

Welcome to our Future Mustangs!

What do you need to know about coming to Monsignor Doyle?

- What does high school look like?
- What supports will help me with my transition to high school?
- What do I need to graduate from high school (what courses do I take)?
- The Future Mustangs site – your go to place!
- Question Period?

What does high school look like?

- **Schedules are organized by semester (2 per year)**
- **4 courses in each semester (September to end of January, February to June).**
- **8 courses per year, 8 different teachers**
- **Classes are 75 minutes each, with 5 minutes travel time.**

What does high school look like?

- ✔ **2 periods in the morning, followed by lunch for 45 minutes, 2 periods in the afternoon.**
- ✔ **School day is 8:30 – 2:35 p.m.**
- ✔ **We wear a uniform at Doyle!**

Uniform

- WAYYYY LESS worries picking an outfit

Where to buy

- Sold at McCarthys (in Kitchener or online)
- Quality used uniform
  - Year end sale at Doyle



On Wednesdays We Wear Spirit Wear

- Spirit Wear tops with uniform bottoms
- Available for purchase
  - Monsignor Doyle Student Space Portal
  - Spirit wear for clubs, teams, etc.







What supports can I expect?

- ✔Classroom Teachers (you will have 8 of them!)
- ✔Guidance Counsellors (alpha designation)
- ✔Administrator (alpha designation)
- ✔Student Success Teachers
- ✔Special Education Teacher (if on an IEP)
- ✔Child and Youth Care Workers
- ✔Social Worker
- ✔Chaplain



What do I need to graduate from high school?

Ontario Secondary Schools Diploma Requirements:

- ✔ Successful completion of 30 Courses: 17 compulsory and 13 electives
- ✔ OSSLT: Ontario Secondary Schools Literacy Test in grade 10
- ✔ Community Involvement: 40 hours of Community Service can begin the summer before Gr. 9
- ✔ Completion of 2 online/e-learning classes
- ✔ Financial Literacy Test (Gr. 10 Careers)

What compulsory courses will I ***have to*** take in high school?

- ✔ **4 credits** **English (1 credit per grade)**
- ✔ **1 credit** **French**
- ✔ **3 credits** **Math (at least one in grade 11 or 12)**
- ✔ **2 credits** **Science**
- ✔ **1 credit** **Technology (grade 9 or 10)**
- ✔ **1 credit** **Canadian History**
- ✔ **1 credit** **Canadian Geography**

Compulsory courses continued…

- ✔ **1 credit Arts**
- ✔ **1 credit Health & Physical Education**
- ✔ **1 credit Civics and Careers**
- ✔ **1 credit STEM-related course group:**

(Business, Computer studies, Cooperative Education, Mathematics (beyond compulsory 3), Science (beyond compulsory 2), Technology (beyond grade 9/10 requirement)

Elective Courses (13 of them)

- ✔ **Includes Religion, one each year**
- ✔ **Many options available for students in multiple areas:**

Arts, Business, French or Spanish, Co-operative Education, Social Science, Physical Education, Science, Technology

What other courses will I take in grade 9?

Any 2 of the following Elective Courses:

ARTS	Expressions of First Nations, Metis, Inuit Cultures Integrated Art (visual, music, drama) Music (instrumental – band) Visual Art
BUSINESS	Business (Launching/leading a Business)
PHYS.ED	Physical Education
GUIDANCE	Learning Strategies - Math Support (in consultation with teacher)

When will I take my technology credit?

TECH No offerings for grade 9. Focus Technology credits available in grade 10:

Communications, Computer, Construction, Hairstyling, Healthcare
Hospitality, Transportation

By the end of Grade 10, along with your Compulsory courses, you will need to have completed:

One Art

One Physical Education

One Technology

Course Descriptors in Grade 9:

- De-streamed (W) – There is one set of expectations for most learners. Courses provide grade 9 students with the skills and knowledge to transition to courses in grade 10 and beyond.
- Academic (D) – or one stream (French)
- Locally Developed (Essential) (L): Compulsory courses that focus on core knowledge and skills to meet individual student needs; courses move at a student directed pace; class size is small allowing for additional support. The student must be on an IEP.

Course Descriptors in Grade 9:

- Open (O): Most elective courses are open courses in grade 9 and 10. They are non-streamed with one set of expectations appropriate for all.

Community Living and ACTIVE Programming:

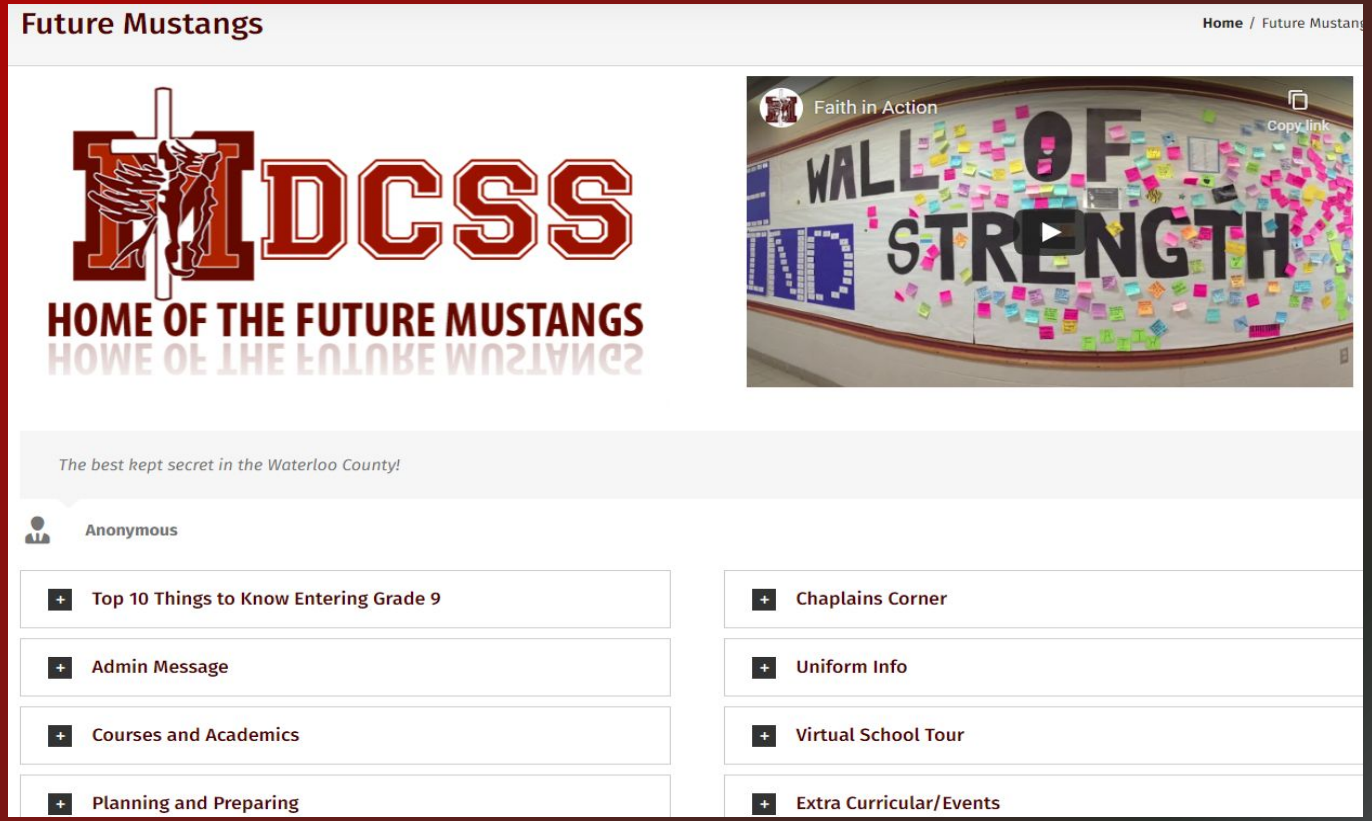
- Courses focus on the development of academics (literacy and numeracy), vocational and life skills. Students can be involved in credit and non-credit bearing classes throughout their high school career.

What do I do now?

- ✔ **Review your Entering Secondary Schools Resource (link given by teachers)**
- ✔ **Work through myBlueprint activities to learn about yourself**
- ✔ **Choose Future Doyle courses with parent/guardian and teachers (myBlueprint opens Feb. 1st)**
- ✔ **Course Selection (myBlueprint Course Planner) due February 26th**
- ✔ **Work hard and have regular attendance in your grade 8 year all the way to the end!**

Doyle…the home of our Future Mustangs!

- **https://doyle.wcdsb.ca/future-mustangs/**





Get Involved!

- Clubs/Activities
- Sports
- Events

Clubs

Something for EVERYONE!

> Just to name a few...

Badminton Club

Intramurals

Robotics

SAC!

Social Justice

DECA

Rock Climbing

Model UN

MAC

E-Sports

Mustang Mentors

Cosmo Club

Grade 9 Council





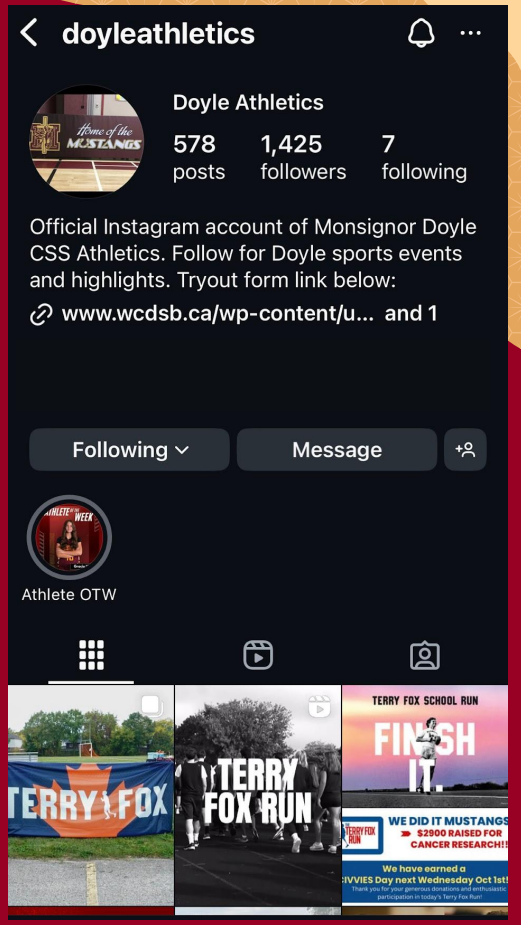




Athletics @ Doyle

Fall Sports:	Winter Sports:	Spring Sports:
• Varsity Girls BasketBall • Varsity Girls Field Hockey • Boys Volleyball • Cross Country • Jr. Boys Soccer • Co-Ed Golf	• Boys BasketBall • Girls Volleyball • Boys & Girls Wrestling • Hockey	• Badminton • Jr. Boys Hockey • Track and Field • Sr. Boys Soccer • Varsity Girls Soccer • Slo Pitch • Rugby

- GREAT way to meet new people!



Athletics Instagram! → @doyleathletics

Events!!!

- Events run by SAC
  - Come with your friends!

<u>Dances</u>

- Semi-Formal

<u>Grade 9 Specific Events</u>

- Grade 9 Night

<u>Doyle Classics</u>

- Halloween Haunt
- PEP Rallies
- Spirit Weeks
- Winter Assembly



Question time???



Most Common Questions:

1) What mark do I need to pass a course to earn a credit?
2) Can I fail a course in high school?
3) Do I have to repeat a course I wasn't successful in?
4) Do I have to attend school daily?
5) Will I have a locker?
6) If I am doing my homework and attending regularly in grade 8, will I be prepared for high school?

Visit us…Virtually on the Doyle Website
https://doyle.wcdsb.ca/

Grade 8 Information Night (for parents and students) Tuesday December 1st from 5-7pm

- Presentation in the Cafeteria (Lowry Hall) at 5pm
- Tours around Doyle after the presentation
- ***Future Mustangs*** site –information for grade 8 families

Thank you Future Mustangs!

