

**2011-2012
DESCRIPTION OF REQUIRED, RECOMMENDED AND
OPTIONAL SCHOOL FEES:**



REQUIRED FEES

Textbook Caution Fee (grades 7-9): \$75.00 security deposit for textbooks. The fee is carried forward from grade 7 to 9, and transferred at the end of grade 9 to the high school textbook rental fee. Should a student withdraw from the school, the fee is refundable, providing all books are returned and fees are up to date.

Textbook Rental (grades 10-12): \$75.00 per year

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FEES

Lock Deposit: \$10.00 per year. New students to Vimy Ridge Academy are strongly encouraged to use school-purchased locks for their hallway lockers to ensure durability against locker thefts. The lock deposit is carried forward each year and is refundable should the student withdraw or upon graduation and the lock has been returned. Replacement locks will cost students \$10.00 each time a replacement is required.

Students' Union Activities Fee: \$15.00/year. The Students' Union is one of the pillars of "Lancer" tradition and is the heart of the school community. SU membership entitles students to free admission to all SU events (Week of Welcome, Achievement Breakfast, Fear Factor, Christmas events, Red Hot, Fan Challenge, Lancers' Playdium, Touch of Class, Hat Days, all Spring Fling events, Lancers' Ex and more) and discounted rates on Lancers' Pride clothing apparel and school dances.

OPTIONAL FEES

Yearbook: \$35.00 each (includes G.S.T.)

Grad Fee: \$40.00. Covers the cost of the gown and stole rental, cap and tassel (student keepsake) and one free ticket for the graduate to the commencement ceremony.

Bus Pass Fee: \$48.00/month or \$405.00/year (paid in full in September)

Agenda Book Replacements: The school provides one custom-designed agenda book per student per year at no cost. The agenda includes the modified calendar, exam dates, special events, and schedules. Replacement agendas are available to the end of the school year **for \$4.00/each.**

Newsletter Print/Mail Fee: The newsletter is a key component in effective communication and a critical link between school and home. Parents are encouraged to access SchoolZone to acquire a copy of the newsletter at no cost or by pick-up at the school office. Printed copies may be mailed home by parent request for **\$10.00 per family for the school year.**

Correspondence: Students requesting registration for correspondence will be assessed a materials deposit fee that varies depending on the course. The fee covers the cost of disposable/consumable supplies and is refundable once the student completes the coursework and assignments, writes the final exam and returns all course materials.

DESCRIPTION OF OPTION COURSES & FEES:

OPTION COURSES

Outdoor Pursuits Physical Education 10/20/30 Field Trip Fee: Outdoor Pursuits students pay **\$75.00 per semester** for extended physical education field trip opportunities. The fee covers cost of transportation, admissions, subsistence, and use of facilities. Extended programming is available at the school for students who do not attend field trips.

Art (grades 10-12): Students explore how artists use line, texture and color and other fundamental aspects of visual arts using disciplines such as drawing, sculpting and painting. A fee of **\$40.00** covers consumable products. Students have the option of independently purchasing required consumable products through local stores.

Career Exploration (grades 7-9): Students register for a 10-week rotation through four of a possible seven courses. Students have the option of purchasing required consumable products on their own through local stores or paying a fee for all four courses for the year and school staff will do the purchasing. The fee for each Career Exploration option is **\$75** per year. Depending on the grade level, the Career Exploration course bundle may include four of these courses:

- **Computer Studies:** The course begins with basic keyboarding and works through modules in information processing, spreadsheets, database, hypermedia tools, graphics and other applications.
- **Construction Design:** Students learn how to construct a number of projects using a variety of wood-working machinery. Safety procedures and wood-working techniques are emphasized.
- **Digital Photography:** A course that encourages students to use creative thinking and problem-solving skills in presentations, digital photography, print and audio-visual production in order to help them develop media and technology literacy.
- **Foods:** This option involves the theory and practical application of safety in the kitchen, and basic food preparation methods, as well as the role of key ingredients in cookies, quick breads, pastries and simple entrées.

Construction Design (grades 10-12): Students learn how to construct a number of projects using a variety of woodworking machinery. Safety procedures and woodworking techniques are emphasized. A **\$40.00 fee** covers consumable products. Students have the option of independently purchasing required consumable products through local stores.

Fitness Training (grades 7-9): Students will develop a training program in consultation with their teacher. Once established, the student will then spend the remainder of the course using their training program, evaluate the effectiveness of the program and make necessary adjustments to the program as required.

Foods (grades 10-12): Junior High students cover the theory and practical application of safety in the kitchen and the basic preparation methods and role of key ingredients in cookies, quick breads, pastries and simple entrees. Senior high students cover a series of single credit modules i.e. Foods Basics, Baking Basics, Snacks and Appetizers. A **\$40.00 fee** covers consumable products. Students have the option of independently purchasing required consumable products through local stores.

French as a Second Language (grades 7-12): This course works through the FSL curriculum beginning with the elements of Beginner Level One. Reading comprehension, oral, written and verbal skills are all emphasized.

Leadership Class (grade 9): This course allows students to study leadership and better understand the concept of leadership through a comparison of basic theories and styles of leadership in preparation for future career and life roles. This course is open to students who are part of the Vimy Ridge Academy WOW Team and/or Student Council.

Pipe & Drum Band (grades 7 – 12): Beginner and advanced level instruction is available to our Outdoor Pursuits Program students. Students are instructed in performance techniques for either the bag pipe or drum band instrument. Music theory, music history and aural skills are integrated into all classes, regardless of playing level. The fee schedule is broken down as follows:

- **\$80 fee** for all *beginners* to cover the costs of practice instrument supplies (chanter or pad, sticks and music books over the course of the entire school year)
- **\$75 fee** for *Advanced* players to cover the maintenance costs of instruments (including the cost of replacing drum heads, snares, reeds, stock ties and general wear and tear over the course of the entire school year)
- **\$75 fee** for *Advanced* players who require a uniform rental

Spanish (grades 7-12): This course is intended for students who are interested in studying the Spanish language and culture. Junior high students will enter the six year (6Y) program in Grade 7, while high school students will enter the three-year (3Y) program Grade 10.

Web Page Design (grades 10-12): This course is designed for students interested in learning how to design and publish web pages. Basic HTML programming and Dreamweaver software will introduce students to creating pages on the World Wide Web. Students will design several mock web pages suitable for a variety of client needs.

DESCRIPTION OF ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM COURSES & FEES

OUTDOOR PURSUITS PROGRAM

- **Drill and Parade (grades 7-12):** A course designed to provide students a rigorous and traditional approach to learning the skills, precision and mental discipline associated with parade square drill. The course progresses through basic and primary aspects of posture and deportment to increasingly complex aspects of parade drill.
- **Wildlife (Pursuits) – High School:** Students are offered two 3-day overnight camping trips as well as other off-site excursions. A field trip fee has been assessed to cover camp expenses, transportation, admissions, subsistence, use of facility and additional supervision for excursions that happen outside of regular school hours.

Field trip fee: \$110.00/year

- **Wildlife (Pursuits) – Junior High:** Grade 7 students are offered one overnight camp and one day camp, plus other off-site excursions, and grade 8 & 9 students are offered two 2-day overnight camps, plus other off-site excursions. A field trip fee has been assessed to cover camp expenses, transportation, admissions, subsistence, use of facility and additional supervision for excursions that happen outside of regular school hours.

**Field trip fees: Grade 7 - \$55.00/year
Grade 8 & 9 - \$90.00/year**

- **Canadian History (grade 7):** This course is designed as an introduction to the military history of Canada from the pre-conquest era to the present day. Students will be exposed to the vital role played by warfare and conflict in the foundation and development of Canada as a political entity. The course will trace the manner in which Canada developed from colony to nation-state through its involvement in domestic and international conflicts.
- **World History (grade 8):** This course introduces students to a study of the military history of the Americas. The emphasis is on military events, issues and personalities in the United States and in Central and South America from the Aztec period to the present.
- **Canadian History – Post Confederation (grade 9):** This course introduces students to the study of Canadian history from confederation to the contemporary era. Although the course is organized around political parameters, significant attention is paid to the “limited identities” of class, ethnicity and gender.

PROFESSIONAL DANCE PROGRAM

Professional Dance (grades 7-12): Offered through the **Edmonton School of Ballet (ESB)**, an Edmonton Public School partnership group. Students are accepted into the professional dance classes by audition. Parents/guardians **contact ESB directly at 440-2100** for more detailed information and an outline of fees.

ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM

Flexible programming for elite student-athletes who are provincial, national or international calibre in their chosen sport. Accommodations are provided for enrolled elite athletes through modifying a student's timetable or assignment schedule to avoid conflict with training or competition timelines.

SPORTS ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

Academic and Athletic Development Institute of Edmonton (grades 7-12): An Edmonton Public School partnership group, also known as "The Hockey Program", that offers **hockey, lacrosse, and sport recreation programs** to both girls and boys. The program is designed to help students develop the playing and teamwork skills needed to succeed at a competitive level in hockey and lacrosse, and to introduce students in the sports recreation program to a variety of activities with a focus on lifelong enjoyment and participation.

Parents/guardians **contact the A.A.D. Program directly at 465-5461, ext. 186** for more detailed information and an outline of fees.

The Green & Gold Soccer Academy (grades 7-12): An Edmonton Public School partnership group that offers an ideal educational environment for girls and boys who are looking to balance the demands of an academic program with their passion for **soccer**. Coaches work within a framework of holistic education and develop the students' tactical, technical, mental and psychological understanding of fitness and sport.

Parents/guardians **contact The Green & Gold Soccer Academy directly at 465-5461, ext. 192** for more detailed information and an outline of fees.