

FEBRUARY 2025 GRADE 7 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you for your help in making the ski trip a success. We appreciate all our volunteers who helped the kids have a great day! The students enjoyed the activity so much that we have decided to take the Grade 6/7 classes to Otway for cross-country skiing. We have booked a full day on February 24th, and will be asking for parent volunteers and drivers to transport the students. A letter will be going home shortly with all the details.

We are on track to start our fundraising this month. All funds raised will go toward camp and graduation costs. The students will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts to both school and parish, and we are accepting pre-orders up until February 28th. Pick-up of orders is on April 23rd. Please let all your family members and friends know that the doughnuts are available!

Our second fundraiser is Movie Night on January 27th, where we will be screening “Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.” This movie is rated “G” and suitable for children of all ages. The Grade 7 students will be running a concession stand and donations of drinks and packaged snacks would be most welcome. Any leftover non-perishables can be taken to camp in June. Entrance to the movie will be by donation.

The Book Fair will be held from the 24 to 27th February. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to share and develop a love of books. Grade 7 will have an opportunity to purchase books on February 25th from 10:45 - 11:45 am.

REMINDERS:

- **Students should be reading regularly for 15 - 30 minutes per night.**
- **Students are expected to complete 20 - 30 minutes of homework every night. This can consist of revision of classwork, (especially math) working on projects and finishing classwork.**
- **Please sign the homework planners every day. Students are encouraged to use their planners as organizational tools, noting any homework tasks, reminders and work due. They**

are also useful for communication between home and school.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING:

Math - Topics to be studied this month are: The Cartesian Plane; coordinates; graphing; plotting points with polygons, and volume.

Reading - Our novel study is “The Giver” by Lois Lowry. Students are annotating chapter summaries, working on analysis of chapters, reading aloud in class and discussing themes, characters and vocabulary.

Writing - Weekly journals, a variety of writing activities, including responding to the novel, vocabulary lists, and grammar activities. Students are learning how to construct a five-paragraph essay on the topic of: “My Dream Job.”

Art - We are starting a drawing unit on the concept of metamorphosis - change and transformation of one object to another. Students have been asked to purchase a drawing pencil if possible (2B or 4B) as this will help them develop skills in shading and creating structure.

ADST - Students will be using a combination of six simple machines to design, construct and present their Rube Goldberg chain reaction machines.

Science - We will be looking at climate change and how the younger generations can take climate action through Canada's Climate Plan, which supports the creation of jobs and measures for cutting pollution.

Social Studies/Christian Education - We are examining ancient belief systems and how they continue to influence our worldviews.

Fr. Matthew will be visiting the class to participate in a discussion on the origins of different religions, and to answer questions.

We are also studying Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome and their influences on Western culture and history.

Careers - We are going to explore what it means to enter the work force. Students will learn how to write simple resumes and cover letters and engage in role playing activities for their first job interview.

Health - Our unit this term is on Healthy Relationships. Topics include: Healthy and unhealthy relationships; influences on relationships, and preventing stereotyping, discrimination, and bullying.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February 5 - Virtue assembly at 11: 00 pm

February 7 - School mass at 09:00 am

February 7 - Valentine's Day Dance (6-7.30 pm)

February 14 - Valentine's Day - Red, White and Pink Day

February 17 - Family Day (NO SCHOOL)

February 24 - Cross-country skiing to Otway (with Grade 6)

February 24 - 27 - Book Fair Week (Grade 7 book buying on February 25)

February 26 - Pink Shirt Day

February 27 - Movie Night from 5.30 to 9 pm

February 28 - Report card writing day (NO SCHOOL)

February 28 - Krispy Kreme pre-order deadline

As always, please contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Jean Garcia