

**Welcome  
Future  
Dundas Valley  
Families!**





## Land Acknowledgement

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

# Presentation Overview

- Welcome from Student Council – Marissa Fara
- Overview of our school
- The grade 9 experience so far - Bootsy Brown and Addison Marcynuk
- School supports
- A final word – Ms. Moore and Ms. Farrugia
- Prizes!! Explore the school!

# Introductions



**Principal  
Ms. Collier**



**Vice Principals  
Ms. Moore and Ms. Farrugia**



# Marissa Fara

Student Council President



# Picture Our School



Perhaps the inspiration? 😊





# First renovations - the New Addition: East Gym and Science Wing (6 new labs)





# New Track and Fitness & Wellness Room





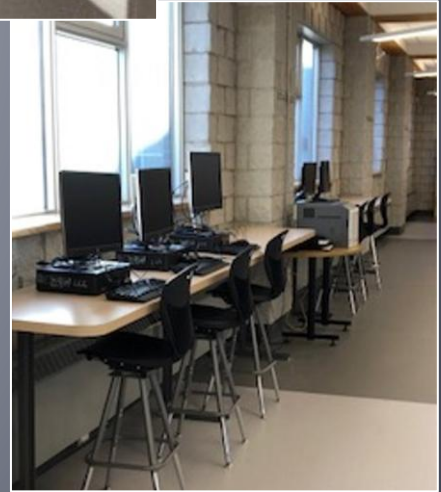
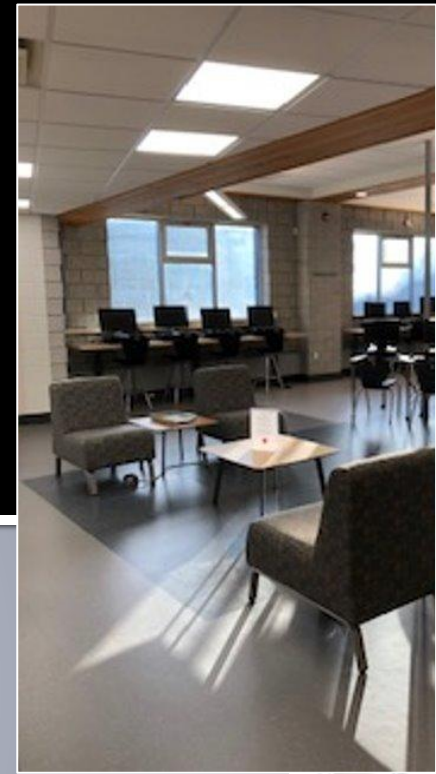


**SENIOR BOYS'  
VOLLEYBALL SOSSA  
CHAMPS!**





# Library Learning Commons





# A Sampling of Dundas Valley Clubs, Councils and Athletics!

CLUBS	COUNCILS	ATHLETICS
Gryphon Gamers Club	DVAC - Athletic Council	Hockey
STEM Club	MHAT – Mental Health Action Team	Track & Field
Business Club DECA	Student Council	Swim Team
F/X Club	Prom Committee	Football
Dungeons & Dragons and Table Top Games Club	Valley Advisors	Volleyball
Math Club	Music Council	Cross-country
Green Gryphons Garden Club	Stage Crew	Soccer
Fitness Club	THE ARTS	Badminton
Positive Space	Dance Team	Water polo
Yearbook Club	NTSFest	Golf
Reach for The Top	Percussion Ensemble	Ultimate Frisbee
Drama Club	Jazz Band	Baseball
Eco Club		Pickleball
Activities:	NaNoWriMo (write a novel in a month), Math Contests, M&MIW Project	

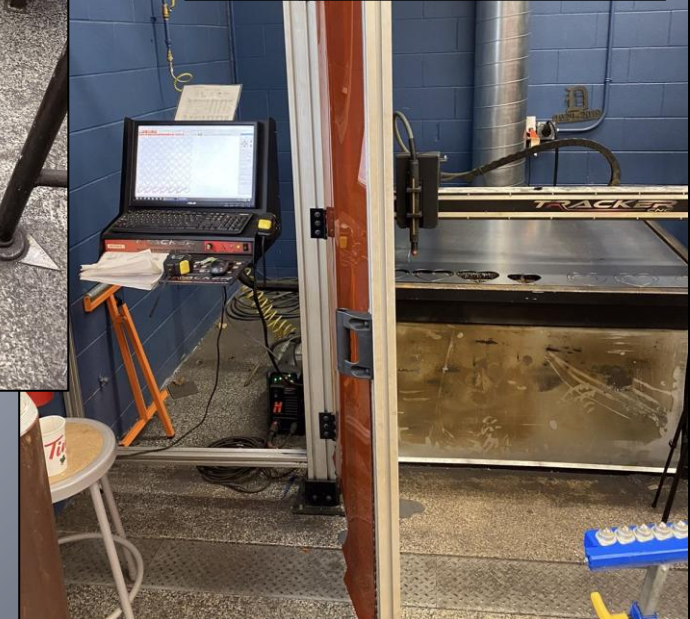


# Studio Theatre in the Circle





# New Tech Facilities Supporting the Transportation SHSM and Manufacturing SHSM





# Specialist High Skills Majors...

ARTS AND CULTURE

BUSINESS

MANUFACTURING

TRANSPORTATION

**9 weeks in!**  
**My Grade 9 Experience so far...**



**Bootsy Brown  
and  
Addison Marcynuk**







**Your support team:**

**Guidance and Student  
Success and Learning  
Resource**

# Supports We Offer...

Mr. Davey

## STUDENT SUCCESS:

- ☐ Progression from grade 8 to grade 9
- ☐ Credit Rescue Plans
- ☐ EQAO (literacy and math) preparation
- ☐ Student Voice and Leadership



# Supports We Offer...

**Room  
2067**

**Mrs. Presta and  
Mr. Arnold**

**Ms. Warren and  
Mr. O'Connor**

## **LEARNING RESOURCE:**

- ☐ Individual Education Plans
- ☐ Access to Special Education Supports and Services
- ☐ Educational Assessments
- ☐ Specialized Equipment and Technology

## **GUIDANCE:**

- ☐ Course selection
- ☐ Mental health and wellness supports
- ☐ Academic counselling
- ☐ Applying to university/college, and apprenticeship and workplace progressions



# What 8 courses will you be taking next year?

## 5 courses are chosen for you:

<b>Geography</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Science</b>
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**3 courses are your choice!**

<b>Drama</b>	<b>Dance</b>	<b>Visual Art</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Business</b>	<b>Family Studies</b>	<b>Learning Strategies</b>	<b>Fitness</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>Court Sports</b>	<b>Introduction to Tech Design</b>	<b>Technology and the Skilled Trades</b>

# IMPORTANT DATES

**DECEMBER  
2025 AND  
JANUARY  
2026**

**DVSS VISITING  
FEEDER SCHOOLS  
OPTION SHEET  
PRESENTATION**

**THURSDAY  
JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
DVSS OPTION SHEET  
PRESENTATION**

**FEBRUARY  
2<sup>ND</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**COURSE  
SELECTION IN  
myBLUEPRINT AT  
HOME AND WITH  
YOUR GRADE 8  
TEACHER.**



Dundas Valley Secondary School

# Helpful Information

Welcome Future Gryphons!



Principal: Ms. Collier

Vice Principals: Ms. Moore and Ms. Farrugia

## Dundas Valley Contacts

Website:	<a href="http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dundasvalley">www.hwdsb.on.ca/dundasvalley</a>
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Instagram:	@dundasvalleyss_hwdsb

### Student Services:

Mr. O'Connor: [joconnor@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:joconnor@hwdsb.on.ca) - (Last names A - K)  
Ms. Warren: [jwarren@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:jwarren@hwdsb.on.ca) - (Last names L - Z)  
Mrs. Indelicato: [dindelicato@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:dindelicato@hwdsb.on.ca) (Guidance Administrator)

### Learning Resource:

Mr. Arnold: [carhold@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:carhold@hwdsb.on.ca) - (Last names A - K)  
Mrs. Presta: [tpresta@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:tpresta@hwdsb.on.ca) - (Last names L - Z)

### Student Success:

Mr. Davey: [sdavey@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:sdavey@hwdsb.on.ca)

## DAILY SCHEDULE

Period 1 class	8:05 - 9:20
Period 2 class	9:25 - 10:40
Lunch	10:40 - 11:40
Period 3 class	11:40 - 12:55
Period 4 class	1:00 - 2:15

## Transportation:

If you would like to find out if you qualify, or if you need to set up transportation, please call (905) 523-2318 or visit [www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca). If you know you qualify, there is an "Annual Opt-In Form" that can be found here: [BusPlanner Workflow \(mybusplanner.ca\)](http://BusPlannerWorkflow(mybusplanner.ca))

## Important Dates:

Grade 9 Course Selection Presentation at DVSS:

**Thursday January 15th, 2026**

MyBlueprint Opens for Grade 9 Course Selection:

**Monday February 2, 2026**

Due date for Grade 9 Course Selections in MyBlueprint:

**February 13th, 2026**

Parents/Caregivers Verify Course Selections on Parent Portal

**March 30th - April 2nd, 2026 (tentative)**

## Graduation Requirements:

(students entering grade 9 in 2025 onwards)

- 30 credits (17 required/13 optional)
- Financial Literacy Requirement
- OSSLT (Grade 10 Literacy Test)
- 40 Community Involvement Hours
- 2 eLearning Credits (parents/caregivers can opt out)

# What's in your Folder?

## Dundas Valley Secondary School Grade 7 & 8 Open House



LOWER LEVEL	GROUND LEVEL	UPPER LEVEL	CIRCLE	CIRCLE
East Gym - Phys. Ed	Rm. 1018 - Languages	Rm. 2021 - English	Rm. 2067 - Learning Resource	Rm. 2078 - Manufacturing
	Rm. 1011 - Media Arts	Rm. 2018 - Business	Rm. 2070 - Communications	Rm. 2079 - Design Tech.
MAIN ENTRANCE		Rm. 2014 - Humanities	Rm. 2072 - Visual Art	Rm. 2080 - Music
Learning Commons		Rm. 2010 - Geography	Rm. 2073 - Transportation	Rm. 2081 - Fitness
Main Office		Rm. 2066 - Mathematics	Rm. 2075 - Construction	
Student Services		Rm. 2044 & 2045 - Science	Rm. 2077 - Drama & Dance	





## Dundas Valley Secondary School Grade 9 Option Worksheet

NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT  
ATTEND AN HWDSB  
SCHOOL –  
Please call the DVSS  
Guidance Administrator  
(905-628-2203 ext. 4854)  
to book a registration  
appointment.

### CORE COURSES:

Your five core courses are English, French, Geography, Mathematics, and Science:

ENL1W1	FSF1D1	CGC1W1	MTH1W1	SNC1W1
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### OPTIONAL COURSES:

You will have **three** additional courses in your timetable: please select 5 (your top 3 and two back-up choices) and number them 1 – 5 (#1 being your most desired elective course). "eL" designates e-Learning courses.

Earning 1 credit in each of **The Arts**, **Healthy Active Living**, and **Technology** is a diploma requirement, and many students will choose to earn these credits between grades 9 and 10.

ARTS	DANCE (ATC2O1)		HEALTHY ACTIVE LIVING	COURT SPORTS (ALL GENDER) (PAL1O1)	
	DRAMA (ADA1O1)			FITNESS: IDENTIFIES FEMALE (PAF1O1F)	
	MUSIC (AMI1O1)			FITNESS: IDENTIFIES MALE (PAF1O1M)	
	MUSIC WITH REPERTOIRE (AMI1O1 + AMR1O1 = 2 CREDITS)			FITNESS: ALL GENDER (PAF1O1)	
	VISUAL ARTS (AVI1O1)			HEALTHY ACTIVE LIVING: IDENTIFIES FEMALE (PPL1O1F)	
	PHOTOGRAPHY E-LEARNING (AWQ1O1eL)			HEALTHY ACTIVE LIVING: IDENTIFIES MALE (PPL1O1M)	
BUSINESS	BUILDING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET (BEM1O1)			HEALTHY LIVING AND RHYTHM AND MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES, MINDFULNESS E-LEARNING (PAR1O1eL)	
	BUILDING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET E-LEARNING (BEM1O1eL)				
HUMANITIES	INTRO TO FAMILY STUDIES (HIF1O1)		TECHNOLOGICAL STUDIES	TECHNOLOGY AND THE SKILLED TRADES (TAS1O1)	
	INTRO TO FAMILY STUDIES E-LEARNING (HIF1O1eL)			INTRODUCTION TO DESIGN TECHNOLOGY (TDJ1O1)	
GUIDANCE	LEARNING STRATEGIES SKILLS FOR SUCCESS (GLS1O1)		NATIVE LANGUAGES, NATIVE, MÉTIS, INUIT STUDIES, AND CLASSICAL STUDIES	MOHAWK (open Level 1) E-LEARNING (LNMAOeL)	
	LEARNING STRATEGIES SKILLS FOR SUCCESS E-LEARNING (GLS1O1eL)			EXPRESSIONS OF FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, INUIT CULTURES E-LEARNING (NAC1O1eL)	
LANGUAGES	SPANISH LEVEL 1 (LWSBD1)			LATIN (ACADEMIC LEV. 1) E-LEARNING (LVLBD1eL)	
	SPANISH LEVEL 1 E-LEARNING (LWSBD1eL)				

### SPECIALIZED PROGRAMMING NOTE:

Recommendations for specialized programming will be made using a team approach involving elementary and secondary school staffs, the student, and family/caregivers/guardians. Specialized programming in Grade 9 includes:

- **Locally Developed** courses in English (ENG1L), Math (MAT1L), Science (SNC1L), and French (FSF14)
- **FSF1O1** – can be chosen if the student has not had the minimum of 600 hours of elementary Core French instruction.



## Ontario Graduation Requirements for Students Starting Grade 9 at Dundas Valley in 2025

### WHAT ARE THE 17 REQUIRED CREDITS?

- 4 credits in English (1 per grade)
- 3 credits in math (grade 9, grade 10, and one in 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in science
- 1 credit in tech education (grade 9 or 10)
- 1 credit in Canadian geography (grade 9)
- 1 credit in Canadian history (grade 10)
- 1 credit in the arts
- 1 credit in health and physical education
- 1 credit in French as a second language
- 0.5 credit in career studies
- 0.5 credit in civics and citizenship
- 1 credit from the STEM-related course group

To graduate, students must  
earn 30 credits:  
17 are required  
13 are optional

One credit will be earned from any  
of the following STEM-related  
courses:

- Business studies
- Computer studies
- Cooperative education
- Mathematics (beyond the 3 required)
- Science (beyond the 2 required)
- Technological education (beyond the 1 required)



Ontario  
Secondary  
School Literacy  
Test (OSSLT)

- taken in grade 10 when the student is taking English



Grade 10  
Financial  
Literacy Test

- taken in grade 10 math class
- must earn 70%



2 eLearning  
credits

- parents / caregivers can opt student out of this requirement



40 Community  
Involvement  
Hours

- Can begin in the summer before grade 9



# DVSS Vice Principals Ms. Moore and Ms. Farrugia



# QUIZ TIME!!





# QUIZ TIME!

**Name TWO of the Specialist High Skills Majors we offer here at Dundas Valley.**

# QUIZ TIME!

Name ONE DVSS staff  
member from our student  
support team.

# QUIZ TIME!

Of the 22 DVSS cross country team members who qualified for and participated at the Ontario Provincial cross country championships in Ottawa last week, how many were grade 9 students?



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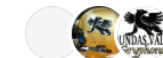


dvss music ...

DVSS Music Department

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DVSS Music Dept &amp; Music Council 🎺



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# See You Soon Future Gryphons!



## Questions?

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Do you have  
a Golden  
Sticker?

