

Supporting Your Daughter's Transition Into Secondary School



This month we celebrate the virtue of Compassion

Almighty God, we pray for compassion and humility in our hearts.

Let us be kind, gentle, generous, loving, giving and forgiving wherever we may go.

Allow pride to never get the best of us as You fulfill our dreams.

Help us not to have a boastful tongue against our brothers.

Let humility invade our souls.

Amen

Chat Window

- You are invited to share any of your wonderings/questions you may have in the chat window during the presentation
- There will be a question period at the end of the presentation and we will work together to provide answers to your questions

The Journey Begins



Graduation Requirements

What do you need to graduate from high school?

18 compulsory credits

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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

In addition, students must complete:

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

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

Group 1:

- English or French as a second language**
- a Native language
- First Nations, Metis, and Inuit studies
- 1 • a classical or international language
- social sciences and the humanities
- Canadian and world studies
- guidance and career education
- cooperative education***

Group 2:

- health and physical education
- the arts
- 1 • business studies
- French as a second language**
- cooperative education***

Group 3:

- science (Grade 11 or 12)
- 1 • technological education
- French as a second language**
- computer studies
- cooperative education***

* 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.

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† The 12 optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.

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Community Service Hours

- 40 Hours minimum commencing the summer after Grade 8
- Approved by the SCDSB Guidelines
- Must be recorded and submitted on the appropriate form with signatures to the Main Office

Supports within the school

- Guidance Counsellors: career and credit counselling guidance towards postsecondary and career options
- Student Success: to support students with assignment and credit recovery, helping them get on track with their classes. Also, a quiet safe space for students to work
- Resource Teachers: support students with IEPs and help them to be successful in their classes through all aspects: organization, assignments, time management
- Mental Health Support Team: a team of social workers, clinicians, child and youth workers assist our students with personal issues that impede on their academic and social well being.
- Attendance Counsellors: attendance issues are monitored by a team of counsellors who work with parents, teachers, students to re-engage students back to school for optimum success
- Chaplain: responsible for supporting the spiritual, social, and emotional well being of the student community
- Indigenous Support Worker: Our Indigenous Support Worker provides cultural support in order to foster an inclusive learning environment. Cultural awareness activities are routinely embedded for staff and students.



mma SPARC

Design Your Future

What Is...

The logo for SPARC, consisting of the letters S, P, A, R, and C in a bold, sans-serif font. Each letter is a different color: S is red, P is dark blue, A is teal, R is yellow, and C is light blue. The letters are closely spaced and have a slight shadow effect.

SPARC



Mission, Vision & Values

MISSION

- Marymount Academy empowers young women to ask the questions that will lead them to discover their own creative and academic spark. Our mission is to develop graduates who will be curious, intelligent, and compassionate young women who will be extraordinary future leaders.

VISION

- Cultivate passion for learning and inspiring tomorrow's leaders.

VALUES

- to be collaborative and compassionate life-long learners
- to strive for excellence in academics and in life
- to be creative, courageous and kind leaders in our community and beyond

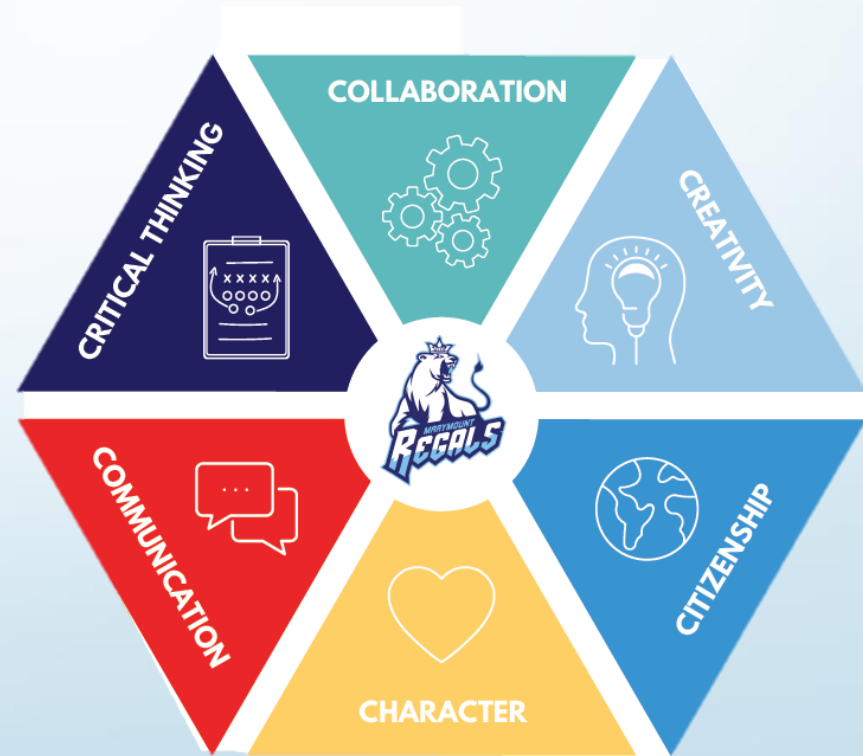
Why SPARC?

- Builds on reach ahead concept (every student will reach ahead in grade level)
- Focus on what you are interested in
- Flexible so after Grade 10 you can pick a focus SHSM
- Develops your 6 competencies
- Holistic approach to education
- Gain experiences above any other high school in the city (more credits, outreach experiences, connections with community members)

What are the benefits of SPARC?

The entire SPARC program will help students develop global competencies in 6 areas:

- Critical thinking
- Collaboration
- Creativity
- Citizenship
- Character
- Communication



Our program focusses on 4 pillars of student success:



ACADEMICS



ATHLETICS



ACTIONS



ARTS

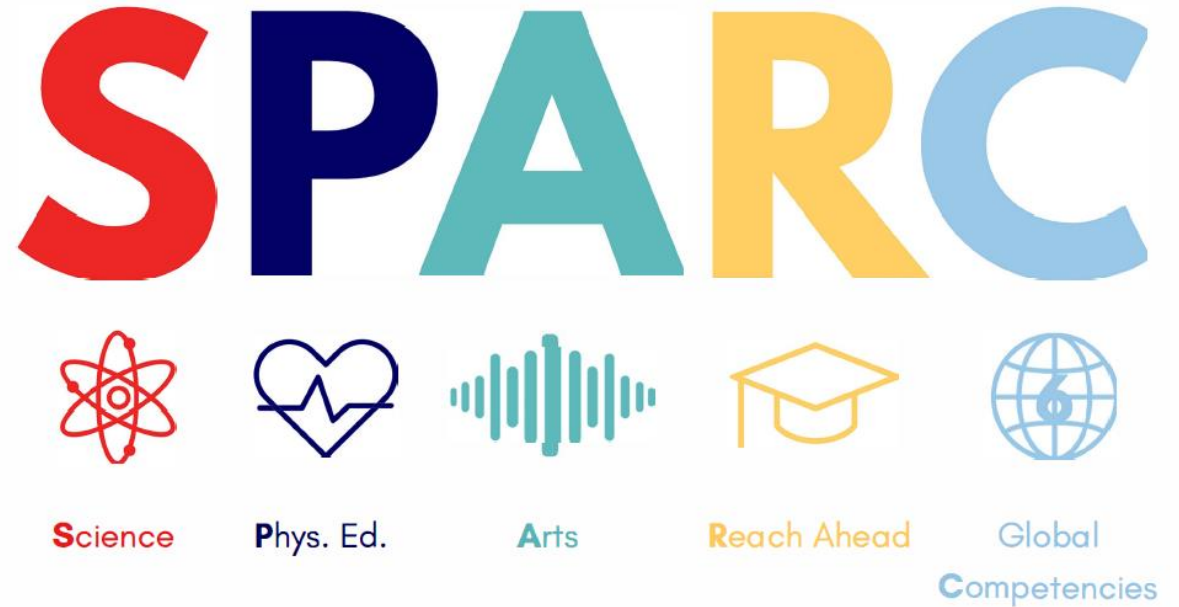
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SPARC areas

- Science
- Athletics
- Arts





Reach Ahead and Reach Up

In Grade 9, courses are geared to a student's SPARC interest

ALL SPARC students will take a 9th course offered after school hours for the full year. The course will focus on the 6 Cs, seminars with community partners, volunteerism)– Opportunity to Reach In, determine their passion and interests and find their passion in the world

Reach Out! – Grade 11 and 12

- The last and final aspect of SPARC gives students the opportunity to continue to grow and learn in an area they are passionate about.
 - IDC 4U course
 - Gain real life experience through coop
 - Enter a SHSM
 - Graduate with a red seal on your diploma

SHSM

- **Specialist High Skills Major**
- Specialist High Skills Majors let students focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Students receive the SHSM seal on their diploma when they:
 - complete a specific bundle of 8-10 courses in the student's selected field
 - earn valuable industry certifications including first aid and CPR qualifications
 - gain important skills on the job through cooperative education placements.

Are you ready to design your future and ignite your SPARC?

Any **SPARC** can lead to...  **NON-PROFIT**



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ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING



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HEALTH & WELLNESS



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ARTS & CULTURE





Questions?

