

Edward Milne Community School

Preparing for Grade 9

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

School Counsellors

- Personal counselling for issues such as depression, stress, anxiety, relationship concerns, family issues, substance abuse, self-esteem, etc.
- Academic advising and scheduling
- Career exploration & post secondary planning
- Transition and orientation support for incoming students
- Referral to outside agencies
- Information regarding special opportunities e.g. Rotary-sponsored adventures, student travel, scholarships, Teen Mentorship ...

Today's Focus: The Courses

- Selecting your courses using Career Cruising
- Earning high school credits
- Choosing Courses
 - required courses, electives, academies, learning strategies, band
- Important dates and your to do list

Grade 9 Courses

- English 9
- Math 9 and/or Intro Math 9
- Science 9
- Social Studies 9
- Physical & Health Education 9
- Career Education 9
- Elective: _____
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- Elective: _____

Grade 9 French Immersion

- English 9
- Français Langue 9
- Math 9 and/or Intro Math 9
- Sciences 9
- Science Humaines 9
- Physical & Health Education 9
- Career Education 9
- Elective: _____
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Earning Credits with Grade 10 Electives!

- 4 credits per Grade 10 course
- Grade 9 students take Grade 10 level electives and start earning credits towards graduation early!

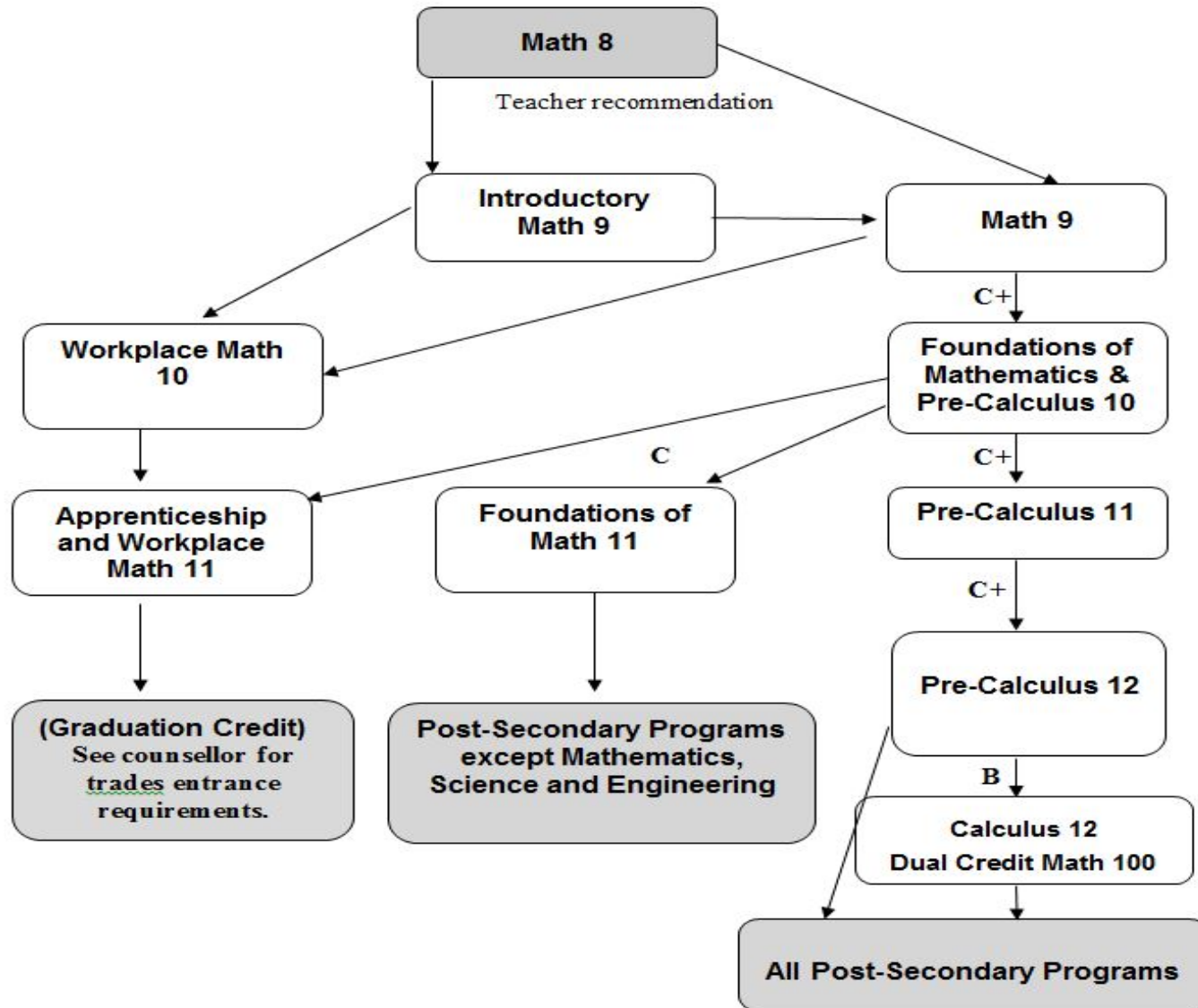
Our Schedule

- 9 courses per year
- 4 courses in first semester (Sept. to Jan.)
- 4 courses in second semester (Feb. to June)
- Career Education – all year, blended into other courses, some special presentations/activities
- Bell schedule and block rotation to be announced

Selecting Your Courses

- **Career Cruising**
 - course descriptions
 - select courses for next year
 - tentative selections for Gr. 10-12
 - track your completed courses, credits, and marks
 - graduation requirements
 - career exploration
 - post-secondary options (college, university, trades, etc.)
- **The Big Decisions for Grade 9**
 - Intro Math 9 and/or Math 9
 - French 9, Spanish 9
 - Electives
- UBC and SFU require a second language to Gr. 11 for direct entry from high school

Math



Intro Math 9

- For students who struggled in Math 8
- Reinforces concepts from Math 8
- To boost skills before taking Math 9 OR to prepare for Workplace Math 10
- Is Intro Math for you?
 - Talk to your teacher.
 - Talk to the EMCS math teachers at the Open House.

French 9

- not required but may be a good idea
- second language to the Grade 11 level is required for direct entry into UBC and SFU for all programs
- second language may be required for entry into some programs at other universities

Spanish 9

- not required but may be a good idea
- no previous experience in Spanish is required
- Spanish 11 meets the second language 11 requirement for direct entry into UBC and SFU.

Physical & Health Education 9

You must do ONE of:

- PHE 9
- Hockey Academy
PHE 9 Hockey (with Jr. Hockey Athletic Training)
- Soccer Academy
PHE 9 Soccer (with Jr. Soccer Athletic Training)

An additional online registration is required for Academies.
See EMCS website under "*Programs.... Academies*".

Connections 10

- An elective course
- for Grade 9 students
- rigorous program of instruction in academic “survival skills”
- to create a college/university-going culture
- Sample topics : critical reading & writing strategies, vocabulary development, cultural literacy, great books, study skills, test taking strategies, organization & time management, collaborative study groups, binder organization skills, note taking using the Cornell notes method, ...
- Guest speakers, college/university visits, field trips

Learning Support

- **Learning About Learning 10**
 - teacher recommendation required
 - help with homework, study strategies, test taking, organization, coping skills, etc.

Course Selection To Do List

- **Now**
 - select your courses in Career Cruising
 - lock in your choices after the Open House
- **Thursday, February 22**
 - **EMCS Open House @ 6:30 pm.** Attend with your family.
 - finalize your course selections
- **Wednesday, February 28**
 - **Course Sign-Off Sheets due to your Grade 8 teacher with parent/guardian signature**

Other Transition Activities

- Journey classes visit EMCS in May.
 - tour
 - Grade 9 classroom experience
 - student panel presentation and Q & A
- EMCS Counsellors meet with Grade 8 teachers about their students in June.
- First day of school year for Grade 9's only