



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are quickly approaching the end of term 2 and the students are looking forward to a well-earned break. We will start the first week of March with our NET retreat, which will be hosted at Sacred Heart school. Daylight Savings time starts on International Women's Day. Reports are going out on the last day of term, which also happens to be Green Day (cerebral palsy awareness day).

We will have our March birthday celebration on Tuesday, 12th March, and we thought it might be fun to celebrate Pi Day as a theme, so we can bring and share different kinds of pies. Any leftover pies will be sent home.

Please continue to encourage the students to sell Krispy Kreme doughnuts up until April 2. This is a major fundraiser for the Grade 7 soccer trip to

Terrace and we need all hands on board to sell a total of 250 boxes. So far, we have sold about 80 boxes. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me prior to spring break.

## 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** - Student review basic facts on a regular basis with "Math Minutes". Topics covered this month will be statistics and probability, including circle graphs.

**Reading** - We will be reading and discussing our novel, "A Wrinkle in Time". and completing assigned written tasks. Students have an opportunity to read independently for half an hour daily, plus group reading of the novel. Children are encouraged to choose books from the school library at their reading level.

**Writing - Students have completed their five paragraph essays, using the following steps: brainstorming; outline/planning; first draft; peer editing; publish. They will continue with daily journal writing, and various grammar and vocabulary exercises.**

**Art - Lenten Art activities leading up to Easter.**

**Christian Education - We will be reading and discussing readings from the Bible and applying lessons learned and morals taught, to our daily lives.**

**Health - Social media and online safety are our two main topics. Students will be working through a variety of real-life scenarios and drawing conclusions about how to apply internet protocols.**

**Careers - Students will research a chosen career and answer questions related to education and training, work environment, median pay, promotion outlooks and other information related to their area of work.**

**Science - *The Green Island Climate Change Project* offers students an opportunity to explore issues like sustainability and environmental stewardship. Students work independently, with a partner, or in a small group to create a thriving, self-sustainable island community. They are expected to do an oral presentation for their assessment task.**

### **SOME DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

**March 4 & 5 - Oral presentations due (Science)**

**March 6 - Grade 7 NET retreat at Sacred Heart School (08.30am - 2pm)**

**March 8 - International Women's Day/Daylight Savings Time**

**March 10 - Class birthday party (celebrating Pi Day March 14)**

**March 13 - Green Day (cerebral palsy)/Reports home/Last day of term**

**March 14-29 - Spring Break**

**April 2 - Krispy Kreme orders due**

**Have a wonderful month and enjoy the Spring Break! We look forward to seeing you around the school. 😊**

**Jean Garcia**