



ST. FRANCIS JUNIOR HIGH

## Grade 8/9 Investigative Options 2023-2024

### Quarter 1 Period 8

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**Teacher:** Chris Hartman

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**Cost:** Item 1: Guitar Picks (\$5.00 per student) Item 2: Guitar Strings (\$9.00 per student)

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**Description:** Students will explore visual literacy through reading, writing and creation of comic strips while learning about their historical significance and evolution. Drawing techniques will be taught using various media, and storyboarding will be introduced. Creating and developing their own characters and plot will also be focused upon.

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**Course:** Cosmetology

**Teacher:** Carly Spoulos

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**Cost:** \$15

**Course:** Cultural Hero's and Storytelling

**Teacher:** Stephen Ellard

**Description:** The class will focus on storytelling and cultural heroes from different Indigenous groups around Canada. Students will learn about different cultural heroes from different Indigenous groups, compare and contrast different creation stories, and see their similarities and differences.

Students will do a "book talk," discuss their favourite story and share it with the class.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** FNMI Traditional Games

**Teacher:** Winston Day Chief

**Description:** This course aims to introduce or reconnect students to sports and recreation through traditional FNMI games. Elders used games for children to help develop their cognitive ability, physical strength, and agility to hunt, gather and survive in harsh climates. Students will learn these games and make the equipment (if necessary) to play them in a respectful manner.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Intro. Sports Med

**Teacher:** Corey Van Oene

**Description:** Students will learn the anatomy and physiology of the body in relation to the mechanics associated with sports injury. They will focus on recovery after injury and methods to support recovery.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Intro to Psychology

**Teacher:** Heather Munro

**Description:** In this class, students will begin to explore some basics into understanding why we are the way we are! The focus of this option will be to think about how we are shaped. We will dive into the brain and its functions, the impacts of experience, human resilience, and personalities through various different activities. Students will also explore some popular theories and theorists. It's time to get psyched about this option!

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Mental Training for Athletes

**Teacher:** Michael Racz

**Description:** Nervous before a big game? Struggle while taking free throws or penalty kicks? Struggle to recover after losing an important game? Want to develop skills to stay calm under pressure? This course will help students develop mental skills to handle stress in sports and take their game to the next level. Students will explore mental training techniques and how to use them to improve sports performances and experiences.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Optical illusions

**Teacher:** Roberts

**Description:** To investigate the link between the brain and vision and how they are related by understanding how optical illusions 'fool' the brain.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Sink or Swim (Cardboard Boat Races)

**Teacher:** Aislinn Williston

**Description:** Students will work in groups to design, plan, and build cardboard boat

prototypes. The best prototype will go on to represent St. Francis at the Regional boat race at the U of L.

**Cost:** \$10

**Course:** Virtual Field Trips

**Teacher:** Chelsey Hinger

**Description:** Virtual field trips is a fun and immersive educational experience, allowing us to explore real-world environments, cultures, and perspectives without the constraints of physical travel.

**Cost:** \$0

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**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Film Critic

**Teacher:** Heather Munro

**Description:** In 'Film Critic,' students will get the chance to be a film critic by viewing some movies from varied genres. Students will learn about important elements in the film, like shots and framing, camera angles, camera movement, editing techniques, sound, and storyboards. Time will be spent watching the movies and discussing them. Students will also participate in a project in which they recreate a scene, adding their critiques to it.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Gaming Concepts 1.0

**Teacher:** Corey Van Oene

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**Cost:** \$20

**Course:** Hold Your Horses!

**Teacher:** Marilyn Vander Wekken

**Description:** This course introduces the world of horses. Studies include horse breeds, history, care, uses and potential occupations in veterinary / agriculture sciences. This option also includes hands-on experience using live miniature horses.

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**Cost:** \$10.00

**Course:** Saving the Amazon Rainforest

**Teacher:** Stephen Ellard

**Description:** Students will look into the Amazon Rainforest, how it is vital for human survival, and how politics in countries that control the Rainforest dictate if those countries are trying to conserve or use the environment for ranching/farming. Students will research different topics and can take a stand and debate with other students who have taken a different or varying position on the topic.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Scientific Illustration

**Teacher:** Elizabeth Ankermann

**Description:** Scientific illustration is more than just artwork. It is a way to communicate complex concepts, details, and subjects in an engaging way. A scientific illustrator must use technical art skills combined with scientifically informed observations and research to represent the subject accurately. We will specifically work on developing skills in drawing anatomy and plants.

**Cost:** \$5

**Course:** Wham Boom Pop! World Percussion Ensemble.

**Teacher:** Chris Hartman

**Description:** Everyone would agree that the drum has always been an essential instrument that transcends all cultures. Using drums to create music is like making our favourite sandwich. Much like a sandwich, we start with a rhythmic layer and then continue to add to that. When students join this class, they will learn about drumming techniques, music theory, and a brief history of how drumming from around the world has influenced the music you listen to today. What kind of sandwich will your son/daughter make?

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**Cost:** \$10

**Course:** Life's Lab: The Animal Kingdom

**Teacher:** Michael Racz

**Description:** In this junior Biology class, we invite you to explore our planet's fascinating creatures. Uncover the mysteries of the animal kingdom and discover the incredible wonders of the animal world. Explore a variety of different animal types from both vertebrate and invertebrate families. Through the course, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the animal kingdom and a deeper appreciation for the incredible diversity and wonders of the animal world.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Mythology

**Teacher:** Stephen Ellard

**Description:** Students will look at mythology stories worldwide and see how those stories have affected their society. Students will examine how different societies' stories travel across different nations and are changed to fit those societies. Students can create their own Mythology stories using the characters and people we learn in class.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Podcasting 101

**Teacher:** Heather Munro

**Description:** Do you listen to podcasts? Have you ever thought you would make a good podcaster? Have you ever wondered what it takes to make your own podcast? If yes, then is the class for you! In Podcasting 101, students will explore and practice the skills needed to create their own podcast. Students will learn how to develop a concept, create podcast art using Canva, and continue developing writing, editing, researching, and recording skills. This class will be project-based, allowing students to pick topics that matter to them.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Portraiture

**Teacher:** Elizabeth Ankermann

**Description:** In this option, students will explore the art form of portraiture. We will look at the historical significance of portraits and the contemporary use of portraiture today, and students will develop their artistic techniques and creative thinking skills by producing portraits through

many different mediums (ex., photography, drawing, painting, sculpture).

**Cost:** \$10

**Course:** SF Toy Shop

**Teacher:** Chelsey Hinger

**Description:** The primary goal of this class is to empower students to repurpose old toys through recycling, fostering creativity, and promoting environmental sustainability.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Sports Management NHL

**Teacher:** Corey Van Oene

**Description:** Have you ever thought the General Manager of your favourite team could do a better job? Have you thought you could make better decisions? This class is a business simulation similar to fantasy sports. This course aims for students to understand and practice all of the managerial practices that contribute to the organization of an NHL hockey team. These include team philosophy, player scouting and analysis, player selection, injury management, contract and salary management, and performance review. Check it out and see how good you really are.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Travel Planning

**Teacher:** Aislinn Williston

**Description:** Have you ever considered travelling worldwide? Visiting far-off and exotic places? For many of us, travelling is a dream, and to fulfill that dream, there are many different aspects to consider before setting sail or taking off. In this course, you will choose a destination and go through all the steps needed to make that dream come true.

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**Course:** Hey Neighbour!

**Teacher:** Marilyn Vander Wekken

**Description:** This option focuses on cultural experiences. Students will investigate other countries' activities, languages, history and food. Students will gain an awareness and appreciation of other cultures while considering the possibilities of tourism and travel offers. This course includes guest visitors and some cooking.

**Cost:** \$10

**Course:** Journalism

**Teacher:** Heather Munro

**Description:** What's the latest scoop? That's what students in Journalism will discover! Students will learn about the types of journalism, including newspapers, magazines, electronic media and photojournalism, and their purposes. Students will learn how to analyze media, gather information, write articles, and prepare newscasts. We will use happenings, like sporting events and fine arts productions, around our school and community to practice staying in the know!

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Let's Jam!

**Teacher:** Chris Hartman

**Description:** Welcome to Let's Jam!

This is for intermediate guitar players who have already taken guitar either in the beginner guitar class or from private lessons outside of school. This option aims to continue developing your skills as a musician and get to a level where you can competently jam and sing with your friends or by yourself. Activities and performance assessments could include busking in the hallways during St. Francis student activities, participating in a "coffee house" evening open to the public, jamming as small ensembles within the class, creating and recording your own music in collaboration with the recording arts option, and participating in the year-end talent



show or Battle of the Bands.

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**Cost:** \$10.00

**Course:** Printmaking

**Teacher:** Elizabeth Ankermann

**Description:** Explore various printmaking techniques in this investigative option! Printmaking is an artistic process that involves transferring images from an etched or engraved surface onto another surface. Students will work with various materials to learn fundamental printmaking practices and create their own reproducible designs!

**Cost:** \$10

**Course:** The Wizarding World of Harry Potter

**Teacher:** Aislinn Williston

**Description:** One of the most celebrated series of our time, Harry Potter, has touched many young and old readers. In this course, students will examine the cultural impact the series has made, analyze the literary techniques J.K. Rowling used throughout all seven books, and take a deep dive into the Wizarding World. Students will be divided into 'houses' and work together to complete tasks to earn points. This class will appeal to anyone who loves Harry Potter and those who simply love reading!

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Who's land is it?

**Teacher:** Stephen Ellard

**Description:** Students will look at different conflicts and issues affecting Indigenous people throughout

Canada. Students will be able to explore these topics, research the topics and take a stand on the issue. They will have an opportunity to debate with each other and voice their opinion. Students will create presentations/videos or any form of media around an issue of their choice, present it and explain why this is an issue and what we can do to help.

**Cost:** \$0

### Quarter 3 Period 8

**Course:** Creative Writing

**Teacher:** Elizabeth Ankermann

**Description:** Students will explore their imaginations through this creative writing class!

Students can access fun and engaging prompts to spur their creative minds. Throughout the course, students will work on selected prompts, edit and revise their written work with classmates and their teacher, and create their own working portfolio to present their final products!

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**Course:** Improv

**Teacher:** Dino Caputo

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**Cost:** \$25

**Course:** Jr. Astronomer

**Teacher:** Chelsey Hinger

**Description:** In Jr. Astronomer, students will explore celestial bodies, such as planets, stars, galaxies, and beyond. Through engaging discussions and hands-on activities, they will delve into topics like the solar system, the life cycle of stars, the mysteries of black holes, and the exploration of space.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Language Detectives (Sociolinguistics)

**Teacher:** Heather Munro

**Description:** You may have heard an adult describe a shirt as 'fetch,' but your friend may say the shirt has 'drip.' Language is always changing. It changes by how we use words (like slang) and is shaped by aspects like where we live, who we hang out with, and our age.

Sociolinguistics explores this relationship between language in society. Students in this class will get a chance to look at case studies, explore how languages are made, how language

shapes identity, and collaborate to determine a 'Word of the Year.'

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Model Building

**Teacher:** Peter Gallagher

**Description:** The properties of a bridge are pretty straightforward and an excellent place for students to explore concepts they have learned in Science 7. In this option, students will construct a model bridge that will be tested for failure. While aesthetics are important, strength, function and cost are more important in this option.

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**Course:** Optical illusions

**Teacher:** Roberts

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**Course:** Songwriting and Recording Arts

**Teacher:** Chris Hartman

**Description:** For all writers, singers, musicians, and aspiring recording artists, this option is for you. In this class, you will learn how to write and possibly record your own tune. It can be by yourself or a partner, but you will enjoy learning how to create and perform your own lyrics and melody. It can be a country or pop hit or a jingle for a radio or television advertisement, just to give you an idea. Knowing how to play an instrument like the guitar or the piano is an asset, but you certainly don't need to. Just bring your creativity, talents, and positive attitude, and you'll see what you can create.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Tourism

**Teacher:** Corey Van Oene

**Description:** Students will gain an understanding of travel research and planning. There will also be an exploration of careers associated with tourism.

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**Course:** Bluebird Cafe

**Teacher:** Chris Hartman

**Description:** In this option, students who are passionate about creating and sharing music will create their own "performance space." This is an opportunity for students who have taken music options, such as songwriting, recording arts, wham boom pop, and Let's Jam! to showcase what they have learned, created, and collaborated on. Students will create their own "Bluebird Cafe" in June that will be open to the public.

**\*\*The Bluebird Cafe is a performance venue based in Nashville, TN. [www.bluebirdcafe.com](http://www.bluebirdcafe.com)**

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**Course:** Debate Club

**Teacher:** Heather Munro

**Description:** Debate gives students a chance to 'argue' constructively. In debate, students learn to respect differing opinions of their peers, effectively research, work as a team, and give solid presentations to problem solve. Students will debate current social issues and issues of their own interest. This class allows students to find a voice and understand they have valuable opinions to contribute to their community.

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**Cost:** \$20

**Course:** Money Matters

**Teacher:** Peter Gallagher

**Description:** Students will develop essential skills for managing money effectively with this option. Through interactive lessons, real-life scenarios, and practical activities, you'll learn how to budget, save, make informed spending decisions, and understand the basics of banking. Prepare to embark on a journey toward financial literacy that will set you up for a lifetime of confident money management.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Play Creation

**Teacher:** Dino Caputo

**Description:** Students will work together to achieve a common goal and create and perform an original play for an Audience.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Restaurant Wars

**Teacher:** Cassie Skauge

**Description:** Welcome to Restaurant Wars! In this option you are going to be creating your own mini restaurant and running it like a business for the school. You will be working in small groups to bring your concept to life. We will be following strict guidelines and timelines, so make sure you are keeping up with the workload and expectations. Failure to have your proposal, menu, and grocery list approved will result in you completing an alternative assignment for the remainder of the course.

You will participate in 3 rounds - breakfast, light lunch, and snacks. Each group will be selling at the same time, and competing to make the most money. You will need to start thinking about the location of where to sell, prices, and how you will let people know about your food items. At the end of each round, the winner will be announced and all teams will be ranked from 1st to last!! You might want to start thinking about your favourite place you purchase food

from and think about why you like that restaurant.

PLEASE NOTE: MONEY COLLECTED DURING SALES WILL GO BACK TO ST. FRANCIS. THIS IS NOT YOUR MONEY TO KEEP.

**\*\*If you are currently enrolled in Foods, you are not able to sign up for this class so other students have an opportunity to be in the kitchen this semester.\*\***

**Cost:** \$25.00

**Course:** Theatre & Stage Design

**Teacher:** Elizabeth Ankermann

**Description:** Stage design is a collaborative art form that creates the visual elements of a play, including the set, the costumes, the props, and the lighting. Students will explore these elements and work in groups to develop their own stage designs. Students may also take on roles in creating props and designs for the school's musical production.

**Cost:** \$0

### Quarter 4 Period 8

**Course:** 3D Thinking

**Teacher:** Peter Gallagher

**Description:** If you can create a self-propelled vehicle in a group of 3 to 4 students that transport itself and its cargo (15+ marbles) at least 2 metres using a fixed budget and limited resources, you should take this class and design and build it. Students investigate problem-solving, collaborative, and assessment skills while building their prototypes.

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**Course:** Business Explorations

**Teacher:** Heather Munro

**Description:** Business Exploration introduces students to the business world and helps them understand the role of consumer, worker, and citizen. In Business Exploration, students will also learn the importance of and practice completing applications, writing resumes, writing cover letters, career planning, and time management needed to acquire a career of their interest and maintain it.

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**Course:** Genius Hour

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**Description:** During "Genius Hour," students will embark on a journey of self-discovery and personal growth as they identify their unique interests, talents, and areas of expertise. Whether it's coding, writing, painting, designing, researching, or any other passion they hold dear, this class provides a dedicated space for students to dive into what truly inspires them.

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**Course:** Lost? Wilderness Navigation

**Teacher:** Corey Van Oene

**Description:** Every day, people are lost in the wilderness during a simple hike. Students in this class will learn and practice navigation skills using a compass and map and other natural navigation skills and related careers.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Math and Strategy Games

**Teacher:** Aislinn Williston

**Description:** In this option, students will have the opportunity to refine their math skills by playing, developing, learning, and teaching fun, competitive card and dice games. Students will also learn how to play games that challenge their logic skills and will help to develop their critical thinking skills through games such as crib, chess, checkers, and many other card and board games. If you love strategy and want to have fun, this is your option!

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Spike & Floor Ball

**Teacher:** Dino Caputo

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**Course:** Event Planners

**Teacher:** Heather Munro

**Description:** This class will teach you how to plan a sporting event, a fundraiser, a party, and a school dance. Students will be guided on how to plan for large events. Students will explore different types of events, create vision boards, create timelines and itineraries, and determine their potential profits. This class caters to students' unique interests and will be highly creative!

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** FNMI Traditional Games

**Teacher:** Winston Day Chief

**Description:** This course aims to introduce or reconnect students to sports and recreation through traditional FNMI games. Games were used by elders for children to help develop their cognitive ability, physical strength and agility to hunt, gather and survive in harsh climates. Students will learn these games and make the equipment (if necessary) to play them in a respectful manner.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Gaming Concepts 3.0

**Teacher:** Corey Van Oene

**Description:** Whether you aspire to be a game designer, developer, critic, or simply a more informed and discerning gamer, this course will equip you with the foundational knowledge and analytical skills necessary to navigate the vast and exciting gaming world. So, get ready to level up your understanding of gaming concepts and embark on an epic adventure like no other! Gaming Concepts 3.0 will also include elements of game creation and design.

**Cost:** \$20

**Course:** Junior Toastmasters

**Teacher:** Peter Gallagher

**Description:** Unleash your inner communicator in this dynamic option. Through fun and interactive sessions, you'll develop public speaking prowess, gain confidence in expressing ideas, and master the art of effective communication, setting the stage for a lifetime of confident self-expression.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Musical Theatre

**Teacher:** Chris Hartman/Dino Caputo

**Description:** Students will work together to create one of their favorite Musical Theatre pieces for presentation.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Multicultural Art

**Teacher:** Elizabeth Ankermann

**Description:** Have you ever wanted to know more about art from different cultures or to explore your own artistic heritage? Celebrate our school's diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds in this Investigative Option! Classes will select cultures of interest to research and then create art inspired by them in a manner that is respectful and avoids appropriation. Similarities and differences in art-making across cultures will be examined.

**Cost:** \$10

**Course:** Outdoor and Recreational Games

**Teacher:** Aislinn Williston

**Description:** Students will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of the most common outdoor games played at school at a leisurely level. These activities may include capture the flag, kickball, spikeball, and other games that can be done in an outdoor setting. Through these games, students will be able to relieve stress and have a ton of fun in an environment outside of the classroom.

**Cost:** \$0

**Course:** Resumes and Job Interviews

**Teacher:** Cassie Skauge

**Description:** This class will have you creating an up to date (or new) resume you can use to apply for your first job! Once resumes are completed we will begin looking for jobs that are of interest to you so you can apply. We will also be conducting mock job interviews so you can learn how to practice and prepare when the time comes!

**Cost:** \$0