



THE PULSE / THE MAKING LAB APPLICATION 2026-27



INTRODUCTION: In grade 9, **all** grade 9 students take a half credit course in drama and a half credit course in music. But you do have a choice in your other tech/arts courses. You can take **just one** of the following:

- The PULSE TV show course (a full credit Comm Tech course with a TV show focus).
- The Making Lab course (a new, full credit Comm Tech course with a design/maker focus).
- A half credit course in STEM plus a half credit course in Visual Art.

All 3 options are great, but you can only choose **one** of those three options. The PULSE and THE MAKING LAB requires you to apply and be invited into the course. Remember, you can always take future Communication Technology, Art, or STEM courses in grades 10, 11, and 12.

YOUR

FIRST NAME: _____ **LAST NAME:** _____

Please rank your choices here (1 BEING YOUR FIRST CHOICE, 2 BEING YOUR SECOND CHOICE, and 3 BEING YOUR THIRD CHOICE).

_____ **The STEM/Visual Arts course (taught by various teachers)**

_____ **The PULSE TV show course (taught by Mr. Buwalda)**

_____ **The Making Lab course (taught by Ms. Hoekstra)**

If you choose the STEM/Visual Arts course option, you are done- you do not have to fill out this application. If you choose either The PULSE or The Making Lab options as your first or second choice, please fill out this application.

What is **The PULSE**? TDChristian's very own TV show, shown at assemblies and online on YouTube. If you're interested in TV, video, film, journalism, graphic design, vlogging, or acting, you should be in this class! Outgoing? Shy? Funny? Serious? No problem! We are looking for people to be in front of the camera, behind the scenes, or both. **No experience necessary.** Never seen the show? You can see our previous 15 seasons on YouTube: youtube.com/tdchwoodbridge

What is **The Making Lab**? A brand new, hands-on course full of design possibilities including making stickers, buttons, videos, graphic design, and maybe even culinary. **No experience necessary!**

THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

If interested in either or both PULSE and MAKING BOX, fill out this form as completely as possible and hand it in to Marg in the main office by **9 am, Thursday morning, September 10.**
(A tight deadline, but it shows you are responsible).

Please read and checkmark these boxes:

- ☐ I understand these classes are very hands on and have many deadlines.
- ☐ I understand I don't need any experience, just a positive attitude and willingness to try new things.
- ☐ I understand that unfortunately not everyone who signs up for these class options will be able to get in.
- ☐ I understand that if I get into either the PULSE or MAKING LAB courses, I won't have art or STEM this year. But, I can always take them in grades 10, 11, or 12.

How much **experience** do you have in the following? (Don't worry if you have none- you'll learn!)

Making videos using a video camera or shooting with a phone	☐ None	☐ A little	☐ A lot
Using a CRICUT or Laser Printer or 3D Printer	☐ None	☐ A little	☐ A lot
Using Photoshop or similar graphic design/animation programs	☐ None	☐ A little	☐ A lot
Editing video using iMovie, FCP, Premiere or other editing apps	☐ None	☐ A little	☐ A lot
Making PowerPoint or Canva presentations	☐ None	☐ A little	☐ A lot
Creative writing	☐ None	☐ A little	☐ A lot
Keeping up with current events like the news	☐ None	☐ A little	☐ A lot
Having a YouTube channel or other social media channel	☐ None	☐ A little	☐ A lot

How much **interest** do you have in the following areas?

Shooting videos/ Using a video camera, your phone and other technical equipment	☐ None	☐ A little	☐ A lot
Using a CRICUT or Laser Printer or 3D Printer	☐ None	☐ A little	☐ A lot
Editing videos on a computer	☐ None	☐ A little	☐ A lot
Coming up with new ideas/writing for videos	☐ None	☐ A little	☐ A lot
Being a reporter/interviewing people on camera	☐ None	☐ A little	☐ A lot
Creating things with your hands/hands on learning	☐ None	☐ A little	☐ A lot

What three words would you use to describe yourself?

Do you have any talents or special skills?

Your boat sinks and you're stranded on a desert island. What 1 or 2 things you hope wash ashore?

Name 1 thing someone could use a spoon for that doesn't involve eating: _____

Is there anything else we should know about you or that you want to tell us?

Next, check off **all** the Labes that apply to you. Leave the Labes that don't apply to you.

- ☐ I consider myself a team player. I get along well with others.
- ☐ I consider myself to be a responsible person
- ☐ I often like to challenge myself to do great work.
- ☐ I consider myself a very curious person. I like to find out how things work.

PULSE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS: (please answer these as well if you chose the PULSE as your #1 or your #2 option):

- ☐ I'd love to be mainly in front of the camera as a host or reporter. I'm very outgoing.
- ☐ I'd love to be mainly behind the scenes: filming, recording audio, editing, or creating graphics.
- ☐ I'm up for doing any job, behind or in front of the camera.
- ☐ I have watched the PULSE (at least once) before.

Finally, how interested are you in being in The PULSE class? Checkmark the most honest answer:

- _____ This sounds awesome! I really, really need to be in The PULSE class.
- _____ It sounds interesting, but I won't be devastated if I'm not picked for The PULSE.
- _____ I'm only signing up because my friends signed up for this class.



**TO APPLY FOR EITHER THE PULSE OR THE MAKING LAB, YOU MUST
RETURN THIS FORM BY 9 AM THIS THURSDAY MORNING,
SEPTEMBER 10, TO MARG IN THE MAIN OFFICE.**

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Questions? Have something else to say? You can Edsby message Mr. Buwalda or Ms. Hoekstra or both before Thursday night, or email them at buwalda@tdchristian.ca or hoekstra@tdchristian.ca