



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to an exciting year of learning and sharing in Grade 7! I look forward to meeting you at the Open House and sharing our plans for the year. We will be discussing many topics, including class activities and camp. The students have had a good start to the year and have been very cooperative and friendly. Please consider what volunteer opportunities you can participate in as we will have a variety of field trips outside the classroom. We generally attend mass on Friday mornings and you are more than welcome to join us. Please notify me if you know that your child is going to be absent from school for any length of time, as this helps with planning. If you have any questions or concerns, or would simply just like to meet

and chat about your child's learning, please email me at: [jgarcia@cispg.ca](mailto:jgarcia@cispg.ca). I am generally available after school.

## REMINDERS

- Please return all signed permission slips and forms as soon as possible.
- Students should be reading regularly for 15 - 30 minutes per night. This is a habit that should be well-established by the time students enter Grade 8.
- 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. In Grade 8 their planners will be an indispensable organizational tool, as they learn to be in the right place at the right time. 😊

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Math - Review of key math concepts: place value; number operations; times tables (up to 12x), math vocabulary, and word problems. We are also piloting a new math program called "My Math Path". Students should be reviewing math lessons on a daily basis for homework.

**Reading** - We are reading a variety of short stories by Roald Dahl, starting with “Lamb To The Slaughter”. This is available as a PDF online if you would like to read it with your child. Please take every opportunity you can to read with your child and have them read to you as well.

**Writing** - We are writing short stories this term, using a narrative pyramid structure. Students will be brainstorming ideas, drafting their stories, peer-editing and publishing their work.

**Art/ADST** - Our first project this year is graffiti art, using two-point perspective and lettering techniques. Look out for their artwork on display outside their classroom.

**Social Studies** - The social studies topic this year is: *The Ancient World to the 7th Century* and we will be examining interactions and exchanges between past civilizations and cultures, including conflict, peace, trade, expansion, and migration. Students are starting with an inquiry project. Working with a small group, they will research and present their findings on one ancient civilization.

**Careers** - Students will learn about developing leadership and entrepreneurial skills through collaborative activities in the school and community including a class hike to Shane Lake, and fund-raising activities.

**Health** - Examining a variety of issues and decisions about personal health, (including physical activity, healthy eating practices, relationships, bullying and discrimination, sleep, hygiene and substance abuse) and examining how media and peer influences can influence their decisions.

**SOME DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

**September 3 - First day of school. Assembly at 11:15am.**

**September 12 - School mass at 09:00.**

**September 18 - Open House at 6:30pm.**

**September 19 - Kodiak Shirt Day. Terry Fox Run at 10:45am.**

**September 25 - Individual and Class Photos.**

**September 26 - Orange Shirt Day.**

**September 29 - Pro-D day - no classes.**

**September 30 - National Truth and Reconciliation Day - no classes.**

**Enjoy the beautiful weather! **

**Jean Garcia**