



September 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year, your child is enrolled in a grade 9 arts course. Throughout the quadmester, students have had the opportunity to explore various arts disciplines including vocal music, instrumental music, drama, dance and visual arts.

Recently, your child has been identified as a candidate for our Arts Advantage program commencing in September 2022. The program offers students the opportunity to major in one of four arts disciplines from Grades 10 to 12. The four programs currently offered at St. Michael include a Drama, Visual Arts, Music, and Dance Major.

Students accepted into the Program have the opportunity to take two courses per year in their chosen major. Students will take an open class in the first half of the year and a specialized focus course in the second half of each year of the program. Students in the program are required to pay a one-time \$50.00 fee that partially subsidizes enhancements such as guest artists, workshops, and competitions. Despite pandemic restrictions this past year, students in the focus courses were still able to participate in enhancements such as virtual guest artists/workshops.

Students who are interested in the Arts Advantage Program are required to submit the attached application form. During course selection time, students should ensure that they have chosen two arts courses for their course selection on My Blueprint.

If you should have any questions regarding the program in the meantime, please feel free to contact one of the Arts Teachers or myself through emails below.

Kind Regards,

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ST. MICHAEL CSS ARTS ADVANTAGE APPLICATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Student Name:
Date of Birth:
Home Phone:
E-mail:
Address:
Program Major (please check one only): Dance_____ Drama _____ Music_____ Visual Arts _____
Previous Arts Experience (formal training, lessons, clubs, productions, camps, etc.):

SIGNATURES

Parent Signature		Student Signature	
Date		Date	

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Interview Date:	
Interviewer Name:	
Performance Appraisal:	

Comments:

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Panel Decision

Recommended

Not
Recommended

Waiting List