



Welcome  
to  
**Lorne Akins!**



**Achievement**  
**Positive Relations**  
**Punctuality**  
**Learning**  
**Effort**

## **Grade 8 Complementary Option Courses 2017- 2018**

All students at Lorne Akins Junior High School are automatically registered into the four academic core subjects and Physical Education for their grade: Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. Lorne Akins also offers a wide variety of complementary courses including Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) courses. These courses help students build their understanding of the world around them as they identify and apply career and life skills while providing a foundation for students to transition into Career and Technology Studies (CTS) in high school.

Inside this booklet are descriptions of the complementary courses offered at Lorne Akins for the 2017-2018 school year. With the assistance of their parents, we ask students to read the program descriptions carefully, consider the complementary courses available, and choose three courses based on their needs and interests. Students do not have to rank their choices as every effort will be made to accommodate their interests.

As staffing and school programs are determined by the choices students make, there will be very limited opportunities to change courses. Therefore, **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT STUDENTS MAKE THEIR CHOICES CAREFULLY.** Please return your completed registration and option forms to your TA by **April 13, 2017.**

***Please note that some of the complementary option courses have fees attached to them.***

Please call Dr. Jackson or Mr. Wiles if you have questions or need clarification and/or assistance completing the registration package.



# C R E A T E

## Art 8

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### Fee: \$25 (Full Year)

This course is designed to build upon drawing, painting and sculpting skills gained in Grade 7 although any student is eligible and encouraged to take the class. The flexible nature of this course allows students to focus their learning on technique and skill building, or on experimentation and self-expression. Some highlights for the upcoming year include brain drawings, clay sculpture, and a gallery walk through downtown Edmonton.

## Concert Band 8

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### Instrument Rental Fee: \$50 (Full Year)

Band 8 serves as a natural step-up and progression from Band 7. Students will continue to hone their fundamental theory and playing skills while tackling more diverse musical compositions developed to showcase their performance skills at several concerts performed at the Arden Theatre and in various venues around town. In addition, opportunities for tours, workshops and performances in Alberta and B.C. have proven to be very enjoyable for the students in past years. Tours include performance and festival work while still leaving time for recreational activities. Approval of Mr. Demuyneck or the pre-requisite of Band 7 is needed for eligibility into Band 8.

## Guitar 8

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### Fee: \$20 (Full Year)

Learn to play the guitar! This is an introductory course which does not require previous music experience. Students will form their own music groups and spend class time preparing for a variety of performances including an outdoor concert at the end of the year. Students are encouraged to add vocals to their performance pieces. In addition, they will learn to read music, play melodies and learn a variety of chords. Students who work hard and develop their skills will be given the opportunity to audition for the spring music tour. Students are expected to provide their own guitar for the course. Please be aware that bus students will not be allowed to take their guitars on the bus. Please see Mr. Demuyneck if this presents a problem.

## Home Economics: Foods & Fashion 8

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### Fee: \$35 (Full Year)

This CTF course is offered to students who would like to try both Foods and Sewing. In Foods, students will prepare snacks and appetizers such as bruschetta, nachos, bacon stuffed potato skins, homemade pizza, soft pretzels, a variety of cookies, muffins, scones, cinnamon buns, learn how to ice and decorate cupcakes with fondant, and how to make homemade lasagna, caesar salad and garlic bread. They will sew a Quillow (blanket that folds up into a pillow), Mermaid Tail blanket or may sew a project suited to their level of sewing. Students will be using the sewing machines to complete projects. Students will also choose a “stuff” or pillow to hand-sew. Additional projects may be picked according to student interest. Students will be required to purchase their supplies for the sewing projects.

## Industrial Arts 8

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### Fee: \$35 (Half Year / Full Year)

In CTF Industrial Arts 8, students will have the opportunity to rotate through six modules: Graphic Arts, Power Mechanics, 35mm Photography, Plastics, Ceramics, and Machine Metalwork. Many skills acquired in Grade 7 are used in the Grade 8 modules but having taken Industrial Arts in Grade 7 is not required in order to take it in Grade 8. Students are encouraged to apply acquired skills in the design of their own projects. Students will begin the year with modules in drafting and safety. Students are able to revisit any of the Grade 7 modules after completion of two of the Grade 8 ones. The \$35 fee covers the cost of supplies for basic projects. Students who wish to complete large projects or ones that require specialized materials may incur a supplemental fee for supplies.

## Drama 8

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### (Full Year)

Drama 8 is an introduction to more advanced theatre skills. By participating in short solo and group scenes, students will build a better understanding in acting, directing, and playwriting. They will also learn about set design, lighting, and stage management. Self-confidence is an asset for students who enjoy performing in front of an audience, and building it is also a goal of the course. If these activities and ideas meet your interests and curiosity, then Drama 8 is the right choice of option for you!

## Device Photography

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### (Half Year)

This course is designed to train students to capture, create, and alter digital images to demonstrate a clear knowledge of the fundamentals of photography including composition and storytelling while exposing them to various editing apps and the appropriate use of social media outlets for photo sharing. Students must have access to their own mobile device for this option. Please note, this half year course will partner with GLS or IA.

**T H I N K**

## French 8

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### (Full Year)

Allons-y! The French 8 Program continues to build on the solid foundation laid in French 7. Our students excel as they continue with the AIM Language Learning Method. Students explore the French language further using the play “Veux-tu danser” where students work together on this fantastic AIM Play. Using the AIM method allows students to improve their fluency and confidence. All of this is accomplished in a meaningful learning environment where the emphasis is on communication and culture. All levels and abilities are welcome as students do catch on quickly with the AIM program.

## Gator Plus Challenge: Science

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### (Full Year)

Gator Plus has been designed to appeal to inquisitive, academically sound, independent workers who seek knowledge, understanding, and enrichment beyond the regular classroom routine. Students will work independently as well as in small and large group settings to explore ideas and issues which should make our school and community a better place to be. In Grade 8, **Science** is the focus of the Gator Plus Challenge option. Students will spend time in the Science lab, the computer room, and in other learning environments as they construct mousetrap cars, toothpick bridges and towers, and solar system models. If these activities look fun and challenging to you then Gator Plus 8 should be on your option list!

## Gator Learning Support 8

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### (Full Year / Half Year)

This option provides skills that are of value to all students, but in some cases, more so to those who struggle with academics. It offers students the chance to learn important skills such as organization, note taking, scheduling of projects and learning to prioritize as well as test taking and study skills. They will develop a better understanding of their learning styles which can lead to an increase in academic performance and self-confidence. Students will also be given the tools to manage stress and anxiety and recognize when they need to ask for help.

Students may be able to switch to other options once achieving desired results depending on availability and parent/teacher review. The half year course will partner with **IA or Device Photography**.

**M O V E**

## Fit For Life 8

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### Fee: TBA (Full Year)

Fit for Life challenges the physical, social, and mental fitness of learners as they pursue a broad range of sports, games, and athletic pursuits. Whether it's a Team Triathlon, Tennis, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Rugby, Gaelic or Aussie Rules Football, students will learn the physical skills, game strategies and positive social attributes that are needed to accompany competitive co-ed activities and recreational sports.

Students will swim, run, bike, curl, bowl, dance, and tackle traditional indoor sports like Ice Hockey, Floor Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball, and Badminton and not so traditional games such as Tchoukball and Sepak Takraw. Leadership opportunities will involve peer teaching experiences in Basketball and Track and Field, running an elementary school track meet, and/or putting on a "fun day" for pre-school children.

If you are prepared to put forth your best effort and be changed out for every class, are a good leader/listener, value co-operation and good sportsmanship, then F.F.L. is the place to be!!! Fees will be charged for off-site field trips.

## Outdoor Education 8

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### Fee: TBA (Full Year)

This option offers a wide range of opportunities for students interested in outdoor activities and environmental pursuits. Some of the topics include camping and winter survival skills. Other activities include archery, orienteering, cross-country skiing, small craft safety, canoeing and outdoor games. Students have the opportunity to take part in an overnight canoe trip. There will be some field trips and students will be expected to pay fees to help offset some of the trip costs.



## Student Supply List 2017-2018

The following is a list of general supplies you will need. You may be asked to bring additional items after you have met your different subject teachers.

### Paper

- Large supply of lined loose-leaf paper
- Package of unlined loose-leaf paper
- Two packages of dividers
- Three coil-bound notebooks
- Package Sticky Notes
- Four 2-inch Binders

### Tools

- A good quality combination lock (locks are available from the office for \$7.00)
- Calculator (Basic functions for Grade 7 & 8, Scientific Calculator for Grade 9)
- Geometry Set
- Deck of cards and a pair of dice (math)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Earphones/earbuds
- Pocket Dictionary
- Thesaurus (Synonym/Antonym Dictionary)

### Writing Tools

- Two blue or black ballpoint pens
- Five HB pencils
- One eraser
- Coloured pencils and felts

### Other

- Glue Stick
  - White Out
  - Spare Lock for use during Phys Ed classes here and at Fountain Park.
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- Be sure to label all your supplies with your name so they can be identified.
  - Physical Education classes will require appropriate T-shirts, shorts, clean athletic socks, running shoes and sweat suits or jackets for cold weather.
  - If you will be purchasing new footwear, shoes and runners with non-marking soles are suggested.
  - A selection of Gator-branded sweats, T-shirts, etc. will be available from the school store in the fall.



## Grade 8 Complementary Option Course Selection Form

1. Fill in the information in the Student Information Section
2. Circle your gender beside the Physical Education course entry.
3. Select 3 Complementary Courses. Please note that every effort will be made to register you in the courses you have chosen. If this is not possible, you will be consulted for a change to your selections.

Student Information		
Student Full Name ↑	Last Elementary School Attended	Parent/Guardian Signature
Parent/Guardian 1 Name ↑	Parent/Guardian 1 Email Address	Parent/Guardian 1 Phone #
Parent/Guardian 2 Name ↑	Parent/Guardian 2 Email Address	Parent/Guardian 2 Phone #

Courses (select 3 in addition to Physical Education)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical Education (Compulsory)	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> M	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art 8		
<input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band 8		
<input type="checkbox"/> Guitar 8		
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Economics: Food & Fashion 8		
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Arts 8	Half Year: <input type="checkbox"/>	Full Year: <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Drama 8		
<input type="checkbox"/> French 8		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gator Plus Challenge: Science		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fit For Life 8		
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Education 8		
<input type="checkbox"/> GLS 8	Half Year: <input type="checkbox"/>	Full Year: <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Device Photography	Half Year: <input type="checkbox"/>	







## Grade 8 Registration Fees 2017- 2018

Student Information (please print)		
Student First Name ↑	Surname	
Student Number: ↑	Grade:	TA:

Registration Fees		
<input type="checkbox"/> Textbook Rental Fee	\$65.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Noon-Hour Supervision Fee (for those who are at school over the lunch hour)	\$50.00	\$ _____

Complementary Course Fees		
<input type="checkbox"/> Art 8	\$25.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band Instrument Rental (Waived if students have their own instrument)	\$50.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Guitar 8	\$20.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Economics: Food & Fashion 8	\$35.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Arts 8 - Half Year: \$18.00 Full Year: \$35.00		\$ _____

Optional Fee		
<input type="checkbox"/> 2017 - 2018 Yearbook	\$25.00	\$ _____

<b>Total Amount Paid :</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
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Cash \_\_\_\_\_  Cheque # \_\_\_\_\_  Online \_\_\_\_\_

\* Our preferred payment method is to submit payment on-line through the PowerSchool Parent Portal, from September 1, 2017. However post-dated cheques made payable to "St. Albert Public School District No. 5565" will also be accepted.

\* Note: In all courses, small fees may be charged for individual activities (i.e. Field trips, bowling, etc)

