



## St. Matthew Catholic High School

### Grade 8 Arts



**Description and Overall Expectations:** Education in the arts is essential to students' intellectual, social, physical, and emotional growth and well-being. Experiences in the arts – in dance, drama, music, and visual arts – play a valuable role in helping students to achieve their potential as learners and to participate fully in their community and in society as a whole. The arts nourish and stimulate the imagination, and provide students with an expanded range of tools, techniques, and skills to help them gain insights into the world around them and to represent their understandings in various ways.

**DANCE:** apply the creative process to the composition of a variety of dance pieces, using the elements of dance to communicate feelings and ideas; apply the critical analysis process to communicate their feelings, ideas, and understandings in response to a variety of dance pieces and experiences; demonstrate an understanding of a variety of dance forms, traditions, and styles from the past and present, and their sociocultural and historical contexts.

**DRAMA:** apply the creative process to process drama and the development of drama works, using the elements and conventions of drama to communicate feelings, ideas, and multiple perspectives; apply the critical analysis process to communicate feelings, ideas, and understandings in response to a variety of drama works and experiences; demonstrate an understanding of a variety of drama and theatre forms, traditions, and styles from the past and present, and their socio-cultural and historical contexts.

**MUSIC:** apply the creative process to create and perform music for a variety of purposes, using the elements and techniques of music; apply the critical analysis process to communicate their feelings, ideas, and understandings in response to a variety of music and musical experiences; demonstrate an understanding of a variety of musical genres and styles from the past and present, and their socio-cultural and historical contexts.

**VISUAL ARTS:** apply the creative process to produce art works in a variety of traditional two- and three-dimensional forms, as well as multimedia art works, that communicate feelings, ideas, and understandings, using elements, principles, and techniques of visual arts as well as current media technologies; apply the critical analysis process to communicate feelings, ideas, and understandings in response to a variety of art works and art experiences; demonstrate an understanding of a variety of art forms, styles, and techniques from the past and present, and their socio-cultural and historical contexts.

**Subject Resources:** [Key resource\(s\) along with supplementary resources / digital tools and sites / passwords; include replacement cost for resources if lost/damaged.](#)

**Catholic Graduate Expectations:** Our goal for all students is to experience an education based on our Catholic Graduate Expectations. <http://www.iceont.ca>

We work in community to develop graduates that are:

- Discerning Believers Formed in the Catholic Faith Community
- Effective Communicators
- Reflective and Creative Thinkers
- Self-Directed, Responsible, Life-Long Learners
- Collaborative Contributors
- Caring Family Members
- Responsible Citizens

**Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting:** The primary purpose of assessment and evaluation is to improve student learning. Students will understand what is expected of them, using learning goals, and success

criteria, based on the overall expectations. Feedback (self, peer, teacher) supports learning, and plays a critical role in academic achievement and success.

The development of learning skills and work habits is a key indicator of future success. The following learning skills and work habits will be developed, assessed, and reported during this course:

1. Responsibility fulfills responsibilities and commitments (*e.g. accepts and acts on feedback*)
2. Organization manages time to complete tasks and achieve goals (*e.g. meets goals, on time*)
3. Independent work uses class time appropriately to complete tasks (*e.g. monitors own learning*)
4. Collaboration works with others, promotes critical thinking (*e.g. provides feedback to peers*)
5. Initiative demonstrates curiosity and an interest in learning (*e.g. sets high goals*)
6. Self-Regulation sets goals, monitors progress towards achieving goals (*e.g. sets, reflects goals*)

Group work supports collaboration, an important 21<sup>st</sup> century skill. This will be assessed only as a learning skill. Homework may also be assessed as a learning skill. Evaluation completed in class will be based only on individual student work. Regular attendance is important to support group work, various forms of feedback, and to allow students to demonstrate evidence of their learning. Students are responsible for providing evidence of their own learning in class, within given timelines. Next steps in response to academic integrity issues, such as lack of work completion, plagiarism, or other forms of cheating, range from providing alternate opportunities, to a deduction of marks.

The achievement chart identifies four levels, based on achievement of the overall expectations:

Level 1	achievement falls below the provincial standard	(50-59%)
Level 2	achievement approaches the provincial standard	(60-69%)
Level 3	achievement is at the provincial standard	(70-79%)
Level 4	achievement surpasses the provincial standard	(80-100%)

### **Reporting on Student Learning:**

Student learning will include a variety of assessment tasks designed to demonstrate students' development in their knowledge and understanding, thinking, communication and application of all overall expectations.

The fall progress report gives feedback on learning skills (i.e. needs improvement, satisfactory, good or excellent) and emerging student achievement (i.e. progressing with difficulty, progressing well, progressing very well)

The report card grade will be based on evidence of student learning, including observations, conversations and student products. Consideration will be given to more recent evidence (skill development) and the most consistent level of achievement.

### **Student and Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement**

We have read the above course outline and are aware of the student responsibilities to attend class on a regular basis and to provide evidence of learning within the established timelines.

Student's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_