

# Victoria Park Collegiate Institute

*Grade 8 Parent Information Night*



# Victoria Park Collegiate Institute (VPCI)



***School Motto: Take action and pursue our goals with enthusiasm.***

Victoria Park CI is a dynamic school with a staff who provides students with a safe and nurturing learning environment but that also emphasizes academic excellence, along with a wide range of co-curricular opportunities that focuses on the student as a whole.

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# Our Commitment to Equity

At VPCI, we endeavor to create an equitable and inclusive community that

- fosters respect for diversity
- builds a culture of high expectations to address the well being and achievement of all students
- provides equitable access to programs and resources and increased opportunities to lead to success.



# Our Commitment to Equity

To achieve this goal, we have engaged in professional development that has included, but is not limited to:

- addressing Anti-Black and anti-Indigenous Racism, Allyship & 2SLGBTQ folks
- developing strategies for success with students who have visible and invisible disabilities.

As a collective, we are invested in continuing to engage in the critical work of learning more about and delivering an anti-oppressive teaching approach.

We welcome you to join in our journey of learning.

**“Not everything that is faced  
can be changed, but nothing can  
be changed until it is faced.”**

*- James Baldwin*

# Programs at VPCI

Victoria Park offers a diverse range of programs in mathematics, science and technology, the arts, languages, humanities, social sciences and business education:

- *International Baccalaureate (IB) Program*
- *LD Intensive Support Program*
- *MID Intensive Support Program*

We have an exceptional graduation rate and many of our graduates have been accepted into Ivy League universities.



# Special Education Support for students with IEP

- Our Special Education Department is staffed with 2 teachers and 8 support staff
- Students can access support in our Resource Room and in their other classrooms
- Our support staff can offer help both in-person and online



Resource Room - Rm 173

# Intensive Support Programs (ISP)

## LD and MID

- Caring and experienced staff
- Smaller class sizes
- One support staff in each compulsory class
- Academic support for ISP students in:
  - Math
  - English
  - Science
  - Geography
  - History
  - Civics/Careers



Special Education Video

# International Baccalaureate (IB) Program

Established in 1987, the IB Program provides highly motivated, academic senior students with an opportunity to earn the International Baccalaureate Diploma, which is recognized by universities throughout the world.

The Pre-International Baccalaureate Program for Grades 9 and 10 is an enrichment program in English, Mathematics, Science, French, Canadian and World Studies and Technology that prepares students for higher education anywhere in the world.

**IB Admissions information for the 2020-2021 school year is available at:**

[www.victoriaparkci.com](http://www.victoriaparkci.com)



# Grade 9 Courses

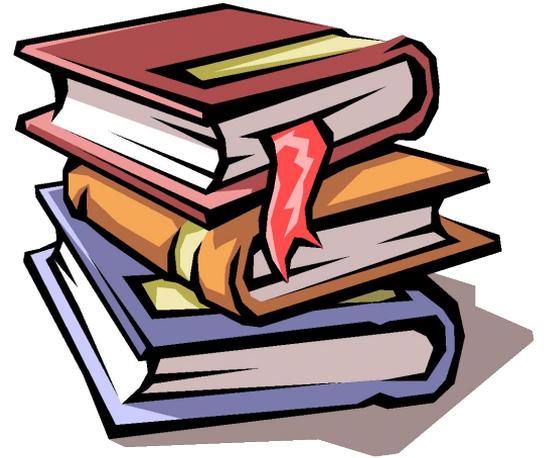
Grade 9 Students are required to take 8 courses. 7 Compulsory and 1 Elective.

## Compulsory Courses

- Art (Visual, Drama or Music)
- English
- French
- Geography
- Math
- Physical Education
- Science

## Elective Course

- Intro to Business OR
- Intro to Technology OR
- Learning Strategies



# The Arts

**Arts education** is an essential part of school for students.

Through **The Arts**, students learn to think imaginatively, identify and solve problems, empathize with others, think critically, communicate effectively and appreciate the skills and accomplishments of others.



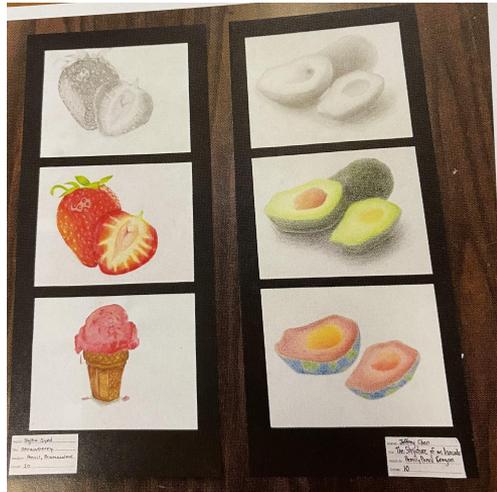
Programs and courses in **The Arts** provide the tools for understanding, expressing, representing, creating and communicating with others and provide learning experiences that engage students' hearts, minds and bodies.

# Visual Arts

- Art installations and Showcases of class work.
- Creation of murals throughout the school building.
- Visual Arts Council - art shows, installations, contests and collaborative projects with the rest of the school community.

Grade 9 Course

*Expressions in First Nations, Metis and Inuit Cultures*



# Performing Arts (Drama & Dance)



- Drama Showcase Performances for every class, each semester.
- National Theatre School Festival Host and Award Winners.
- State of the art Theatre lighting in Cafetorium and Drama Studio.
- Dance showcases with classwork and school entries.
- TDSB Dare to Create Dance entries and Awards.
- Performing Arts Council- coffee houses performances, producing of additional shows.



Grade 9 Course

*Dramatic Arts*

# Music

- Classes for beginner to advanced musicians
- Wide range of instrument choices from:

Guitar	Keyboard	Strings
Brass	Percussion	Woodwind
- Extracurricular options include;

Symphonic Orchestra	Gr. 9 Band,
Jazz Ensemble	Chamber Choir
- School concerts
- Numerous Ontario and Canadian Band competitions and Awards.
- Music Council- community building events, promotion of concerts and competitions.

Grade 9 Courses:

*Instrumental Music Band*

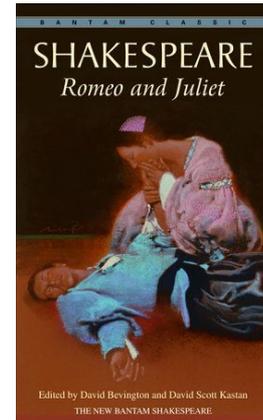
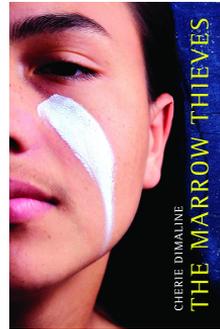
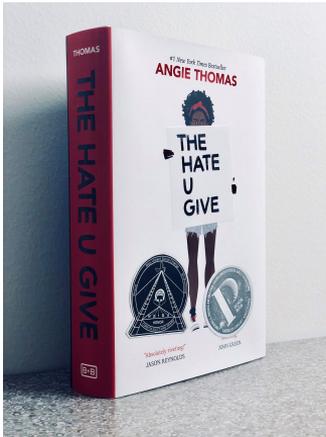
*Instrumental Music Strings*



# English

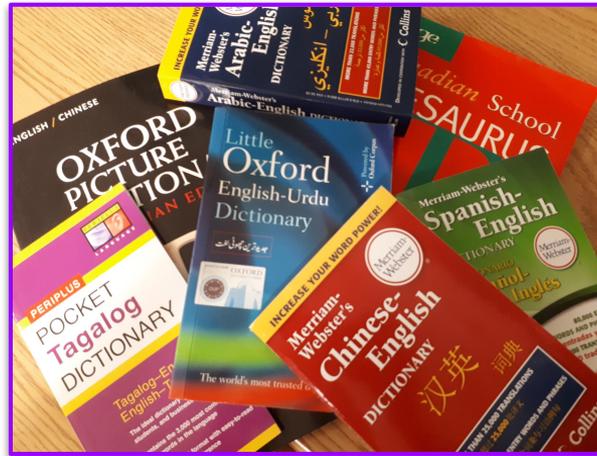
In Grade 9 students develop their oral communication, reading, writing, and media literacy skills that students need for success in their secondary school academic programs and in their daily lives.

Students will analyse literary texts from contemporary and historical periods, interpret informational and graphic texts, and create oral, written, and media texts in a variety of forms.



# English as a Second Language (ESL)

Our English as a Second Language program welcomes newcomer students and supports them in developing the English language and literacy skills they need in order to continue their education and participate fully in life in Ontario.

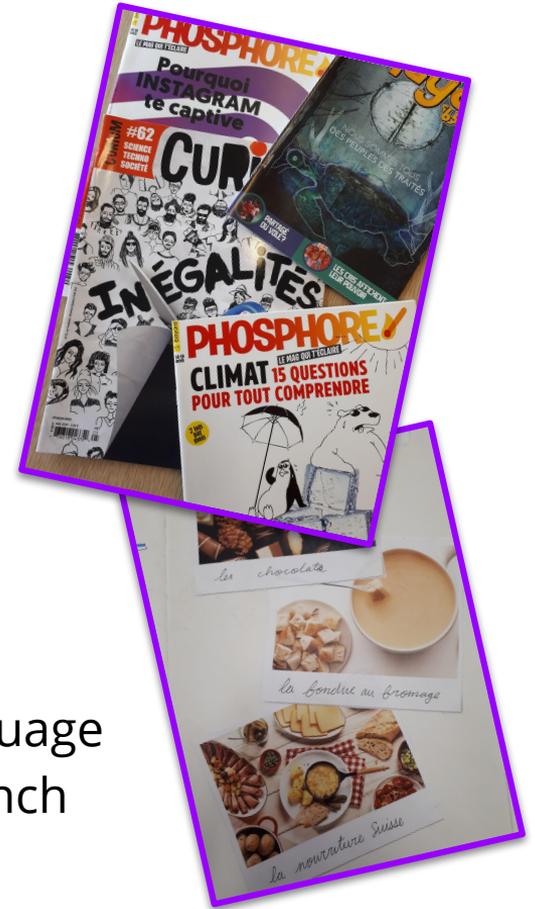


# French

The French program offers students the opportunity to develop their language skills, while gaining cultural understanding of francophone communities in Canada and around the world.

Opportunities to participate in:

- French speech competition
- Completion of internationally recognized DELF language proficiency exam upon completion of Grade 12 French
- Excursions: restaurant, theatre, film festival



# Math & Science

- Victoria Park has a strong academic focus on STEM subjects including Math, Biology, Chemistry & Physics
- Active participants in STEM Contests including the University of Waterloo's annual Math & Science competitions where we frequently place in the top 25 percentile, McMaster Physics Contest & U of T Biology Competition
- Canadian Association of Physicists Award for Excellence in Teaching High School Physics went to VPCI's very own Ms. Torrie 2019/2020

# Geography

In grade 9 students examine interrelationships within and between Canada's natural and human systems and how these systems interconnect with those in other parts of the world.

Students will explore environmental, economic, and social geographic issues relating to topics such as transportation options, energy choices, and urban development.



# Technology Education

Students in our Tech Courses have the opportunity to work hands-on in our fully equipped Auto & Woodworking Shops.



# Business Studies

Grade 9 Business introduces students to information and communication technology in a business environment and builds a foundation of digital literacy skills necessary for success in a technologically driven society.

Students will develop word processing, spreadsheet, database, desktop publishing, presentation software, and website design skills.

Throughout the course, there is an emphasis on digital literacy, effective electronic research and communication skills, and current issues related to the impact of information and communication technology

# Health & Physical Education

- Pool
- Fitness center
- New track
- 3 gyms
- Leadership course
- Kinesiology course



# Future Studies

In Grades 10-12 in addition to the core subjects, students have the opportunity to explore courses suited to their unique interests including Family Studies, Computer Science, Social Sciences & Humanities, and Cooperative Education.

# Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

- 30 credits
  - 18 compulsory credits
  - 12 elective credits
- Successful completion of the Literacy Requirement
- 40 hours of Community Involvement

## What do you need to graduate?

### 18 compulsory credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

4	credits in English (1 credit per grade)*
3	credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
2	credits in science
1	credit in Canadian history
1	credit in Canadian geography
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

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

New

1 *group 1: additional credit in English, or French as a second language,\*\* or a Native language, or a classical or an international language, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education\*\*\**

New

1 *group 2: additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or French as a second language,\*\* or cooperative education\*\*\**

New

1 *group 3: additional credit in science (Grade 11 or 12), or technological education, or French as a second language,\*\* or computer studies, or cooperative education\*\*\**

In addition, students must complete:

- ✓ 12 optional credits†
- ✓ 40 hours of community involvement activities
- ✓ the provincial literacy requirement

\*A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course. \*\*In groups 1, 2, and 3, a maximum of 2 credits in French as a second language can count as compulsory credits, one from group 1 and one from either group 2 or group 3. \*\*\*A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits. †The 12 optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.

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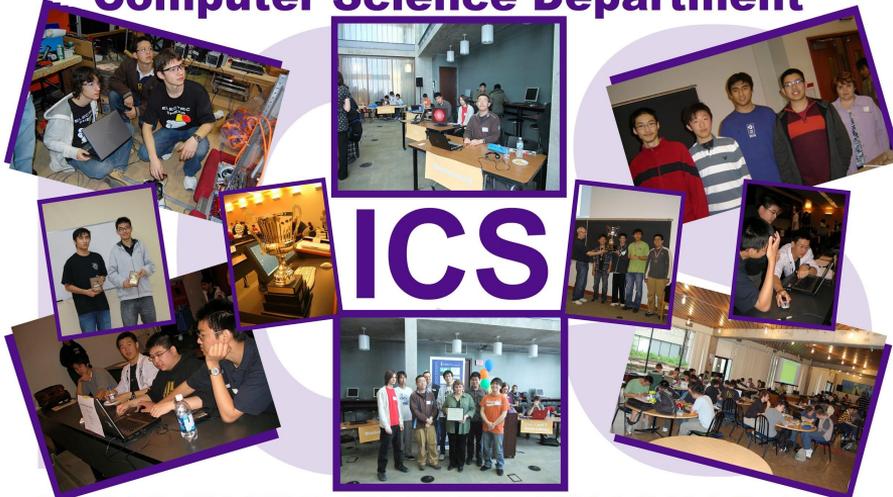
# Family Studies

Here you can see students learning in action...



# Computer Science

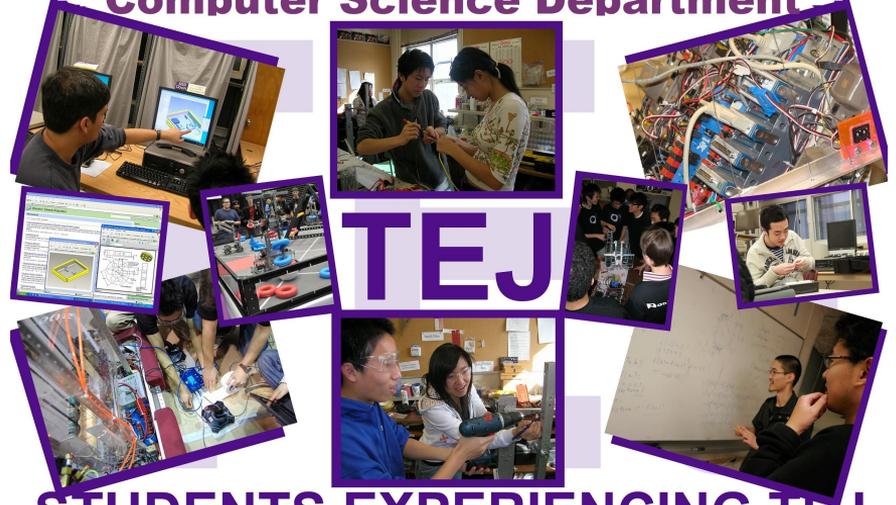
Computer Science Department



**ICS**

**STUDENTS EXPERIENCING ICS**

Computer Science Department



**TEJ**

**STUDENTS EXPERIENCING TEJ**

# Social Sciences & Humanities



*Social sciences courses explore the ways in which individuals influence and are influenced by families, communities, cultures, institutions, and societies.*

*At Victoria Park we offer a wide variety of courses for students to learn about themselves, the world around them, and to also offer hands-on opportunities for learning.*

Raising Healthy  
Children

Food & Nutrition

World Religions

Challenge &  
Change

Parenting

Philosophy

Personal Life  
Management

Introduction to  
Anthropology,  
Sociology, and  
Psychology

# Cooperative Education

Our co-operative education program gives students the opportunity to obtain valuable work experience in a variety of fields such as the the medical field, banking, hairstyling, and many more!



# Guidance

We offer a variety of services to help support students throughout the school year:

- Educational planning, credit counseling, and timetable changes
- Social-emotional Support & Counseling
- Referrals to support staff
  - Settlement Worker
  - Child and Youth Worker
  - Social Worker
- Peer Tutoring
- Post-secondary school planning
- Career planning



# Student Life

Victoria Park CI offers an enriching environment where students have the opportunity to explore their learning styles and develop their leadership skills.

With over 60 clubs and sports teams, our extra curricular activities provide something for everyone.



# Sports

## Athletic Teams Include:

- Rugby
- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Swimming
- Curling
- Ice Hockey
- Cricket
- Archery
- Track & Field
- Baseball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Softball



## Sports Clubs Include:

- Archery
- Fitness
- Intramurals
  - Dodgeball
  - Basketball
  - Volleyball
  - Soccer
- Table Tennis



# Robotics

Victoria Park C.I. is home to two award-winning Robotics Teams, First Robotics "4914" and VEX.



# Robotics

Grand Champion - World Competition in St. Louis

**2019** Team Spirit Award - York Regional

**2018** Team Spirit Award - North Bay District

**2017** Engineering Inspiration Award- North Bay District

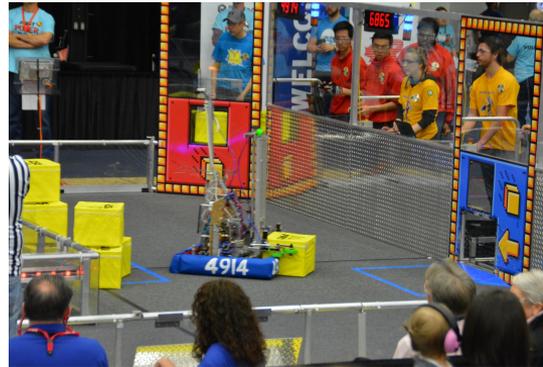
**2016** Gracious Professionalism Award- Windsor Essex Great-Lakes Regional

**2015** Team Spirit Award - GTR-W Regional

**2015** Imagery Award - GTR-W Regional

**2014** Rookie Inspiration Award - North Bay Regional

**2014** Rookie All-Star Award - GTR-W Regional



# Breakfast Club

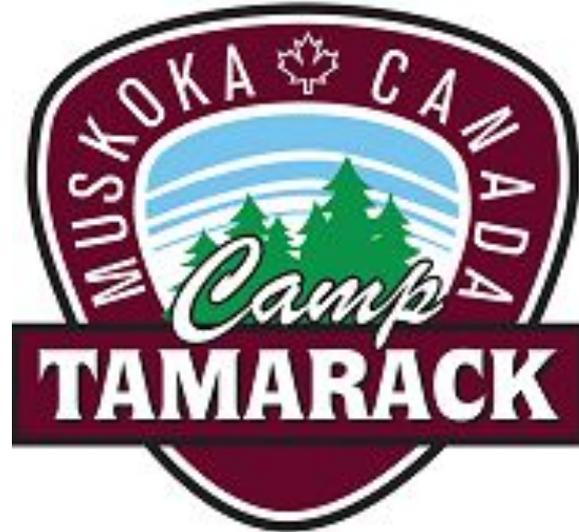
- Grab and go breakfast options are available every morning
  - *Yogurt parfaits*
  - *Milk and cereal*
  - *Hummus and crackers*
  - *Fresh fruits*
  - *Granola bars*

**Did you know...** eating breakfast stimulates the brain and boosts energy levels throughout the day!



# Grade 9 Camp Tamarack Experience

- Gives Grade 9 students the opportunity to form relationships with one another
- Connects new students with senior VPCI students who act as mentors
- Activities include: climbing wall, obstacle courses, arts & crafts, hiking, team building & campfires



# Additional Resources

Please visit our website at [www.victoriaparkci.com](http://www.victoriaparkci.com) where you will find additional videos and presentations to familiarize yourself with all that Victoria Park Collegiate Institute has to offer.

We look forward to seeing you next September!

