

# Grade 8 & 9

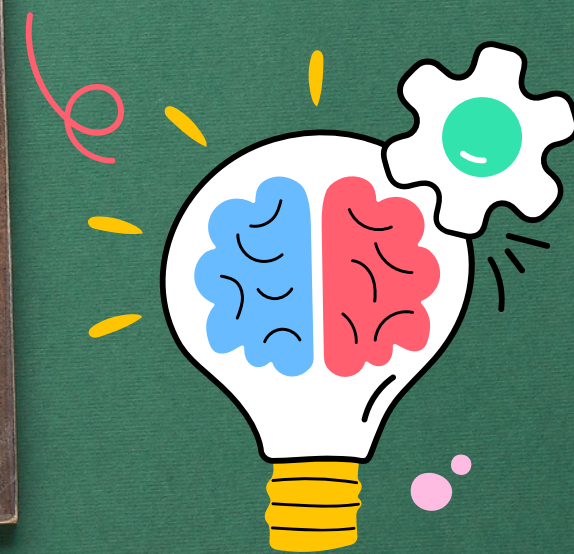




# Course Planning

Mrs. Romano - G8

Ms. Lyons - G9





# Thankful

We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides on. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.



# Topics to Cover...

- A typical Grade 9 and 10 course load
- Looking ahead to Graduation Program
- Considerations for Choosing Courses
- More Info on Courses
- Course Selection Timeline
- How to select Courses on MyEd



# Typical English Gr 9 Course Load

	Subject	Courses
1	ENGLISH	English 9
2	SOCIALS	Social Studies 9
3	SCIENCE	Science 9
4	MATH	Math 9
5	PHE	Physical & Health Education 9
6	ELECTIVE	See course planning guide online
7	ELECTIVE	See course planning guide online
8	ELECTIVE	See course planning guide online



# Typical French Gr 9 Course Load

	Subject	Courses
1	ENGLISH	English 9
2	SOCIAL STUDIES	Science Humaines 9
3	SCIENCE*	Sciences Naturelles 9 OR Science 9
4	MATH	Math 9
5	PHE*	Education Physique 9 OR Physical & Health Education 9
6	FRENCH	Francais Langue 9
7	ELECTIVE	See course planning guide online
8	ELECTIVE	See course planning guide online



# Typical English Gr 10 Course Load

	Subject	Courses
1	ENGLISH	English 10*
2	SOCIALS	Social Studies 10
3	SCIENCE	Science 10
4	MATH	Math 10*
5	PHE	Physical & Health Education 10 OR Fitness and Conditioning 10
6	ELECTIVE	See course planning guide online
7	ELECTIVE	See course planning guide online
8	CAREER LIFE EDUCATION	CLE 10 OR CLE 10 Blended



# Typical French Gr 10 Course Load

	Subject	Courses
1	ENGLISH	English 10*
2	SOCIALS	Science Humaines 10
3	SCIENCE	Sciences Naturelles 10 OR Science 10
4	MATH	Math 10*
5	PHE	Physical & Health Education 10 OR Fitness and Conditioning 10
6	FRENCH	Francais Langue 10
7	ELECTIVE	See course planning guide online
8	CAREER LIFE EDUCATION	Carrieres 10 (in person or blended) OR CLE 10 (in person or blended)



# English Pathways

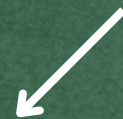
English 8 (mandatory)



English 9 (mandatory)



One English 10 Combination  
Composition & One of.....



Literary Studies 10



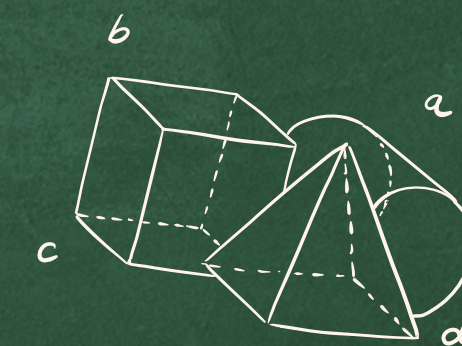
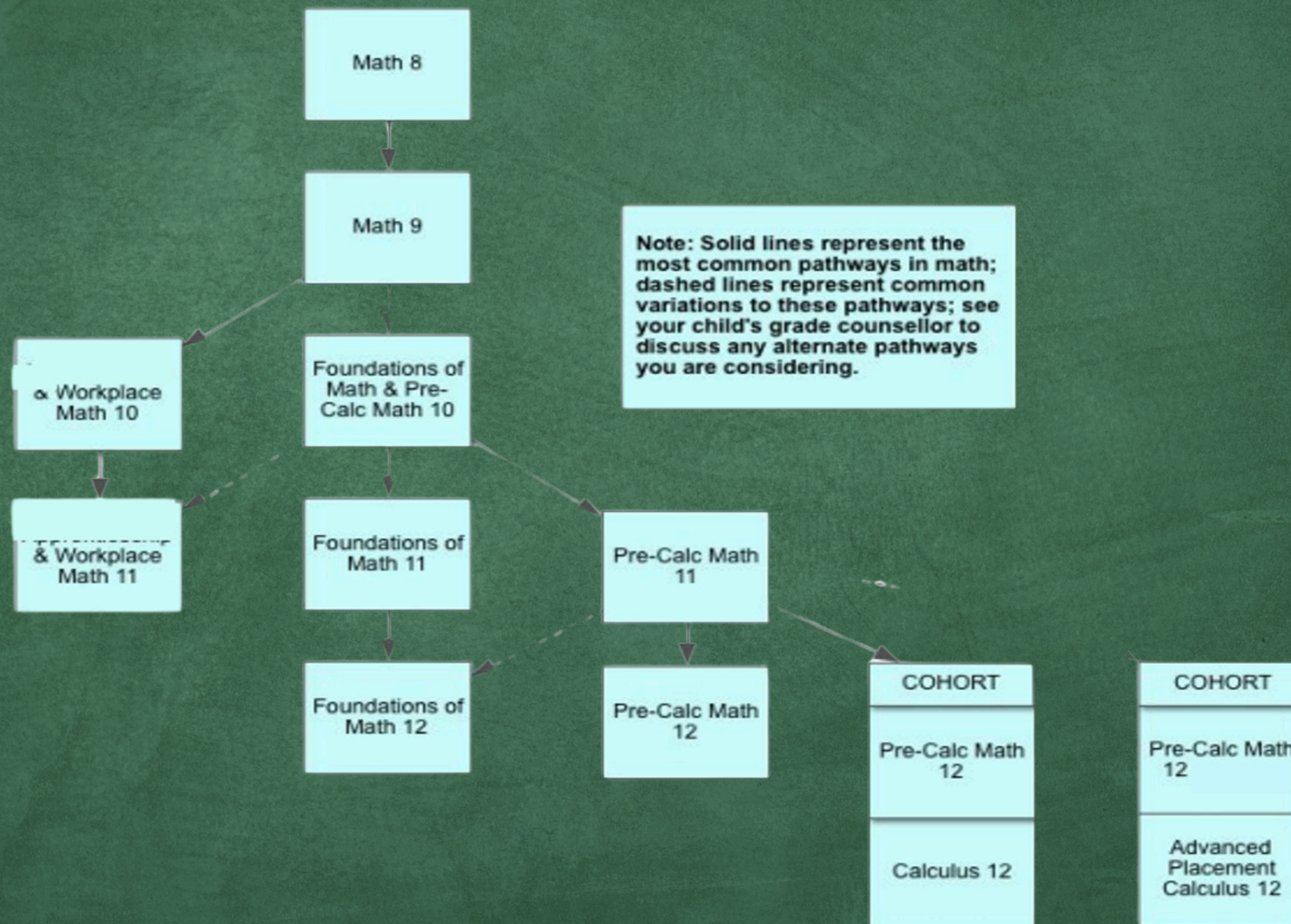
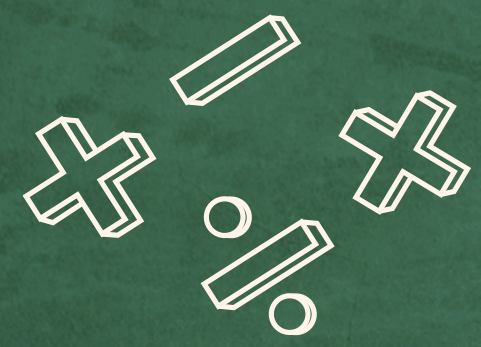
Spoken Language  
10



New Media 10



# Mathematics Pathways





# Elective Choices

Please check the Course Planning Web Page Online [here](#).

There are many courses available to you as you enter grade 9 & 10 including courses in modern languages, fine arts, home economics, tech. ed., business ed., etc . Trying a new course is an excellent way to discover an interest that you may never have the chance to do again (free that is!).

Grade 9/10's may take some grade 10/11 options however, older students will have priority for those courses. **Please be aware that electives are \*requests\* only and alternatives will need to be considered depending on space!**

Please choose a variety of courses for your requests and **alternates**. This will ensure you get an elective you enjoy!



# X-Block Courses

Argyle offers a variety of x-block courses for students. This provides for flexibility in scheduling and can allow you to take more courses.

## Courses offered next year include:

- Chamber Choir 9/10 (auditioned)
- Vocal Jazz 9/10
- Jazz Band 9/10
- Strings 9, Orchestra 10 Chambers (Strings)
- Theatre Company 9/10 OR Theatre Production 9/10
- Art Metal 10
- Metalwork 10
- Woodwork 10
- New Media 10 (English)
- Literary Studies 10 (English)



# Graduation Requirements

## Required Courses:

Language Arts\* (English) 10, 11, 12

Science 10, 11

Math 10, 11

Socials 10, 11 or 12

CLE 10

Physical Health Education 10

Fine Arts/Applied Skills (x1) 10, 11, or 12

Elective (x4) 10, 11, or 12

Elective (x3) 12

CLC 12

Social Studies may be taken in gr 11 or 12 to meet the requirement

Indigenous focused – 4 credits\*

These are the minimum requirements to meet 80 credits





# Things to Think About

Make your selection based on:

- The core required subjects you need
- What you are curious about or would like to try
- What aligns with your interests, what will help you achieve balance & a well-rounded education
- What inspires you

Don't be afraid to try new things! You might find something you are really interested in that you never thought you'd enjoy until you try it!



# Academies and Enhanced Programs

## Academies:

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Rowing
- Field Hockey
- Soccer
- Hockey
- Robotics, Mechatronic and Digital Fabrication
- Dance
- Artist for Kids
- Digital Media Academy LITE

## Enhanced Programs:

- (YELL) Young Entrepreneurship Leadership Launchpad
- IB Diploma Program (Carson Graham)
- Counsellor Leadership Program (Outdoor School – Cheakamus)

- Online Applications - Jan 16th to March 6th
- Students must RE-APPLY each year
- Bursary available for every Academy
- Email questions to [academies@sd44.ca](mailto:academies@sd44.ca) or [jwong@sd44.ca](mailto:jwong@sd44.ca)



# PEAK

Peak Performance is a non-credit adjusted timetabling request option for elite-level student athletes and performers in Grades 8, 9, and 10.

- Minimum of 15 hours per week of specific training in their discipline year-round.
- Recommendation of coach or person responsible for training program indicating that the applicant is training a minimum of 15 hours per week under their supervision. The letter must also detail the specific training and activities undertaken by the applicant

Submit a completed application to your counsellor as soon as you can, if you have questions please connect with your counsellor.







online

# North Vancouver Online Learning (NVOL)/L'École Virtuelle de Vancouver Nord

- Online Learning courses in gr. 8-12
- Taught by NVSD44 teachers
- New Brightspace Learning Management System
- Self-paced & flexible
- Start any time during school year & complete within 1 calendar year





# NVOL Registration

NVOL offers academic and elective courses in English  
and French

Enrolment is completed online through NVOL

Check the website



# Summer Learning?

## Why take a summer course?

- Create room for extra electives
- Reduce academic pressure
- Catch up, or get ahead

APPLY EARLY! COURSES FILL VERY QUICKLY!

## Guidelines:

1. Choose your courses for the Fall based on the assumption that you have completed summer classes successfully.
2. Be aware that there is **no guarantee** of a spot in a senior class if you advance through summer. You will be placed on a waitlist and seniors will have priority if there is a lack of space.
3. Have your parent/guardian email me informing me they intend to have you do an **ACADEMIC summer class** (foundational courses need no email) and indicate which course that will be.
  - a. Example: Tracy will be taking Science 10 in the summer and is choosing Physics 11 for September.







# Summer Learning Details



Programs	Foundations Courses	Full Credit Academic Courses
	ELL Literacy Numeracy 7/8 Transition	Gr. 10 -12 Courses Required for Graduation
Location	Argyle Secondary	Argyle Secondary
Dates	July 2, 2023 – July 18, 2025	July 2 – July 31, 2025
Times	8:30am - 11:55am	8:30am - 12:30pm

Visit the website for more info: <https://www.sd44.ca/school/summer>



# Full Credit Course Offerings

(Subject to enrollment and staffing)



Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Social Studies 10	Chemistry 11	Anatomy & Physiology 12
Physical & Health Education 10	Foundations of Math 11	BC First Peoples 12
Science 10	Life Sciences 11	Chemistry 12
English Composition & Spoken Word 10	Literary Studies 11	English Studies 12
	Physics 11	English First Peoples 12
Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10	Pre-Calculus 11	Physics 12
		Pre-Calculus 12

**Please Note – these are INTENSIVE courses as students are completing an entire course in one month (80+ hours). In addition to the 4 hours of morning class, students can expect to be doing work outside of classtime.**



# To Consider...



Full credit Summer Learning courses are **INTENSIVE**. (80+ hours in 1 month.)

Daily attendance is mandatory.

Academic integrity and engagement expectations are high.

## Summer Learning 2025



Summer Learning offers students an engaging learning environment to:

- explore and extend your learning
- challenge yourself academically
- earn credits toward graduation
- fulfill your personal learning goals

Summer Learning course offerings:

- [Full Credit Academic Grade 10-12 Courses](#) (Including options to meet the Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement)
- [7/8 Transition](#) into Secondary School
- [English Language Learning \(ELL\)](#)
- [Eslha7an](#) Secondary Review & Completion
- [Numeracy 8/9](#) Foundations
- [Literacy 8/9](#) Foundations

For more information and to register, visit [www.sd44.ca/school/summer](http://www.sd44.ca/school/summer)

Registration is open to all students within and beyond the North Vancouver School District:

- Registration opens May 1st, 9 a.m. for NVSD students
- Registration opens May 15th, 9 a.m. for students outside the NVSD
- Registration closes June 23rd, 12 p.m. (noon) for all students

TO LEARN MORE: [www.sd44.ca](http://www.sd44.ca)  
Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube icons @nv44

North Vancouver  
School District  
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**Registration**  
May 1 – June 23, 2025

**Register through School  
Cash Online or Summer  
Learning Website**

**[www.sd44.ca/school/summer](http://www.sd44.ca/school/summer)**



# Course Planning Timeline

MyEducation BC is open NOW for your Course Selections!

You can add/delete/change your course selections in MyEd as much as you want during this period! Please talk to your parents/guardians about your course selections. This year, you also will submit your alternate elective choices on MyEd! No more paper and... no more planning sheet.

**After Feb. 28th** – access to MyEd course selection will stop so the school can build the timetable

If you have not made course selections by **Feb. 28th**, we will connect with you and your guardians to discuss.

You will be able to see a list of your course requests on MyEd after **February 28th** and a verification sheet will be sent to your guardians in the Spring for confirmation.





# MyEducation BC Course Selection Instructions

[CLICK HERE](#) and more [TIPS HERE](#)

Refer to the email sent home by your  
counsellor in November!



# Message From Mme. Ames

## Class Minimums 2025-26

Grade	Minimum Courses	Maximum Courses w/out Admin Approval
8	8	9
9	8	9
10	8	9

- Students in Grade 10 with X-blocks will have “unscheduled blocks” during the timetable.
- Students requesting fewer courses will need to meet with administrator for an “administrator approved partial timetable.”



# Website Information

Course programming information

Ministry Graduation Requirements

**Ms. Romano**

Grade 8 into 9

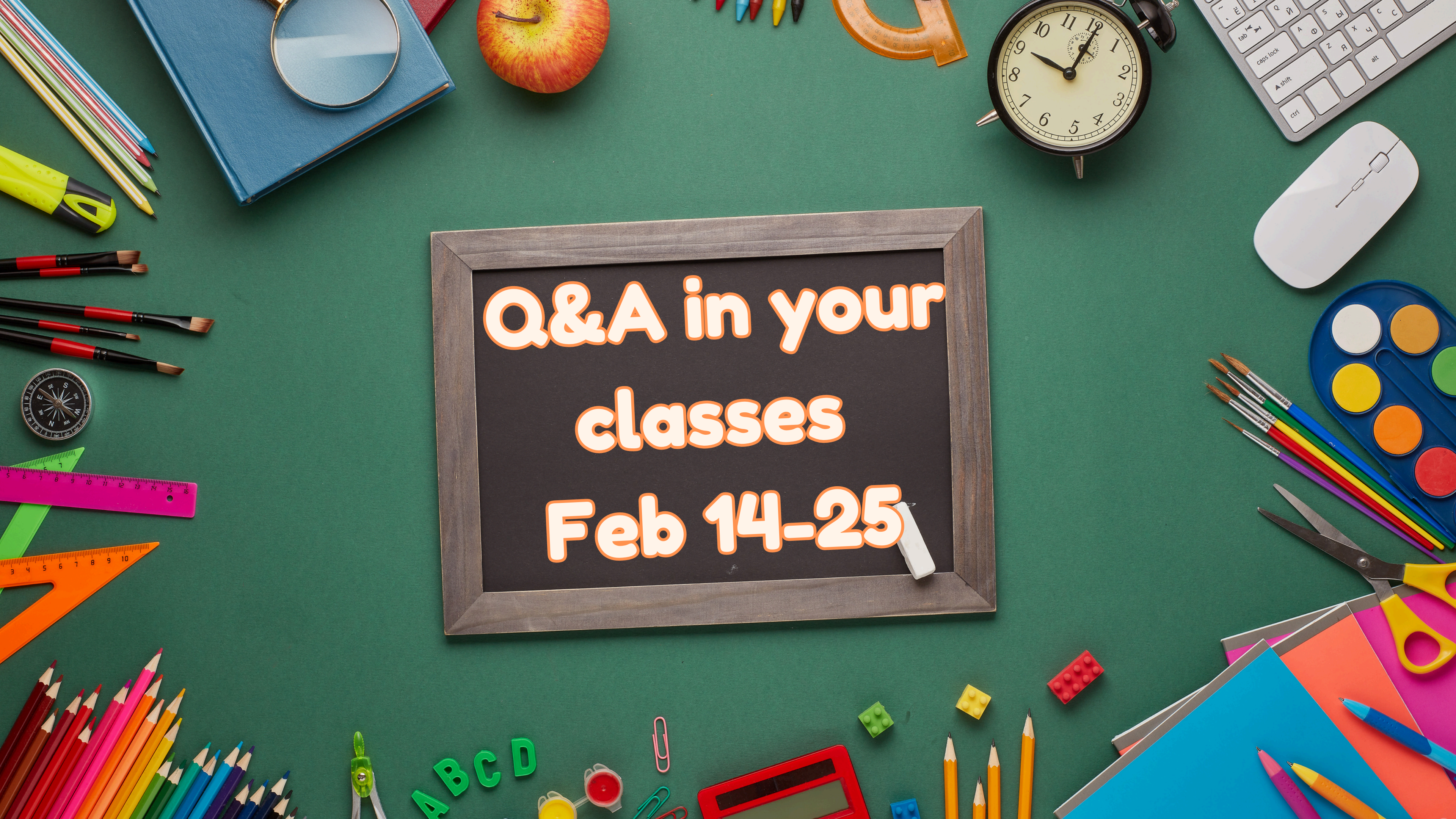
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Grade 9 into 10


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**Q&A in your  
classes  
Feb 14-25**





**Questions? Email us!**

**Gr 8** - Ms. Romano: [tromano@sd44.ca](mailto:tromano@sd44.ca)

**Gr 9** - Ms. Lyons: [llyons@sd44.ca](mailto:llyons@sd44.ca)

**Thank you!**