



## Information for students going into Grade 9

### **What happens in Grade 9?**

Grade 9 is a set program. This means that students come to KVHS and follow a pre-set schedule based on their programming. Students that are in the English Prime program follow a course load that is all in English. Student in the French Immersion program follow a course load that is 50% in French and 50% in English.

### **What do I take in Grade 9?**

The Grade 9 program of study is the following:

- English Language Arts 9
  - This course is divided into two semesters: Literary texts and informational texts. Students must pass both sections before moving into English Language Arts 10.
- Mathematics 9A and Mathematics 9B FI/FSL students take FI/FSL Mathematics 9
- Science 9
  - FI/FSL students take FI/FSL Science 9
  - This course is about Cells and Space.
- Social Studies 9
  - FI/FSL students take FI/FSL Social Studies 9.
  - This course is about Canada and the world.
- Personal Development and Career Planning 10 (PDCP 10)
  - FI/FSL students take FI/FSL PDCP 10
  - This is at the grade 10 level
- Post-Intensive French 9
  - FI/FSL students take FI/FSL Language Arts 9 (either Early or Late).
- Specialties.
  - You take a total of over 180 hours of specialties over the year.
  - Students take 45-hours of Broad-Based Technology, Health & Phys Ed, Music, and Visual Arts.

### **When do I get my schedule for Grade 9?**

You will receive it on your first day of high school! Students at KVHS are looked after by a vice-principal and a guidance counsellor by their surnames, with Mrs. Humphries and Mrs. Walsh seeing students with last names A-G, Mr. Dobson and Mme. Stevens seeing students with last names H-M and Mr. Reid and Mrs. Price seeing students with last names N-Z.

### **What if I have questions?**

The first and best resource for you is your advisory teacher. They can direct you to other teachers or guidance counsellors if necessary or find out answers and get back to you.

