

## FINE ARTS AND PAA ELECTIVE CHOICES AT BCA

The following course descriptions apply to the Fine Arts and Practical and Applied Arts courses offered at BCA. Not all courses listed below are offered every year.

Please note that all students are required to take at least two PAA or Fine Arts courses during their high school career. This is a requirement of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education for all students graduating in Saskatchewan.

*For a complete list of BCA course descriptions, click [here](#).*

### ART 20

This class uses pottery and watercolours to work through the Art 20 curriculum. We experiment with the main watercolour techniques and put them to practice in several paintings. We are also introduced to clay and the skills needed to make simple forms on the wheel. By the end, we will glaze all our treasures so we can keep them.

### ART 30

We have both experienced and beginning potters who design and make small dinner sets. You will also learn to make your own glazes and fire your pottery in the kilns. You do not need Art 20 for this class. If the clay likes you and you are kind to it, you might take some nice things home to mom when you are finished.

### CAREER AND WORK EXPLORATION 30

Career and Work Exploration (CWEX) 30 focuses on giving students the opportunity to experience career choices and develop entry-level skills in the workplace by placing them in an actual workplace setting. Students in this course will spend 25 hours in the classroom and 75 hours in the workplace. Classroom learning entails constructing personal career documentation, such as resumes, life and work experiences, personality test outcomes, etc. into an organized career portfolio, developing interviewing skills, understanding labour standards and workplace occupational health and safety regulations, as well as online WHMIS training. The work placement that follows the classroom experience helps contextualize theoretical and prior life experiences to help students see the application and relevance to the real world. All in-class evaluations (25 hours) in this course come from the classroom teacher while workplace evaluations (75 hours) come from the workplace supervisor.

## CHORAL 9/10/20/30

This course spans two terms beginning in September and concluding in April. Students from all grades are welcome—there are no auditions! We meet four days per week to practice together. Our outcomes emphasize vocal technique, attitudes/values, knowledge of music, and reading skills associated with following a musical score. We teach the vocal part that is best suited to each member (soprano, alto, tenor, or bass) and present our repertoire in full harmony. Emphasis is placed on working as a team and expressing our message effectively as we sing songs that glorify God! We present our music to a variety of audiences at church services, retirement homes, care centers, the Moose Jaw Rotary Carol Festival, Briercrest's Christmas presentation – "A Briercrest Christmas", and Briercrest Christian Academy's graduation ceremonies. Students also have the option of joining the four-day Easter Tour that takes place in the spring. This is a highly rewarding experience that takes us to various locations throughout Saskatchewan to share the gospel through song.

One credit is earned in each of the 10, 20, and 30 levels for a maximum of three choral credits. Credits for this course can fulfill the practical and applied arts/arts education credit requirements for high school graduation.

## DRAMA 10/20/30

This elective is offered to students in Grade 10, 11 and 12 who are interested in pursuing drama beyond Grade 9. The content is on a three-year cycle so that students can enroll and learn new things every year. Students acquire several dramatic skills that they apply to the creation of works of dramatic art, study a variety of dramatic techniques and theory that help with acting, and experience dramatic artists in the community by attending live presentations. Students practice script writing, develop self-confidence, self-discipline, and self-motivation, and understand the processes and elements involved in creating works of dramatic art. The course is intended to help develop acting skills and to teach students to exercise critical thought when responding to drama.

## LEADERSHIP 20

This course explores the art of self-leadership and the art of connecting with others. Students learn principles and theories of leadership in the classroom and apply them through serving on our Student Leadership Council team. The aim of the course is to prepare you to effectively serve and influence others both during the school year and in your future.

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This course explores the art of leading others and the art of spiritual leadership. Students learn principles and theories of leadership in the classroom and apply them through serving on our Student Leadership Council team. Students in this course have opportunity to fill one of the leadership roles on our SLC, including that of Co-President. The aim of the course is to prepare you to effectively serve and lead others both during the school year and in in your future.

## PRACTICAL AND APPLIED ARTS 9

### **Career Education** – (1 module):

Using the website, myBlueprint.ca, students will complete various tasks and activities such as resume, portfolio and goal-building, personality-testing and WHMIS and Young Worker Readiness Certificate-training to enable them to develop the essential skills and career management competencies needed to help them achieve their potential in their personal and work life.

### **Entertaining with Food** – (1 module):

This module is designed to entice adolescents to enjoy both the preparation and the eating of some of their favorite snack foods. Students can leave this class with recipes and skills to prepare breakfast and a pasta dish as well as planning a birthday party with a personalized birthday cake.

### **Small Engine Mechanics** – (2 modules):

Students in this module will fully disassemble and reassemble a lawnmower engine with the following outcomes:

- learning and understanding the components and operation of a basic 4-stroke small engine
- learning safe and efficient techniques in the use of shop tools.
- learning and gaining experience in diagnosing, problem solving and working together with other students to accomplish a goal.

Students will also explore careers related to minor mechanics and/or small engine repair. Evaluation in this module will come from journals, quizzes and a final exam.

## PRACTICAL AND APPLIED ARTS A10

Students in this module will learn to prepare a variety of meals and desserts using a large variety of basic kitchen equipment and various sources of heat such as stovetops, microwave ovens, and small appliances. As much as possible, students will gain hands-on experience making foods they enjoy.

As students prepare meals in lab groups, they learn some basic food science, which helps identify why recipes don't turn out if certain steps are not followed carefully. Calzones, BBQ drumsticks, Sloppy Joes...is anyone hungry?

## PRACTICAL AND APPLIED ARTS A20

### Information Processing – (2 modules):

#### Part A:

As the [imaginary] proprietor of a small, unincorporated business enterprise, students in Part A will create and manipulate (in all its necessary formats and functions) various EXCEL spreadsheets for the purpose of building, expanding, understanding and managing their five-year small business venture. Key areas of focus will be on demonstrating basic spreadsheet data entry, applying basic spreadsheet cell and document formatting features, graph and chart-building, and identifying and correcting common spreadsheet error values.

#### Part B:

Part B will see students managing their small business project using word processing skills. Students will transfer the information built in spreadsheets to a Word document thereby developing a five-year, written production plan for their small business. The key areas of focus will be on developing a five-year business plan for their business venture using a word processing application (WORD) according to its conventional formatting standards.

### International Foods – (1 module):

With an intrigue in youth culture for traveling the world, students in this module experience an in-class tour of six major food cultures. In the labs we prepare a wide range of foods, learn to appreciate new flavors, try out some foreign traditions around the table, and use some unique equipment. Within the 18 days of this module, we often have guests come to our class to share their food culture with us: England, Japan, Italy, and Germany. Lessons range from eating with chopsticks to eating an Aussie treat called the Tim Tam Slam.

## Textiles – (1 Module):

Students in this module are introduced to working with cotton and its properties in construction, laundry, and ready-made clothing. Each student learns quickly to use their own sewing machine, and in 17 days they leave with a cozy, personalized quilt made with a fabric of their choice. No previous experience is needed.

## PRACTICAL AND APPLIED ARTS B20

PAA B20 is a construction class designed to help students learn skills in and understand how certain building systems work. To replicate basic house, shop, and/or garage-building (i.e., larger-building structures), students typically build 8x10 garden sheds from the ground up, including blueprinting, floor, wall and roof framing and exterior finishing (siding, trimming, shingling, installing windows and/or doors, etc.). Students will also learn to use and maintain a variety of portable and stationary power tools and hand tools and research some of the many skilled trades careers within the construction trade.

## PRACTICAL AND APPLIED ARTS A30

Whether you choose to study welding for personal use or to help you with further study and/or a job opportunity, a basic understanding of welding skills is important. This course is meant to provide you with opportunities to construct knowledge and acquire skills used in the welding industry and become familiar with career opportunities in the welding industry. More specifically, students in this course will:

- Develop understandings and skills using tools and equipment necessary in oxy-acetylene (OAW), shielded metal arc (SMAW), and gas metal arc (GMAW) welding.
- Research possible career pathways, including post-secondary education and training, in the welding industry
- Develop communication skills and apply mathematical understanding used in the welding industry
- Develop the responsibility, understanding, and skills needed to work safely in the school shop and work environment.

Course evaluation will differ from student to student depending on student experience entering this course.

## PRACTICAL AND APPLIED ARTS B30

This course includes modules from Foods, Food Safe, Clothing and Interior Design. A cluster of four modules exposes students to a practical set of skills:

Food Safe Module: Training in preparing food for public venues and future employment in the food industry. Students leave with a Canadian Food Handler's Safety Certificate, which adds significance to their resume.

Textiles Module: Each Students learns to confidently operate a sewing machine to sew a pair of pajama pants. Any mending in their wardrobe can be brought to class to learn about maintaining clothing.

Foods for Independent Living: students learn to prepare basic dishes for that inevitable day when we leave mom's kitchen! In a few months, we will want to be able to prepare meat dishes, rice, potatoes, and pasta dishes successfully. Motivation comes naturally -- we all love to eat. We also try various ways to present our food. As some say, "The first bite you take is with your eyes."

Interior Design Module: In this module, each student chooses a room and learns to redecorate it. The goal is to make it pleasing to their lifestyle. This time is never long enough to work with all the principles of design and create the dream, but we get a good start. Our motto is, "You never get a second chance to create a first impression." Students create a Concept Board as an interior designer with 17 materials such as: paint chips, carpets, hardwoods, 7 upholstery fabrics, lighting & accessories.

Additional fees will apply to this course.