



St. John Paul II Catholic School

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Dear Grade 6 and 7 Students and Parents

We are pleased to offer exciting complementary courses that enhance our student's education. St. John Paul II continues to offer a selection of courses in the arts, athletics, languages, technology and science. We are proud to offer many interesting choices that appeal to the diverse interests of our 21st century learners, while remaining a faith-centered, Catholic school.

Your course selection form has been sent home with your child. It is also available on the school website. Please complete the course request form for your child no later than **Monday, June 10**. It is important to complete this registration as soon as possible, as courses are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Courses must have a minimum of 15 students to proceed, and some courses will have limited enrollment due to safety/equipment restrictions.

Program Name: Musical Theater Program 7/8- On Stage: In the Spotlight - Full Year

Description: What is involved in becoming a triple threat performer? The mission of the *Musical Theatre Program at St. JP II* is to provide students exposure to a variety of drama disciplines, with a focus on the musical theatre, in a Catholic environment where we focus on developing our gifts from God: creativity, ingenuity, empathy, leadership and innovation. This program is based around the fine arts; drama, music, and dance. Students will have the opportunity to learn and further their skills in singing, dancing and acting. They will also have the opportunity to create choreography for the productions and have input into the direction of the show. As well, building on community partnerships, and working with experts in various fields. During the program students will be acquiring skills through small, focused works as well as large scale productions to be performed at the Shell theatre. *Students will participate in the Musical Theater program for two of their 4 option blocks. If registered for Musical Theater, the student will only choose two other options.*

Cost: \$400.00

Program Name: Sport For Life 7/8 - Full Year

Description: The mission of the *Sport for Life Program* is to provide students exposure to a variety of sport and recreation activities in a Catholic environment with the focus on creating life-long active and healthy lifestyles. Students will have the benefit of building athletic skill, along with leadership qualities in a faith-filled setting. The program is based on the Canadian Sport for Life model, which is a movement to improve the quality of sport and physical activity in Canada through improved athlete training and better integration between all stakeholders in the sport system, including sport organizations, education, recreation and health. *Students will participate in the Sport For Life program for three of their 4 option blocks. If registered for Sport for Life, the student will only choose one other option.*

Cost: \$1090.00



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Complementary Course Name: French 7

Description: This course is a continuation of Grade 6 French. (French 7 is a prerequisite for French 8). Students will be increasing their fundamental skills to read, comprehend and speak fluently as well as spontaneously. Students will enjoy partner/group projects and interactive activities to enhance their experience with learning French. Themes in the French 7 program include; **School, People Around Me, Weather and Holiday and Celebrations**. Alberta Education identifies the following benefits to learning another language:

- Improved listening skills and increased cognitive abilities
- Creating a more flexible thinker
- Greater ease at learning a 3rd or 4th language
- Ability to communicate with more people
- Increased understanding of other cultures
- Competitive edge in the job market
- More opportunities to enjoy literature, art, music, theater, sports and travel.

Cost: \$0

Complementary Course Name: French 8

Description: This course is an extension of the grade 7 program (Prerequisite French 7 course is required). A more in-depth presentation of grammar is made as well as hands on projects/assignments to maximize the students' French language experience. An increased effort is made on being able to read, comprehend and speak fluently as well as spontaneously. Themes in the French 8 program include; **Animals, Clothing, Food and Holidays and Celebrations**. Alberta Education identifies the following benefits to learning another language:

- Improved listening skills and increased cognitive abilities
- Creating a more flexible thinker
- Greater ease at learning a 3rd or 4th language
- Ability to communicate with more people
- Increased understanding of other cultures
- Competitive edge in the job market
- More opportunities to enjoy literature, art, music, theater, sports and travel.

Cost: \$0

Complementary Course Name: Musical Theatre 7/8 - Behind The Curtain

Description: What backstage elements are required to create a successful full stage production? How do you create a successful media campaign for a large scale production? In this Patriots, Program your child will study the elements of drama and theatre, including the many aspects that go into staging a successful musical theatre production including; construction, sound, lighting, makeup, sets and props. Some tasks your child may choose could be; design sets and/or props, paint and construct sets, design lighting, run the light board, run the soundboard, design and implement special effects, microphone management and wireless, backstage manager, creating programs, a cast photo montage, posters, sending out media flyers, meeting with radio and journalists to talk about the production, creating a behind the scenes video, videoing and archiving the production, learning how to transfer video to a DVD/digital format for resale, social media



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advertising and promotions. Future job possibilities: makeup artist, set designer, lighting and/or sound technician, backstage manager, grip, set dresser, construction coordinator, prop designer and maker, special effects, an event organizer/planner, promotions director, programs coordinator, television and radio advertising, graphic artist just to name a few.

Cost: \$50

Complementary Course Name: School of Rock 7/8

Description: Students will be introduced to the exciting world of rock music. Depending on their ability, students

will begin by learning basic guitar chords and strumming patterns on the guitar. From there, students will learn popular songs, eventually playing in small groups. The goal will be to perform for an audience. The focus of this option is to develop in the student an appreciation of music in general, and specifically of rock guitar and related instruments. Acoustic guitars are provided if needed, at no cost. Students are welcome to bring in their own electric or acoustic guitars if desired. Fees cover the cost of printed music, guitars, amps, pianos, strings, picks, straps, and accessories.

Cost: \$30

Complementary Course Name: Art 7/8

Description: Students have an opportunity to explore a variety of two-dimensional art, such as pencil drawing

techniques, oil and chalk pastel, watercolor, tempera, and acrylic paints. Students also create a variety of three-dimensional sculpture using materials such as wire, cardboard, clay, plaster, and foam. Students will experiment with shading, colour blending, perspective drawing, in abstract and realistic styles.

Cost: \$25

Complementary Course Name: Drama 7/8

Description: In this class students will explore the world of dramatic arts, including games, improvisation, and scripted drama. Skills developed will include movement, voice, and expression.

Cost: \$0

Complementary Course Name: Construction 7/8

Description: The CTF construction option provides students with opportunities to explore, create, plan and evaluate different techniques and strategies related to the world of woodworking. Students identify safety hazards in the construction lab. They operate both hand and power equipment appropriately and demonstrate their construction skills by completing various assigned tasks. Students work in a safe environment where they can apply new skills successfully. Students will have an opportunity to demonstrate their comprehensive knowledge and understanding of wood construction including planning, creating, modifying and evaluating progress as well as demonstrate their problem solving skills as they work through their challenge.

Cost: \$70.00



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Complementary Course Name: Broadcasting 7/8

Description: Interested in film and television production? Want to be a part of a school broadcasting team that will have broadcasts shown on our feature video wall and the Internet? Then CTF Broadcasting at Patriots TV is for you! Learn what happens behind the scenes to create a weekly broadcast on what takes place at St. JP II. Work behind the scenes as a camera operator, lighting technician, director, writer or sound engineer or go out in the field capturing interviews, covering stories and then report them as an anchor for upcoming Patriots TV broadcasts. Whatever you may be interested in we have a place for you! Come out and be a part of the TEAM!

Cost: \$0

Complementary Course Name: Photography 7/8

Description: Students will learn the basics of operating a basic, entry level camera and progress to a more advanced SLR camera. Students will also be introduced to the basics of common photo editing technologies used in the workplace.

- Basic Photography Skills (Point & Shoot to SLR Cameras)
- Photography Editing via Photoshop

Cost: \$10.00

Complementary Course Name: Tech Today 7/8

Description: Students will have the opportunity to learn about up and coming technology that exists in the world around them. They will learn about trends in the technology sector and explore introductory tools to learn the basics of different technologies. The course will include an introduction to:

- 3D Design, Modeling and Printing.
- Block Coding and Computer Coding

Cost: \$0

Complementary Course Name: Media Arts 7/8

Description: Students will have the opportunity to learn about varying forms of media from the three principle channels of media: video, photograph and music. Students will explore an introduction to video editing, an introduction to editing photographs and an introduction to DJings and digital music production.

- Video Editing and Video Composition
- Photography Editing & Media Creation
- Mixing Music & Digital Music Production

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Complementary Course Name: Style and Self Care 7/8

Description: Students will have the opportunity to learn how caring for their body, minds and selves, leads to an overall, well-rounded life experience. They will learn how to properly fuel their bodies through a balanced diet and exercise, as well as how to deal with stress. Students will have guest speakers to help them learn about how to properly care for their skin, nails and hair. Many of the activities are similar to beginning portions of a high school cosmetology course.

Cost: \$20.00

Complementary Course Name: Outdoor Education 7/8

Description: In Outdoor Ed, students are introduced to skills that are vital when a camping trip goes wrong. Through the course, students will learn and practice bushcraft skills such as shelter building, fire starting, orienteering, wilderness first aid, and how to attain food and water from your environment. This is done in a setting where group and individual problem solving are developed.

Cost: \$50.00

Complementary Course Name: Foods 7/8

Description: Students will learn skills about foods and nutrition. Students will review and practice safe and sanitary food handling and safe use of equipment throughout the lab portion of this course. Students will work collaboratively in their kitchens, learning how to select, prepare and serve foods.

Cost: \$50.00