

EAST LAKE SCHOOL: CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATIONS (CTF)

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 5 and 6

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

We are in the process of setting up our CTF courses for next year. CTF provides students with “interdisciplinary learning where students explore interests and passions while making personal connections to career possibilities and technologies” (Alberta Education). We, therefore, encourage students to try a variety of options and different areas of interest. Attached please find a syllabus of available options per term.

Students will have the opportunity to explore **up to six** different CTF courses during the 2019-20 school year. All grade 5 students **MUST** take one general music course. Grade 6 students may choose between Band and general music, but they also **MUST** take one of these options, as this a requirement of grades 5 and 6. Band is a full-year commitment. Students will participate in 2 options per term.

Some CTF courses have fees. The fee is used to purchase the consumable materials for that course. There may be additional costs for excursions or to bring in guest speakers, however, participation in excursions is optional. The fees are included in the description of each course.

Please read and discuss the available options with your child. He/She should choose his/her top six, with the understanding that not everyone will get all their choices. Once students are placed in a CTF course, switches will not be made.

Please feel free to contact the school with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie Waite and Shannon Storey-Heffer
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GRADE 5 and 6 Career and Technology Foundations COURSE OPTIONS

CTF Options for 2019-20:

BAND 6 This is a full year courses.

STUDENT FEE: \$50.00 plus the instrument rental fee, if applicable (approximately 210\$, and partially refunded).

In this course, students will learn the basics of an instrumental music: how to play and care for an instrument, being part of an ensemble, and reading music. Students enrolled in this course will be expected to practice every week to improve their technical skills. Students in Band will have the opportunity to perform at various events throughout the year.

GENERAL MUSIC (*All students in grade 5 and students in grade 6 who are not in band must choose this option.)

STUDENT FEE: N/A

In this course, students will follow the Alberta Program of Studies for Music. They will explore rhythms, melody and harmony through singing, playing instruments, reading and writing music, movement, and listening. Instruments may include: recorders, ukuleles, xylophones, bucket drums, and other Orff instruments. Students will perform at the end of each term.

COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES –Journalism, sketch-notes, movie-making, digital photography

STUDENT FEE: \$15.00

In this course, students will explore various methods of communication. They will produce different media to communicate a desired message to a target audience. Students will also learn how to manage a digital platform, such as a school blog or portfolio. Depending on interest, the elements of this course may be broken up into separate courses.

DRAMA

STUDENT FEE: N/A

In this course, students will explore basic elements and dramatic forms. They will also work as an ensemble to learn the skills needed to become a competent performer, including back-stage management, lighting and sound, and costuming. Students will mount a production as a celebration of learning at the end of the term.

MAKE-UP FOR THE ARTS

STUDENT FEE: \$30.00

In this course, students will learn about personal and professional skin care and make-up application, such as stage make-up and face painting. Students in this course will work with students in the Drama Option as part of their celebration of learning at the end of each term.

MUSICAL THEATRE

STUDENT FEE: N/A

In this course, students will explore the world of musical theatre. They will learn and perform different 'show-tunes' from their favourite musicals and/or the World of Disney

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classics. Students will showcase a polished piece (solo, duet or group) at the end of each term.

CONSTRUCTION

STUDENT FEE: \$40.00

In this course, students will develop their understanding of design and basic construction techniques. Students will learn how to use tools safely and construct a variety of objects. Students may assist with the Drama production (creating props, etc).

FOODS

STUDENT FEE: \$40.00

In this course, students will learn the basics of food preparation and nutrition. They will learn to plan nutritional meals, read and prepare a variety of recipes. Students will show off their culinary skills at the end of each term.

WORLD LANGUAGES

STUDENT FEE: N/A

In this course, students will learn some basic phrases in French, Spanish, Punjabi, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Japanese, Arabic and Chinese. Native speakers of these languages will assist in the teaching where possible. There are about 13 different languages spoken at East Lake, so we are really excited to learn how to say "Hi! How are you?" in as many languages as possible. Students in this option will serve as school ambassadors for various school events.

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING/ROBOTICS

STUDENT FEE: \$25.00

In this course, students will explore the basics of computer programming (graphic design, website construction, etc). They will also learn the basic of robotics to develop robots, wearable electronics, etc. Students will participate in a design challenge at the end of each term to showcase their skills.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

STUDENT FEE: \$40.00

In this course, students will explore the basics of developing a business from the ground up. They will develop a basic business plan, prototype and launch a product that could be sold at a "market" (limited to East Lake students, staff and parents). Students may choose to design jewelry, make cards, create art, sew, knit or other ideas they may come up with! Products will be showcased during a School Market at the end of each term.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION/ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE/OUTDOOR GAMES

STUDENT FEE: \$20.00

In this course, students will develop skills beyond what they might do in their regular physical education classes. They will learn/invent games to teach other students and explore aspects of a healthy, physically active lifestyle. Students will assist with the development and teaching of recess-type games for our school.

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