

## What is SHSM?

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) allows high schools to create focus programs where grade 11/12 students can **focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests** while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Successful students will receive the SHSM red seal on their high school diploma. Each focus program consists of a bundle of focus credits.



## SHSM @SWL- We have two exciting SHSM programs at Sir Wil!

1. Arts & Culture (Production and Film Making)
2. Information Communications Technology (ICT)

### Why SHSM?

- ▶ Students receive industry level certifications free of charge, such as: CPR, First Aid, Service Excellence, WHMIS, Ladder Training, Material Handling and more...
- ▶ These certifications will help distinguish students when applying to jobs in their career path and can be an asset for portfolios, and college and university applications.

### Learn by doing...

- ▶ A leading principal of SHSM is experiential opportunities and job shadowing. A few of the exciting experiences Sir Wilfrid Laurier SHSM students this past year have been:
  - ✓ Winterlude, Tulip Festival, Downtown Ottawa, Gatineau Park, MacSkimming Outdoor Education Centre, Algonquin College and Carleton University.
  - ✓ Mark'd Sneaker Design Competition
  - ✓ ICE Workshop at Canadian Museum of Science and Technology
- ▶ Some exciting Co-Operative education placements SWL SHSM students worked:
  - ✓ Rogers TV, Shenkman Arts Centre, Minto Homes, Habitat for Humanity, Graphic Designer, Web Developer, Production Assistant, Photography Assistant, Teaching Assistant, Sign Maker, Video production.

