GRADE 7 CLASS NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2026



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the Parent/Teacher interviews. It was really great to catch up with everyone. Please don't hesitate to contact me at: jgarcia@cispg.ca if you have any further questions about your child's education.

The Grade 7 FSA's (Foundation Skills Assessment) for Literacy and Numeracy have been completed as well as the School-wide Write.

The scripts have been handed out for the Christmas play (*Cyber Santa*) and students are expected to memorize their lines, as they

are participating in lunchtime rehearsals. There will be a letter going home shortly regarding costumes, props and mandatory rehearsal and performance times. The play should be lots of fun to perform. 🙂

Our Multicultural Fair will be held on the 17th November in the Grade 7 classroom. Students will be presenting a wide range of cultures to the whole school and parents are invited to visit during the day. Students are asked to bring a plate of food from their culture for a shared lunch. This is a wonderful, collaborative journey of discovery for many of the students, as they learn about their ancestors.

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: Divisibility rules, operations with decimals and percents, and divisibility and integers. They also have regular practice and testing of basic math facts, and complete *"Facts on Fire"* and *"Math Minute"* worksheets every day. We hope to see improvement in both speed and accuracy over time with all students.

READING: We are reading "The Giver" by Lois Lowry and are completing a variety of written assignments.Students are completing reading comprehension and vocabulary activities, as well as participating in classroom discussions.

WRITING: Grammar lessons (using writing conventions) are our main focus this month, as students work on constructing a five paragraph essay. They have daily journal writing practice at the start of the day.

ART/ADST: Students will be exploring the concept of change reaction machines. They will work in groups to design and construct their own Rube Goldberg machine.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Students will be writing prayers for the classroom, including lunch, end-of-day and peace prayers. They attend mass on Fridays and participate in daily school prayer.

SCIENCE: For their science unit, students are learning about atoms and elements, compounds and mixtures, chemical reactions and the Periodic Table.

CAREERS: The pros and cons of social media, digital literacy and personal safety are all topics for exploration and discussion as students learn to navigate the technology revolution.

HEALTH: Students will be learning about ten executive functioning skills that are important for supporting academic growth as well as helping them develop useful life skills that they use every day.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

November 4 - Virtue Assembly
November 6 - School Mass @ 0900am
November 10 - Remembrance Day Service @ 1100am
November 11 - Remembrance Day - no classes
November 13 - World Diabetes Awareness Month observed
November 17 - Multicultural Day (0900 - 2pm)
November 26 - Spirit Day
November 27 - Pro-D - no classes
November 29 - First Sunday of Advent

Have a wonderful month!

Jean Garcia 😊