

GRADE 9 REGISTRATION



INTRODUCTION

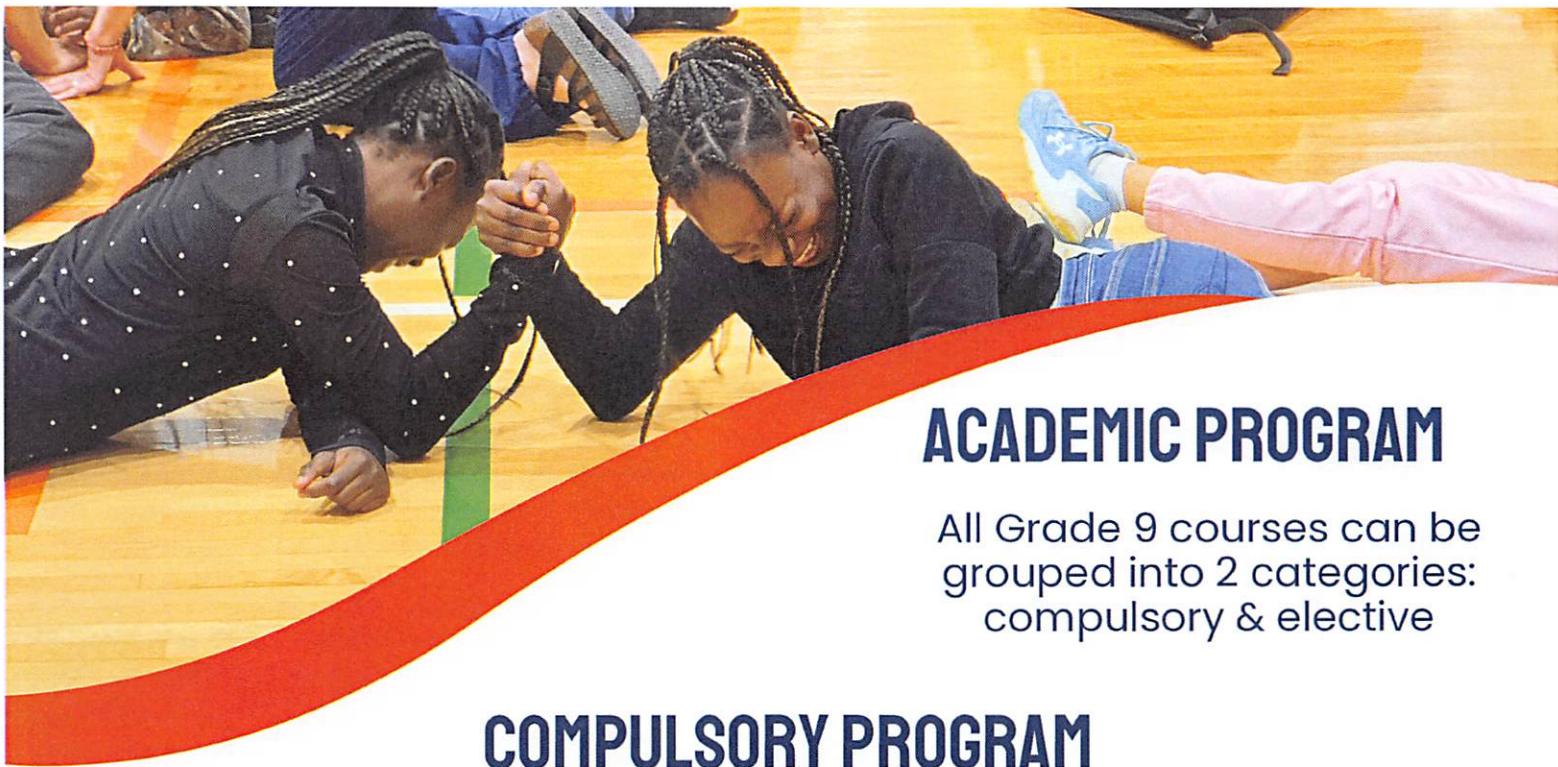
Swan Valley Regional Secondary School is excited to welcome the newest members of our learning community - Grade 9s.

The Grade 9 program sets a strong educational foundation in literacy and numeracy while offering many choices in elective courses and co-curricular activities. Our comprehensive program, together with a supportive and caring staff, makes the SVRSS a great place for students to explore their interests, develop skills, learn and grow.

MOTTO, MISSION, PURPOSE, BELIEFS AND VALUES

- **Motto:** Make a difference today for tomorrow
- **Vision:** to see all students as successful learners achieving their full potential in life
- **Mission:** to achieve excellence in learning for all
 - Learning how to learn and realizing that learning is a life-long pursuit
 - Learning how to make a livelihood to become self-reliant & productive citizens
 - Learning how to live a life of fulfilment as caring & responsible members of a global society
- As a community school, we are a center for learning, providing educational opportunities for senior years high school students and the community in general
- We pursue the fulfilment of our purpose in an atmosphere of cooperation among students, staff, parents, business, industry, government, arts community and other educational institutions
- **Beliefs:** Learning, Respect, Responsibility & Safety





ACADEMIC PROGRAM

All Grade 9 courses can be grouped into 2 categories: compulsory & elective

COMPULSORY PROGRAM

Grade 9 students enroll in 5 subject areas required by the Province of Manitoba and choose an additional 2-3 elective courses to help discover or develop their interests. Students can earn up to 9 credits.

English, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Physical/Health Education

ELECTIVE PROGRAM

Grade 9 students rank their choices from 1-8 with the goal being to receive at least 1 of your top 3 choices. Rank these choices according to your interest. Please note that the cluster courses are an opportunity for exploration of up to four areas in each cluster.

The SVRSS has a variety of elective areas for students to explore in their four years at the SVRSS including:

Choral
Concert Band
Hairstyling
Jazz Band
Languages: French and Cree
Strings

Elective Clusters

A: Creative Arts
B: Heavy Industrial
C: Light Industrial

*Additional elective areas available in Grades 10-12 include Carpentry and Electrical, as well as individual courses in Automotive, Business, Drama, Environmental Management, Graphic Communications, Heavy Duty, Human Ecology, Motion Picture Arts, Performing Arts and Visual Arts



COMPULSORY

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (2 CREDITS)

This course is designed to support language development. Students learn to understand, appreciate and use language in everyday life, make connections and communicate information, ideas and opinions, including skills needed with technology, AI, digital literacy, writing skills, non-fiction and media literacy.

MATHEMATICS (1 OR 2 CREDITS)

This course prepares students to benefit from a mathematical understanding for their personal and work-related future, regardless of career and/or post-secondary educational choices
*110 hours: Students will receive 1 credit and be enrolled in a non-semestered block (alternate days); students must be able to maintain a fast pace and keep up with class expectations
*220 hours (students may receive up to 2 credits and be enrolled for the entire year. This extra time will review prior knowledge needed for new concepts and mastery of Grade 9 math topics.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (1 CREDIT)

This course helps students gain knowledge & develop skills & attitudes for healthy living and participating in physical activities & sports to develop personal fitness.

SCIENCE (1 CREDIT)

This course is designed to expose students to a wide variety of science issues & topics in a meaningful & challenging way.

CANADA IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD (1 CREDIT)

Canadian issues are the emphasis of this course, with the purpose to cover the physical landscape, political, legal and economic systems, international relationships and multi-cultural base. Current affairs are covered.



ELECTIVES



CONCERT BAND

The emphasis is on performance of various musical styles and forms. Workshops, concerts, tours & festivals are a part of this program

JAZZ BAND

Students learn a variety of jazz styles, improvisation and arrangement; class is performance focused. Previous experience not required.

STRINGS

No experience needed! Students will develop skills to produce music on selected string instrument (eg. guitar or violin). Performances are required.

FRENCH: COMMUNICATION AND CULTURE

Review & mastery of basic skills, through oral communication, reading & writing and discovery of francophone culture.

CREE

Instruction is on the 'n' dialect originating from Swampy Cree. Students learn to read, write & speak at the basic level of proficiency through in-class & off-site language and cultural activities.

HAIRSTYLING

The focus is on safety & sanitation, basic tools & equipment, operation of hair salon, workings of the industry & introductory skills such as braiding, thermal styling & roller setting.

EXPLORATORY ELECTIVES

A: CREATIVE ARTS

Drama
Motion Picture Arts
Performing Arts
Visual Arts

B: HEAVY INDUSTRIAL

Automotive
Business
Heavy Duty
Welding

C: LIGHT INDUSTRIAL

Culinary Arts
Environmental Management
Graphic Communication
Human Ecology