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**May 2, 2008**

**RE:** Grade 7/8 programs for 2008-2009

Dear Grade 6 and 7 Parents,

As the 2007-2008 school year rapidly draws to a close we are looking ahead to the 2008-2009 school year. In an effort to continue to offer more opportunities and programs to our students we have done some work to schedule a few choices at the end of the day for the Grade 7 and 8's in the 2008-2009 school year. Listed on the following page are the three options for students. We are asking that each student choose one of these options.

In addition **all Grade 7 and 8 students will be taking Home Ec.** once every nine days from **12:55 pm – 2:05 pm.**

**Grade 7 & 8 Home Ec** is an interactive class where students are introduced to some basic life skills. The year will be divided into two sections. The first section will be an introduction to Clothing and Textiles. Students will be exposed to the basics of sewing and will produce a sewing project that they can take home. The second half of the year will be an introduction to Foods. Students will be introduced to Canada's Food Guide and healthy food choices. We will also be cooking a variety of recipes that will help the students demonstrate safe kitchen practices and begin to prepare them for cooking on their own.

Please note that **all Grade 7 and 8 students will be taking Art** from **2:10 pm – 2:40 pm** (all days of the cycle) with their homeroom class.

The **Grade 7 & 8 Art** program will expose students to the three areas of visual awareness, art production, and art appreciation. Lessons will consist of open-ended activities with an attempt to integrate art with other subjects. Themes will be used and evaluation techniques will include a student portfolio and journal. Elements and principles of design and the introduction of the Feldman approach to art criticism will be strategies used in this introductory course.

## **2:40 pm – 3:20 pm**

**Band** – Students will further their playing ability by performing songs from all musical styles. This band will also participate in a music festival and have a performance tour in our division.

**French** – Students will have the opportunity to study French with a student centered, experiential, whole language approach. The students will be introduced to a new textbook titled Discovering French, Nouveau (McDougal/Littell), with emphasis placed on students communicating orally and written form. During the year students will be exposed to a variety of content themes including grammar concepts and vocabulary enrichment.

**Drama** – Students will learn activities to enhance their skills when performing in front of their peers and an audience. They will have 1-2 drama performances throughout the year.

**Technology** – Students will receive technology instruction and do projects related to:

- Basic HTML and web page design
- Electronics
- Computer animation/Claymation
- Photo editing

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Please check option #1, #2, or #3. Once this has been done please check **one** of the classes listed on the even days (right hand side) that corresponds with the option you chose.

## Option #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Band (Days 1, 3, 5) and one of either  
*\*\*Please note that extra band time will also take  
place on some days 2,4,and 6 from 1:30pm-2:05pm  
as arranged by the band instructor.*

\_\_\_\_\_ French (Days 2, 4, 6)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Drama (Days 2, 4, 6)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Technology (Days 2, 4, 6)

## Option #2 \_\_\_\_\_

French (Days 1, 3, 5) and one of either

\_\_\_\_\_ Drama (Days 2, 4, 6)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Technology (Days 2, 4, 6)

## Option #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Technology (Days 1, 3, 5) and one of either

\_\_\_\_\_ Drama (Days 2, 4, 6)  
\_\_\_\_\_ French (Days 2, 4, 6)

Please sign and **return this page** of the letter to the office by **May 9<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please feel free to email me at [dskog@rrvsd.ca](mailto:dskog@rrvsd.ca) or call the school at 746-2612 ext. 223.

**PARENT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Yours truly,

Darren Skog  
Principal  
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