



**Welcome to
Grade 8 Parents Night
Stephen Lewis Secondary School**

<http://stephenlewis.peelschools.org>





Quick Facts

- **Opened September 2006
(official opening
May 1, 2007)**
- **Semestered school**
- **1,170 students:
354 Grade 9 students,
70 teaching staff**
- **School Council Chair:
Susan Jones**





Vision

Mission: LEARNING FOR ALL

Stephen Lewis Secondary School is committed to excellence, with a focus on social justice, personal growth and individual success.

This will be encouraged and supported in a respectful, inclusive and safe learning environment. Students will have opportunities to become involved in community service, a variety of clubs, teams, extra-curricular and intramural activities.

Values:

Community–Excellence–Respect





Our Commitment



The staff at Stephen Lewis is committed to working with our students and community to support and realize each student's academic and career goals.





Successful Transition to Stephen Lewis

- **January:** Counsellors, students, and principal visit Ruth Thompson and Erin Centre Middle School to review programs, course options, learn about school
- **January 8:** Grade 8 Parent Information Night
- **February:** Ruth Thompson and Erin Centre students visiting SLSS



Successful Transition to Stephen Lewis

- **SLSS students to ECMS and RTMS - mentors**
- **Activities with ECMS and RTMS continue throughout year**
- **SLSS website updated continually**
- **Last Week of August: Orientation day (lockers, photos, timetables, etc.) for all new Gr.9 students and their parents/guardians**
- **September: All students assigned to villages (Callwood, Kielburger, Macphail, Suzuki), opening week activities**



Successful Transition to Stephen Lewis

- **Third Week of September:
Gr. 9 Parents/Guardians Night**
- **Ongoing: Activities for all Grade 9 students to welcome them to Stephen Lewis**
- **Ongoing: Over 60 teams/clubs**
- **Ongoing: Student Council presents special activities for all students; opportunities to sign up for clubs, teams, activities**
- **Student assemblies to encourage and support student success in academics and social-emotional well-being**



Physical Plant

- **Three floors**
- **Applewood School part of first floor**
- **Broadcast arts studio, playschool, drama, dance, and photography studios, greenhouse, triple gyms, exercise/fitness facility, state-of-the-art computer and science labs**
- **State-of-the-art technology throughout the school**





Think About It

- **Think About It: A Guide for Grade 9 Students and Parents**
- This handout is also available on our school website, on the Student Services department page





Applied or Academic / Open ?

APPLIED	ACADEMIC	OPEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emphasize <i>practical</i>, concrete applications of concepts• More teacher-guided	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emphasize <i>theoretical</i>, abstract applications of concepts• Greater opportunities for independent learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offered in all optional subjects• Based on expectations suitable for all students• Combine theory and application• Prepare students for further study in grades 10-11-12

Students may take Applied courses in some subjects, and Academic courses in other subjects.



Curriculum Heads

- **Hubert Brard – Arts**
- **Brenda Harris – Communications**
- **Elaine Quennell – Counselling**
- **Paul Alves – Math and Business**
- **Brad MacNeil – Physical Education /
Family Studies**
- **Hiren Mistry – Global Studies**
- **Ted Sawicki - Science**
- **Karen Thomas –Special Education**
- **Joanne Durst – Technology**
- **Dave Ellis – Alternative Programs**



OSSD Requirements

- 18 compulsory credits
- 12 optional credits
- 40 hours of community service
- OSSLT
(Grade 10 Literacy Test)





Credits in Grade 9

- 1 Canadian Geography
- 1 English
- 1 French
- 1 Learning Strategies
- 1 Mathematics
- 1 Science
- 1 Health and Physical Education



Optional Credits Grade 9

Students choose ONE from:

- **Business**
- **Drama**
- **Music**
- **Visual Arts**
- **Individual, Family and Social Living**
- **Technological Studies**

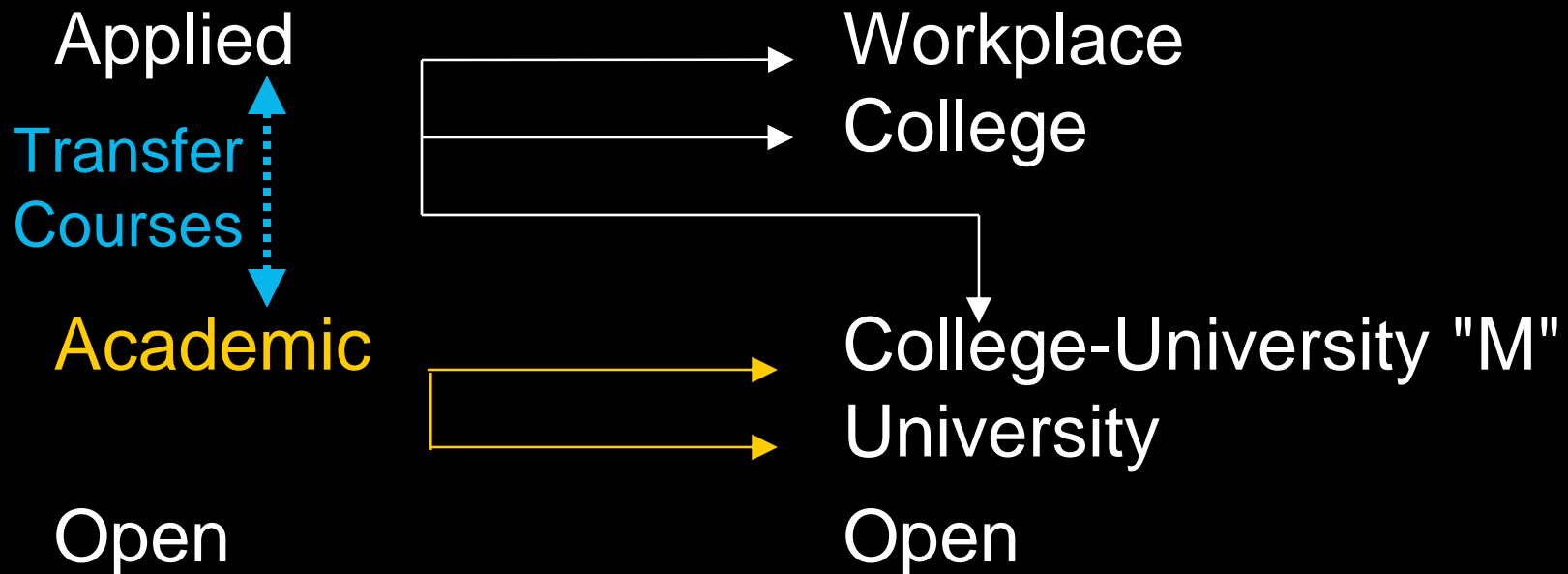




Pathways

GRADE 9-10

GRADE 11-12





Typical Grade 9 Timetable

	Semester 1	Semester 2
1	ENG 1D0	FSF 1D0
2	SNC 1D0	PPL 10F
3	Lunch	Lunch
4	ADA 100	CGC 1D0
5	GLS 100	MFM 1P0



Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics

- Is not a diploma requirement
- Is written by students in Grade 9 Applied and Academic mathematics courses
- Evaluates achievement of Grade 9 mathematics skills
- Is administered toward the end of the course



Grade 10 OSSLT Test of Reading and Writing

- Administered in March of Grade 10 year
- Evaluates reading and writing skills in all subject areas, up to the end of Grade 9
- Designed and marked by the Ministry of Education
- Student results reported as “Complete” or “Incomplete”
- Test may be re-tried



40 Hours Community Involvement

- Student responsibility
- Students are encouraged to complete this diploma requirement early in the four years
- School provides information regarding requirements and procedures
- Parental support requested
- More information available at:
www.peelschools.org (“Student Stuff”)



**Support
for
Students:**

**Failure
is NOT an
option**

- **GLS: Learning Strategies to be successful in secondary school**
- **Guidance/Counselling / Career Services**
- ***Counting on You:* literacy / numeracy**
- **Teacher and student mentors**
- **Subject-specific extra help**
- **School-wide intervention program**
- **Senior Scholars**
- **Progress Reports**
- **Annual Education Plan**





**Support
for
Students:**

**Failure
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- **Villages**
- **Student Agenda
(homework, Safe Schools)**
- **Parent Handbook
on school website**
- **Peer Mediation**
- **Crimestoppers**





How Many Years?

We recommend that students complete the OSSD in a minimum of 4-1/2 years.

However . . . It is not who finishes first, but the student who is best prepared, who will be successful in his/her post-secondary education.





Tips for Success

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain regular attendance. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write down your goals |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At home, choose one location for study and homework. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 9's should spend at least 1 hour per day on homework. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take responsibility for your own learning. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep your work up-to-date. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use your agenda to record tests, assignments, projects. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan ahead: budget your time for upcoming due dates. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Become involved in school activities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enjoy your high school years! |



The Villages of Stephen Lewis

Macphail



Callwood



Kielburger



Suzuki





Tours of School

STEPHEN LEWIS

**SECONDARY
SCHOOL**

excellence

community

respect

social justice

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