

EXPLORE

YOUR OPTIONS

JOSEPH M. DEMKO SCHOOL



Academic Coaching (\$10 Fee)

Looking to improve your academic success and get a head start on organization? The Academic Coaching option provides class time for you to complete assignments from other subjects. You will also have opportunity to develop time management, study strategies, and organization skills to be a more successful student in all core subject areas.

Advanced Science (\$10)

STE²AM activities, like engineering challenges to develop critical thinking and enrich their understanding through experimentation. Topic progressions may include Forensics (crime scene evaluation), Marine Biology (studying sharks and aquatic organisms), Renewable energy projects, Science Olympics and Science Fair.

Art (\$40 Fee)

Experiment with various mediums, while learning the fundamentals of drawing, painting and sculpting. Encourage and support self-expression and experimentation through their own unique art-making process. Students will participate in individual and collaborative projects that involve creative thinking, planning and execution.

Band (\$65)

Focus on musical development through group rehearsals and performances. Mentorship will be provided with regards to individual practice techniques, small group practice techniques, performance preparation, instrument maintenance and music theory. Performance-based and students will be performing in a variety of concerts.

Christian Studies (Fee is TBD)

In Christian Studies 7-8-9 students will develop skills analyze religious texts in the context of historical and cultural factors, as well as literary genres. Students will have the opportunity to apply these skills as they engage in an inquiry and discussion-based approach, and as they apply these learnings to their own lives. Christian Studies 7-8-9 is intended to augment the Logos Christian Studies program in our district.

Coding and Robotics (\$30)

Digital citizenship, responsible use of tech, computational thinking to create products/projects using digital tools, & communicate about their learning.

Device Photography (\$20)

students will develop skills to engage with technology and respond to challenges. Students will have the opportunity to explore photography in its many forms, with the potential to use a variety of tools. This course allows students to explore their interests and passions as they work independently and collaboratively.

Drama (\$40)

This will include disciplines of Movement (including Pantomime), Speech, Improvisation, Acting, Theatre Studies and Technical Theatre (lights/sound/make-up and more).

Fit for Life (\$50)

Engage in a broad range of sports, games and athletic pursuits that will challenge students physically, mentally and socially. Kickboxing, yoga, ultimate frisbee, spikeball and capture the flag Learn to communicate and strategize as a team to overcome obstacles and be successful.

Foods (\$45)

Students will participate in a broad range of labs and explorations to develop a greater understanding of a variety of cuisines and the nutritional implications of meal plans and eating patterns. Through active participation in various cooking labs, students will explore baking basics, appetizers and simple meal planning. Students will also examine the newly-issued Canada's Food Guide and Food Truck operations.

FSL (\$30)

Learn French in a dynamic and engaging environment. While learning French vocabulary, students will be challenged to communicate in a variety of school, home and recreational contexts. Students will explore Francophone culture both in Canada and abroad. Students will experience a field trip to our very own French quarter in Edmonton. Bienvenue!

Guitar (\$20)

Learn to play the guitar in an exciting and safe environment. Whether you are starting from scratch or are an advanced guitarist, this course is designed to accommodate and challenge all student skill levels. No music experience is necessary to sign up. All that is required is your desire to learn and your commitment to practice!

Individual Pursuits

Students will develop safety awareness and skills related to self, the group and the use of equipment. Students will develop a variety of skills related to physical literacy as a part of a healthy lifestyle. Students will demonstrate leadership and sportsmanship as part of a community to develop character. Students will work towards achieving goals related to their individual fitness.

Industrial Arts (\$40)

Students will first complete a safety module before moving into the main areas of our lab which include woods, metals and plastics. Project planning and the safe use of the tools and machines in the lab will be highlighted. Subsequently, students will develop their planning skills and craftsmanship, while progressing through more challenging projects.

Leadership

Leadership is a course that is designed for students who want to take an active role in the school and community at large. As teams, students work to collaborate and devise to create, plan and execute projects that will benefit the entire school. Students fundraise and support local and international charities and causes. On a weekly basis, students volunteer in the community. They also raise money within the school and focus on a business model of understanding cost versus profit, as well as the skills needed for the work world: punctuality, hard work, dedication and responsibility.

Life Management (\$10 + additional \$40 for Learners Program)

Focuses on the skills and tools needed to proactively address an umbrella of life issues. Students express a need for tangible learning opportunities that will enhance their likelihood of building strong habits pertaining to finances, character building, career opportunities and psychological and physiological comprehension. Students will deepen their understanding of financial management, career navigation, self reflection/wellness, and life tasks specific to their age. This course will include a Learner's License Component.

Music (\$15)

Students will develop the skills necessary to use music as their own means of artistic expression while also developing positive attitudes towards music as an art form. Students will explore music with a focus on performance through collaborative work and ensemble development. The performance aspects of the music program will include voice and instruments which are augmented by theory, ear training, music history and responding components.

Outdoor Pursuits (\$70)

Offers a wide range of opportunities for students interested in outdoor activities and environmental pursuits. Some of the topics and activities include archery, orienteering, cross-country skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, biking, canoeing and outdoor games.

Physical Education Plus

Take your passion for sports to the next level! Dive deeper into the sports and activities you love, whether it's on the court, field, rink, or in the pool. From basketball and volleyball to ice hockey and swimming, we'll help you master the fundamentals and rules while further developing your skills. Full participation is a must. Let's dive into an exhilarating journey of athleticism and growth.