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## Grade 6 Option Descriptions (2020-2021)

Dear parents/guardians:

Students at St. Thomas are able to make requests for option classes that will occur in 3 terms during the 2020-2021 year.

- Term One: August 31 - November 26 (13 weeks)
- Term Two: November 30 - March 18 (13 weeks)
- Term Three: March 22 - June 29 (13 weeks)

Students will be able to make option **requests** for the year later this week **online**. This selection process will be completed as a google form that will be available on the website [staschool.ca](http://staschool.ca) from May 27 - June 5.

Listed below are the different options available to choose from for the year. Students will be able to take **one** option during each term. Take some time to consider options that your child will be interested in. Students will rank the choices from most desirable to least desirable. Students may not get his/her top choices during the year, as there are over 600 students enrolled in the school.

### OPTION DESCRIPTIONS

#### **Art**

In this class students will explore a variety of different media to complete art projects. We will explore pointillism, negative space and examining specific artist's techniques used to create pieces of art.

\*For those students that have chosen Band\*

#### **Band**

Students will have the opportunity to learn how to play a concert band instrument of their choice and will prepare for various performances throughout the year. Please note that this is a full year option.

#### **Babysitting**

Students will learn a variety of skills that will help allow you to become an awesome babysitter. Real world simulation tasks will provide students with the opportunity to test babysitting strategies and skills out.

## **Cosmetology**

Students will learn about hair styling (braiding, curling) and esthetics-including nail care & skin care and have the opportunity to practice their skills in a safe environment. Part of this course will include the possibility of connecting with cosmetology facilities at a high school or community level and learning about career related opportunities in this field. Join cosmetology for a hands on learning experience!

## **Design Studies**

Students will be using a variety of techniques and equipment to create various personalized and creative wood designs. Students will be utilizing teacher supplied hammers, nails, string, wood burning pens, paint, crayons and canvas to create their own unique design pieces that will be graded and taken home to share and enjoy. I look forward to students bringing energy, ideas, and enthusiasm to share with me and other students.

## **Drama**

In drama students will explore various forms of dramatic expression and theatre. Everything from motionless tableaux, to over-the-top expressions of body language, to intense monologues to the quick-on-your-feet art of improvisation is explored. Anyone from theatre regulars to students who are brand new to drama are welcome!

## **Environmental Stewardship**

Students will explore various ways that we are called to care for God's creation - Earth. Learning opportunities include working within our aquaponics greenhouse as well as recycling and composting.

## **Film Study and Creation**

Students will have the opportunity to watch various types of films. Students will get to write their own movie reviews, create a 'green screen' preview for a film of their choice, try their hand at script writing and learn about the various careers in this field.

## **French**

Introduction to the French Language. This is a beginner level french option introducing students to the new language.

## **Leadership**

Students will plan and implement school wide activities and a theme week during each term. Students will also choose different skills and interests they are passionate about and find a way to make a difference using those skills through community volunteering opportunities. Have your voice and choice in what happens in your community!

**Multimedia:** Students will focus on digital citizenship and Google Apps. Primarily using Chromebooks, students will experience the programs they will use during middle school. Students will spend time creating on each of the main Google Apps -- slides, drawing, forms, etc. and will be exploring other apps on the Chrome Web Store.