

March 2017

LANGUAGE ARTS:

February has been a busy month in Language Arts. The students completed their FSAs. The results will be sent home for parents to view.

We continue to prepare for Speech Arts. I am very proud of all the students for their efforts in memorizing the story *Oh the Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss.

The students have completed their first novel unit. In March, we will use a new novel to continue to apply the Reading Power strategies. We will also begin our creative writing unit. The students will learn how to create their own short story. We will focus on plot development through narration and dialogue.

RELIGION:

The students created a booklet that reflects their understanding of the Gifts of the Spirit. In their booklets, students were required to provide examples of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in their own lives. In March, we will learn about the 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit. As a class, we will also study the corporal and spiritual works of mercy as a response to the Gospel Call.



March 2017 at a glance:

Wednesday, March 1st

Ash Wednesday Mass

Tuesday, March 2nd

Parent & Sponsor Confirmation Meeting

Friday, March 3rd

Guest Speaker – Author: Eric Walters

Tuesday, March 7th

Intermediate Speech Arts

Thursday, March 9th

7M – Class Mass
Report Cards

Friday, March 10th

Student Led Conference
Last Day before Spring Break

Monday, March 27

School Reopens, Confirmation Retreat

MATH:

February was an exciting month and seemed to have rushed by. The Grade Sevens finished the month by completing the chapter on patterns and expressions. For many students, this was their first introduction to algebra. In the month of March, students will build on their previous knowledge and learn how to solve more complex equations that require one and two steps. These equations will take the following forms: $x + a = b$; $ax = b$; $\frac{x}{a} = b$; $ax + b = c$. With patience and lots of practice, I am certain that the Grade Sevens will complete this chapter successfully!

SCIENCE:

During the month of February, the Grade Sevens began studying a unit on the Earth's Crust. They learned about minerals, families of rocks, fossils, weathering, erosion, and the rock cycle. March will see the start of the Sevens learning about how the Earth's Crust is made up of moving plates. In addition to classwork, select students will be participating in the Let's Talk Science Challenge. The Science Challenge will take place at the beginning of May at UBC and is a competition against other teams from schools in the Lower Mainland. We will be starting preparation and study groups as soon as we return from Spring Break. As preparations continue, more information will be sent home with participating students. It is advised that students participating in the challenge take time during spring break to thoroughly read through the handbook.

Social Studies:

During February, the students worked in groups to create a three-dimensional model of an object that represents their assigned civilization. Their research and artifacts have been combined to create a museum display that they will use to "teach" the class about their civilization. In March, the students will prepare their reflection and presentation. Each group will describe the ways their civilization contributed to modern society.

Lenten Prayer

**Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of
humility.**

**He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.**

**Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His
Resurrection.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, Your Son.**

Amen.