

CENTENNIAL

SECONDARY SCHOOL

EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

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Centennial is entering its 23rd year of offering its exclusive Regional Arts Program and in its 12th year of the province-wide Specialist High Skills Major in Arts and Culture. Both programs offer creative students, who have a passion for instrumental music, vocal music, visual art and drama, the opportunity to study with like-minded students guided by highly skilled teachers.

In grade 9 the successful candidates in the Regional Arts Program will select a MAJOR discipline from the following: Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Drama and Visual Art.

The Arts Program features all four disciplines offered on a year-long model for grade 9 and 10. Students will focus on their major subject for the first semester. In the second semester, students will have the opportunity to explore the other disciplines, as well as have additional enrichment activities with int their major. The year will culminate with a fully, integrated arts project.

Senior students will continue to specialize in their chosen Arts discipline(s) and upon graduation will receive a special Arts certificate along with their Ontario Secondary School diploma. Senior students also enrolled in the Specialist High Skills Major will receive a seal on their diploma to reflect this achievement.

Our Arts program is designed to enhance the learning and skill development of students who are seeking a career in the Arts and/or are passionate about the Arts in their life. We strive to nurture, mentor, and create opportunity, in an environment that breeds success for all students.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE REGIONAL PROGRAM

The Regional Arts Program will offer unique experiences for students who express interest and aptitude in the visual and the performing arts which are integrated within a full academic and athletic program. Program features will include:

- the opportunity to work and learn with like-minded students
- excellent facilities available at Centennial Secondary School
- an environment more conducive to the study of the Arts
- a team of specialized staff that create and deliver excellent programs
- a focus on the Arts with enrichment opportunities for all students in the program

The Successful Arts Program Student is:

- committed to exploring a full range of the Arts including Visual Art, Music and Drama
- expected to demonstrate excellent attendance with no unexplained absences
- expected to get involved with production opportunities
- committed to the Arts Program and arts in the community
- willing to continue to develop excellence in character and act as ambassadors for the Arts at Centennial.

Arts Program students will exhibit: CARING, COOPERATION, HONESTY, HUMOR, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, TRUSTWORTHYNESS, COMMITMENT TO THE PROGRAM AND ITS CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

ARTS & ARTS+ CERTIFICATES

Upon graduation, successful students are eligible for Arts and Arts+ certificates which will become part of their graduation records and personal portfolio. The holder of such a certificate has achieved the following:

Arts Certificate:

8 credits in the Arts: Must take Major discipline all 4 years


Arts+ Certificate:

9 or more credits:

THE SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR: ARTS AND CULTURE

Centennial students also have the opportunity to register for the *Specialist High Skills Major* in Arts and Culture. This province-wide program starts in grade 11 and offers students the opportunity to gain valuable real-world experiences in the Arts field and is open to all Centennial students. Students obtain sector-recognized certifications and training, participate in reach-ahead and experiential learning opportunities and explore a variety of post-secondary options in the Arts fields. A business course and a co-operative education course are required to provide students with a well-rounded Arts education in preparation for their future. Students who complete this program will graduate with a Provincially recognized *Specialist High Skills Major: Arts and Culture* seal on their diploma.

Course options for Arts Program Students



Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visual Art• Drama• Vocal Music• Instrumental Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visual Art• Drama• Vocal Music• Instrumental Music• Guitar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visual Art• Drawing and Painting• Film Studies• Photography• Drama• Instrumental Music• Vocal Music• Guitar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visual Art• Visual Art Mixed Media• Drama• Instrumental Music• Vocal Music• Guitar



Specialist High Skills Major

ENTRANCE TO ARTS PROGRAM FOR GRADES 10, 11 AND 12 CSS STUDENTS

Students may be eligible to enter the Arts Program during their second, third, or fourth year of secondary school. Please contact Mrs. Thompson, Ms. Carroll or Ms. Dafoe for audition information.

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITHIN THE VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

Each individual Arts course will have performance expectations within its evaluation and expectations. For example, a student enrolled in a drama program will be expected to assist with a school play. In addition, Arts students will be expected to contribute to school programs including plays, musical performances of small and large groups, visual art shows, dance presentations and other events such as the Arts Welcome Party, Arts Night and Grade 8 Day. Arts program students are expected to maintain an excellent attendance record in all courses.

USE OF GUEST SPEAKERS AND ITINERANT WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Fundamental to the specialized program is the inclusion of guest artists, workshops, arts-related field trips and co-curricular activities. Due to the richness of the Arts community within the Bay of Quinte Region, the contributions from the Bay of Quinte community will supplement curriculum and broaden partnerships with Centennial Secondary School.

ARTS COMMUNITY HOURS

Students in the Arts program will complete 40 hours of Arts-based community service before graduation. The focus of Arts service is a partnership with the community offering the student real life experience. For example, students may assist local organizations in the production of plays, musicals, festivals and art exhibits. Students may overlap arts hours with community service hours.

Certain courses may have service expectations within the course. For example, some Theatre courses may require additional hours after school and on some weekends.

Other examples of community service include: assisting with school and community performances or tutoring students in art-related subjects. Production experiences may include, art exhibits, performing, music, painting sets, designing costumes, props, lighting, promoting an event, graphic design and dozens of other technical skills which are part of the performance focus of the program.

FACILITIES

Centennial provides its Art students with excellent facilities – a fully equipped theatre, which seats over 800 people, a mini-theatre; used for both presentations and drama courses, two visual arts classrooms, an art gallery, a photography and lighting studio, and two fully-equipped music rooms (instrumental & vocal). Students study with a team of specialized teachers who are skilled and have a passion for the Arts. Both the *Arts Program* and the *Specialist High Skills Major* provide students the opportunity to participate in practical workshops, field trips and community projects that relate to all areas of the Arts. Students also have the opportunity to interact with professional artists in order to develop practical skills and explore post-secondary education and career options.

OUR GRADUATES

The Regional Arts Program will provide our students with the richness of specialized instruction including opportunities to learn by performance. Students will benefit and take to their adult lives new interests, deeper knowledge and broader experiences. Graduates will be more prepared for auditions and have fully developed portfolios for further studies in the Arts. The emphasis on excellence, variety of experience, collaboration and performance will guide the program and allow our graduates unique opportunities and training.

THE ARTS DEPARTMENT STAFF

Drama

Ms. K. Carroll
Mr. C. Chamberlain
Ms. T. Forsey

Music

Ms. K. Dafoe
Mr. B. Yarranton

Visual Arts

Ms. C. Christos
Mr. P. Hercus
Ms. S. Kamink

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Mr. P. Foran

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