particular in Math. In Grade 10 Advanced Math (Science Math) the course caters to students who have an innate ability in Math, who have consistently succeeded at a high level in Math throughout their high school career, have a strong work ethic, plan on continuing in Math/Sciences at the college and/or university level, and who are prepared to think abstractly. The Grade 10 Advanced Math course is designed for students who enjoy math and want to learn and study mathematical concepts in a more in-depth manner. In order to be successful in this course, students may need to seek lunchtime remediation, private tutoring, free online tutoring, be engaged in class, do extra practice work, and balance extra-curricular activities and academics. This can be a difficult, but very rewarding course. Students should expect to see their marks drop up to 15%. Students are only entitled to write the Science option Math exam at the end of the year. Please be aware that the Western Quebec School Board recommends that students who want to pursue the Science option Math courses should have a final mark of at least 75% in Grade 9 Math.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Amanda Barnes, Guidance Counsellor, by email at abarnes@wqsb.qc.ca