

Career Life Connections & Capstone Project

What is it?

What will it look like?

What will I need to know?

What will I need to do?

What is Career Life Connections & Capstone (CLC 12)?

A 4-credit Career Education course required for graduation

- CLC 12 – the curricular content and competencies of the course (50%)
- Capstone Project – application of personal knowledge, skills and interests in the form of a passion project (50%)

Career Life Connections 12 (CLC 12):

- CLC 12 focuses on **three major themes** to prepare you for life after high school:
 - **Personal Development** (preparation for post graduation)
 - **Connections to Community** (perspectives and transferable skills)
 - **Career life plan** (career, finances, education, health & well being)
 - *Minimum of 30 hours career exploration and/or volunteer opportunities expected with the course*

Delivery of CLC at DSS for 2021-2022:

- Students will have a CLC 12 course on their timetable (Blocks A – D or Block X (off timetable))
- Over the course of the year there will be special assemblies, Flex Time seminars and presentations for students to attend.
- Course will be offered through either Google Classroom
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Delivery of CLC at DSS for 2022 - 2023:

- Students will complete the curricular competencies (activities, assignments, etc.) online with the goal of completing the course by December 2nd
 - Plan: September – Launch of CLC 12 & Capstone
 - October – November: Students can use their open block or work outside of school time to complete the CLC portion of the course.
 - *After December, any students who have not completed CLC will be scheduled in the library during their CLC block.*

Assessment of CLC at DSS in 2022 – 2023:

- You will receive a numeric mark (%) on your transcripts (mark will be posted as a final mark in June)
- Looking at combination of rubrics, self-assessment and personal conferences with your Career Coordinator
 - Assignments will be submitted to Google classroom
 - *Students will create a portfolio to document evidence of learning*
 - *Students will create a Capstone Project and Presentation as part of the course requirements*



Questions about Career Life Connections

WHAT IS A CAPSTONE?

YouTube Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBs2Vb5Hf54>



CAPSTONE IS A PASSION PROJECT

- A Capstone Project allows you to demonstrate your interest in learning about a particular topic.
- Ideally, your focus would be in an area you are passionate about and anticipate you will be pursuing after graduation.
- Your Capstone Project should be a topic that you are passionate (interested) in learning more about.
- You will present your Capstone in early April (date TBD)

Delivery of Capstone Project at DSS:

- Capstone Project & CLC run concurrently (at the same time).
- Capstone Presentations are tentatively scheduled to take place in the second week of May 2023 (May 8 – 12 with more details later)
- Google Classroom / Drive will be required for your digital portfolio and Capstone Project.
- You may begin thinking about and beginning your planning for the capstone now (requirements to follow)



FIVE COMPONENTS OF THE CAPSTONE PROJECT

1. **The Proposal** (requires approval from Ms. Keller / Mr. Pavao)
2. **Mentor** (your guide through your capstone experience)
3. **Process** (research, planning, and doing of the capstone)
4. **The Portfolio** (evidence of research, planning, and actions)
5. **Presentation** (April 2022 to a member of the DSS community)
6. **Reflection** (reflection and assessment of entire process)

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Capstone Options for Students

(Types of Capstones for students to complete)

OPTION 1: INQUIRY/RESEARCH CAPSTONE

- **For students who want to further explore, research or gain knowledge (Inquiry Question & Focus)**
 - Example: Researching questions such as does social media play an integral role in a marketing campaign?
 - Example: Is the use of plastics in everyday life having a profound effect on the sustainability of our environment?

OPTION 2: EVENT/SERVICE CAPSTONE

- **For students with an interest in making a positive contribution to their community or in an area they are passionate about**
 - Examples: organizing a sporting event, coaching a team, special awareness week, fundraising event, etc.
 - Example: Organize and run a clothing drive for a homeless shelter.

OPTION 3: PROJECT BASED CAPSTONE

- **For students who wish to express their passion and interest through a physical project**
 - Construct a tangible object (you can see, touch, smell, listen, look at)
 - Examples: Create a video game or application, design build a guitar, construct a 3D model of a building, compose an original piece of music or art, etc.

OPTION 4: CAREER/ENTREPRENEUR CAPSTONE

- **For students with an entrepreneurial interest who are looking into a personal business after graduation**
 - Examples: Personalized computer services for seniors, developing a tutoring program for students, etc.

Capstone

Proposal

Submit to teacher

Describe
capstone

Why?

Time
Line

What do
you
want to
learn?

Execution

Work with a
Mentor

Research

Product

Portfolio

Video, document,
performance etc.

Presentation

Reflection – describe your experience.

PRESENTATION (May 2022 TBD)

- **Capstone Presentation is an opportunity to show your work and professionalism**
 - 7-10 minute presentation with a 3 minute question period from your interviewer
 - Evidence of Growth in Core Competencies as a result of this process
 - Options for you moving forward?
 - Reflection: What did you learn? How did it go? Where to next?

Final Words

- Your Capstone Project has the ability to have huge relevance for you and can serve multiple purposes (post-secondary, future job/career, scholarship, current interests, skill development, etc.).
- Your Capstone can also supplement the following:
 - To support you with post secondary entrance requirements,
 - To support you with post secondary or district scholarships,
 - To support your future career employment or a culminating demonstration of your personal growth, development and achievement.

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