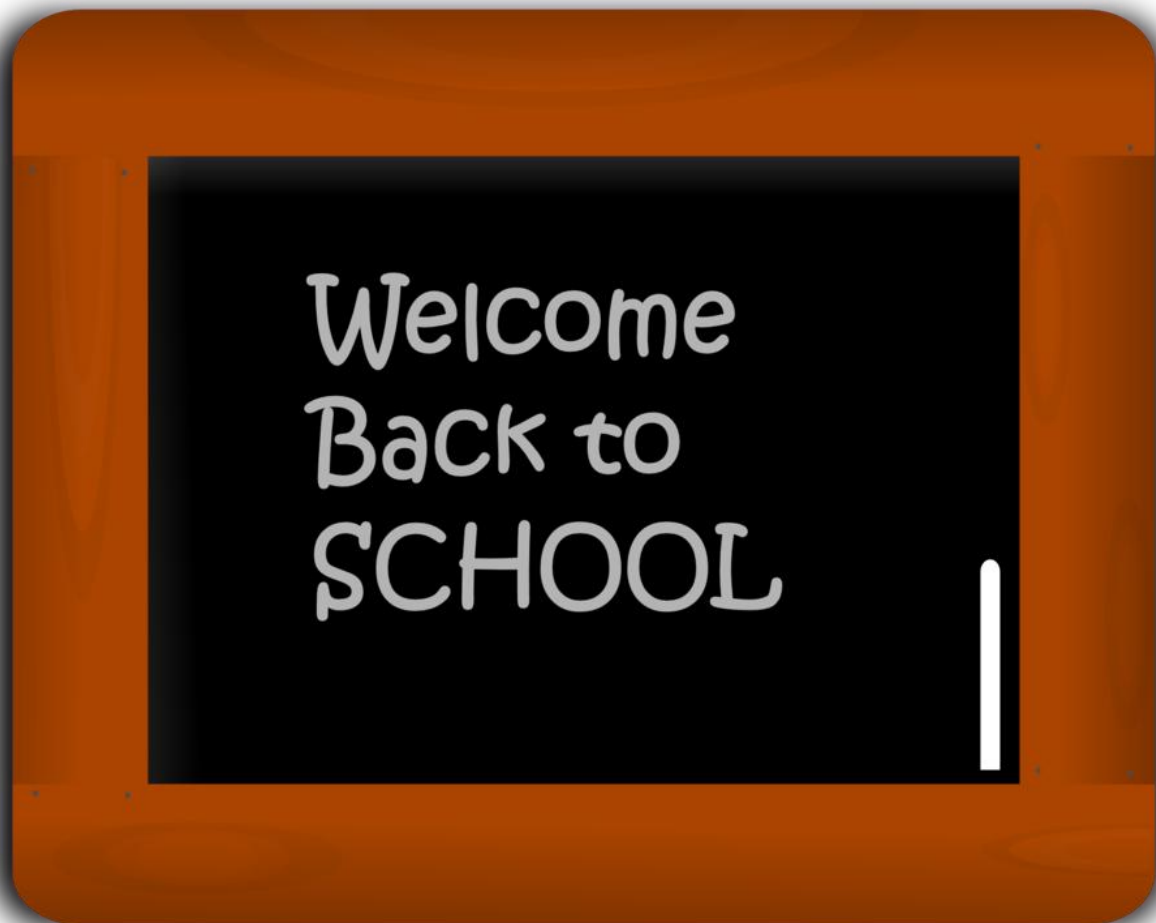




Dear Parents/Caregivers,

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. Please consider what volunteer opportunities you can participate in as we will have a variety of field trips outside the classroom. Our first field trip is a hike with the Grade 6 class to Shane Lake on September 22. We will attend mass on Monday 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 our 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@cispq.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.
- All parent volunteers need to make sure their CRC and driver's information are on file at the office.
- Students are not allowed to use cell phones and Smart watches at school. Please reinforce this school rule with your child.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Math - Review of basic math concepts: place value; number operations; times tables (up to 12x), math vocabulary, and word problems. We are using a math program called “My Math Path”, and our first topic is *Operations with Whole Numbers and Decimals*. Students should be reviewing math lessons on a daily basis as part of their homework routine.

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, as this develops fluency in language studies.

Writing - We are writing short stories this month, using a narrative pyramid structure. Students will be brainstorming ideas, drafting their stories, peer-editing and publishing their work. We also work on improving our handwriting skills, by practicing print and cursive writing.

Art/ADST - Our first project this year is learning all about the Pop Art movement. Students will work on developing principles of art, including balance, contrast, pattern, proportion and harmony. This will guide them in their understanding of how visual elements are organized to create cohesive artworks.

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. If you have any creative fund-raising ideas, please let me know!

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 8 - First day of school. Assembly at 11:15am

September 11 - School mass at 09:00

September 17 - Open House at 6:30pm

September 18 - Kodiak Shirt Day. Terry Fox Run at 10:45am

September 21 - Safety Assembly @ 11:15am

September 22 - Hike to Shane Lake with Grade 6 & 7 classes

September 25 - Pro-D day - no classes

September 29 - Orange Shirt Day

September 30 - National Truth and Reconciliation Day - no classes

Enjoy the beautiful weather! 🌻

Jean Garcia