

CCHS Junior High Elective Course Descriptions

Use the following course descriptions to help you select options for 2023-24. Options will be 10 weeks for all junior high classes, unless otherwise noted. This will allow students to take options they enjoy more than one time and for students to experience a wide range of option choices. Students take two options each term.

Please note - Outdoor Pursuits and Hockey have a cost higher than that of typical option courses (cost is included in description)

Pathways to Success - (10 Weeks) - Grade 7 Only - Mandatory Course - Term 1

This class serves as a part of the transition to Jr High and to support students in building effective habits around organization, goal setting and planning for success in Grade 7 and throughout their time at Crowsnest Consolidated.

Junior High Art (10 weeks)

Term One - PRINTMAKING –Artists will explore the production of multiples with emphasis on creative use of the materials and techniques of relief, monoprint, and intaglio (etching) using a printing press. Students will develop skills in layering, carving, composition and design as they explore materials and techniques related to printmaking.

Term Two - PHOTOGRAPHY – From “phoneography” to traditional full frame methods, students will learn the classic approach to photography and digital editing. Photographers will build a portfolio of their work and learn to see the world through a new lens.

Term Three - CERAMICS – A handbuilding class, working with slab and other handbuilding techniques. Students will create multiple sculptures from start to finish using a variety of finishing and firing styles.

Term Four - GRAPHIC DESIGN– Student designers will create their own logos, stickers, website page, and learn the basics of typography and graphic design using online applications and classroom competitions.

Junior High Current Connections (10 weeks)

Using current events, this elective course focuses on world and local issues that affect students’ everyday lives, such as economics, government and conflict. This course uses newspapers, online media, cartoons, and newscasts to support class discussion. Additionally students participate in group projects, presentations and work with primary source materials and opinion pieces in order to better understand the world around them.

Junior High Cosmetology (10 weeks)

Students are introduced to hands on learning, working with professional hairstyling products, equipment, mannequins and live models. Students will be working in a room that mimics a professional salon. This course is designed for students that are new to Cosmetology. This course is designed for students that are interested in hands on learning and practical skill development. Students will give and receive manicures, perform shampoos, conditioning, styling, braiding, blow drying and curling hair. Work will be completed on mannequins and classmates. Attendance and participation are an expectation of this course.

Junior High Construction (10 weeks)

Students are introduced to drafting, sketching, measuring, designing, safety, wood technology, woodworking tools and processes.

Junior High Foods (10 weeks)

Students are introduced to basic food preparation, planning, shopping, budgeting and cleaning. This course is designed for students that have had some experience in the kitchen and are wanting to improve their skills. Students will be expected to work independently, in small and large groups. Attendance and participation are an expectation of this course.

Junior and Senior High Hockey (20 or 30 Weeks -*Must take for two consecutive terms*)

Get fit and have fun! Whether learning to skate or wanting a bit more ice time for your hockey development, all skill levels are welcome. If equipment is an issue, we can fix that. Our focus will be on personal fitness and skill development, as well as teamwork and cooperation. A great way to finish your day.

Cost: \$50/Term (includes jersey, ice time, guest coaching)

Junior High Leadership (Term 10 weeks)

Are you someone who likes to organize events, help raise school spirit, and Be The Change you want to see in the world? Leadership is a course where you get to do all those things and more. A great way to meet students from other schools, participate in new direction of CCHS and learn a great deal about being a leader. This class focuses on hands-on planning, discussion and activities.

Junior High Mechanics (10 weeks)

Jr. Mechanics will give you a hands on introduction into small engine operation and the basics of vehicle service and care. You will learn the basics of 2 and 4 stroke engines and how to properly diagnose and repair issues when they arise as well as how to properly care for them in order to prevent those same issues from occurring. You will also learn the basics of vehicle service which includes how to inspect a vehicle before you buy it, changing and repairing tires, changing vehicle fluids and more.

Junior High Music (20 weeks - *must take for two consecutive terms*)

JH music is a chance to find or develop an appreciation and respect for music. We play, study, and compose a variety of music types throughout the semester, on a variety of instruments. We look at the components of music, and play a wide range of musical styles. This class includes a short performance at the Remembrance Day Assembly, and a performance at Christmas. This course runs for the full year.

Junior High Fall Outdoor Pursuits (Term 1 - 10 weeks)

This course will be a highly active class that will mostly take place outdoors during the fall. Activities will include hiking, swimming, wall climbing, mini-golf, and other outdoor activities. Classroom topics will include fall backcountry planning, orienteering, emergency preparedness, as well as wildlife safety and awareness. Students should be prepared to spend the majority of class time outside in all weather conditions.

A course fee of \$100 will include all busing, guides, pool rental and lessons, water safety training, and classroom sessions delivered by local professionals in their field. Students will also travel to Lethbridge in order to receive instruction and practice wall climbing and scuba diving

Junior High Snow Sports (skiing and snowboarding) Term 2 and 3, 20 weeks)

Students will participate in 14 afternoons of skiing or snowboarding at Pass Powderkeg ski hill from November to March. Intermediate and advanced riders will receive coaching in freestyle, freeride, and/or racing disciplines. Beginners will learn how to improve their balance and use their edges to control their direction and speed in order to feel comfortable and in control on a variety of terrain.

In addition to skiing/snowboarding, students will also participate in snowshoeing, winter back-country preparation, avalanche safety, strength training specific to snow sports, and winter shelter building. Students will also receive certification in First Aid. Students should be prepared to spend the majority of class time outside in a variety of weather conditions.

A course fee of \$395 will include all busing, ski/snowboard/snowshoe equipment (except for clothing and winter boots), ski/snowboard coaching, lift passes, avalanche education delivered by professionals, and first aid certification.

Junior High Spring Outdoor Pursuits (Term 4 - 10 weeks)

This course will be a highly active class that will mostly take place outdoors during the spring. Activities will include hiking, swimming, wall climbing, mini-golf, and other outdoor activities. Classroom topics will include summer backcountry planning, orienteering, emergency preparedness, as well as wildlife safety and awareness. Students should be prepared to spend the majority of class time outside in all weather conditions.

A course fee of \$100 will include all busing, guides, pool rental and lessons, water safety training, and classroom sessions delivered by local professionals in their field. Students will also travel to Lethbridge in order to receive instruction and practice wall climbing and also axe throwing.

Junior High Travel & Tourism (10 Weeks)

Students participate in an introductory overview of the tourism industry, aiming to spark student interest and develop basic skills. It often covers topics like the different sectors of tourism, career opportunities, and the impact of tourism on various aspects of society. Students will explore career options, learn about travel planning, and potentially design a travel package.

Junior High Science and Technology STEM (10 weeks)

Through studying Science and Technology students explore scientific and technological concepts and gain knowledge and understanding of the world. They develop skills in conducting scientific investigations and designing and producing solutions through learning about the Living World, Material World, Physical World, Earth and Space, and Digital Technologies.

Junior High Wildlife (10 weeks) - Grade 9 Only

The intention of Junior High Wildlife is to educate students on a variety of different wildlife topics regarding the natural world. Students will be taking part in a learning environment that blends discussion, research, and collaboration both in the classroom and through outdoor experiences.

Junior High Fitness (10 weeks)

This activity-based class will be a chance for students to focus on developing and implementing a personal plan to improve their level of fitness. All students will participate in regular fitness testing and training. Expect to work hard in the fitness room, gym, and outside.

Genius Hour/Personal Inquiry (10 Weeks)

This class provides students an opportunity to complete research in areas of personal interest and possible career possibilities. Students will develop a variety of culminating projects to demonstrate their learning.

Driver's Ed/Preparation for the Learners' Permit (10 Weeks) - Grade 8/9 Only

This class provides students with the opportunity to become familiar with the content related to the Alberta Class 7 Learner's Permit. Students will also have the opportunity to learn about safe habits related to driving (distracted driving, drinking and driving, dangerous driving, etc.). This course is designed for students that are nearing the age where they can start to operate a motor vehicle. Being a licensed driver is a necessity this day in age, and this course will help our students obtain their class 7 driver's license. Within this course, students will explore many different methods of studying for tests as they prepare to write their driver's exam. ***This is a classroom-based course only - there is no driving component related to this course.***

Junior High Film Studies - (10 Weeks - Gr 8/9 Only)

The aim of this course is to enable each student to understand and appreciate language in a variety of situations for communication, personal satisfaction and learning in accordance with some of the general outcomes outlined in the Language Arts Program of Study.

General Outcome 1: Students view films to explore thoughts, ideas, feelings and experiences.

General Outcome 2: Students will view films to comprehend and respond personally and critically to film.

General Outcome 3: Students will view films to enhance the clarity and artistry of communication

General Outcome 4: Students will view films to respect, support and collaborate with others

Junior High Drama - (10 Weeks)

Drama plays a major role in the development of the whole person, emotionally, intellectually, imaginatively, aesthetically and socially. It fosters positive group interaction, and students are able to work together to reach common goals. While developing dramatic skills, students are able to assume roles and thus explore life. The overall goal is to foster a positive self-concept. The environment in Drama classes is non-competitive, supportive, cooperative and exciting, yet challenging in the constant striving to develop the whole person.

Junior High Digital Communications - (10 Weeks)

The digital communications course will explore the fields of video production/editing, computer coding, audio track creation/editing, and early entry robotics design/creation. It is hoped that students will become comfortable working with various digital platforms and be able to integrate these skills into their overall learning environment.

Book Club - (10 Weeks)

The aim of this course is to enable each student to understand and appreciate literature in a variety of genres in accordance with some of the general outcomes outlined in the Language Arts Program of Study.

General Outcome 1: Students view read to explore thoughts, ideas, feelings and experiences.

General Outcome 2: Students read to comprehend and respond personally and critically to texts

General Outcome 3: Students will read to enhance the clarity and artistry of communication

General Outcome 4: Students will read to respect, support and collaborate with others

JH Writing (10 weeks)

Students will have the opportunity to explore and share their unique ideas and experiences through a variety of writing and multimodal forms. Students will get a lot of creative freedom in this class to explore different styles of writing - this is writing for fun!