



May 2017 at a Glance

Friday 12th – Science Challenge – UBC

Monday 22rd – Victoria Day -No School

Thursday 25th- Confirmation Rehearsal at 3:45pm
SFX Church

Friday 26th – No School

Saturday 27th - Bazaar

Dear Parents,

Where has the time gone! It is May already and June is right around the corner. With field trips and many other events planned, the last two months of the year will be busy!

Happy Birthday!

May 1st - Cayden 7k

May 2nd – Brandon 7K

May 3rd – Corey 7K

May 6th - Hilary 7K

May 6th – Daniel 7K

May 10th - Terence 7M

May 17th – Matthew 7M

Religion

In April, we discussed how the corporal and spiritual works of mercy are a response to the Gospel Call. We also completed the *Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition Program*. In May, we will learn about the 5 disciplines that mark the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

LANGUAGE ARTS

The students continue to participate in writing workshops three times a week. During the mini-lessons, students have been completing handouts and taking notes. Students are encouraged to refer to these notes to inform their writing in an ongoing manner.

Currently, the students are working on their modernized Bible short story. As a class, we have focused on plot development through narration and dialogue. The students are also practicing creating mood, setting, and atmosphere.

In May, we will begin a new novel study. Every week the students will read a few chapters of their novels and will work with their literature circle groups to answer and discuss reading questions. Students will also complete a variety of activities related to their reading.

MATH

At the end of April, the Grade Sevens began their review of working with Coordinates and Design. Students learned about transformations on a coordinate grid and specifically how to slide, reflect and rotate 2-Dimensional shapes. Once complete, both classes will begin learning about circles. Students will explore how to construct circles, how to measure their circumference and how to develop a formula for finding their area. I would like to take this opportunity to remind students and parents that students receive math homework on a near-daily basis and that it is crucial that this homework is completed before the next lesson to ensure continued success. Also, if students are unsure as to what homework to complete, please refer to the chapter outlines on the 7K website.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

In April, the students worked on their ancient civilizations project. The students were asked to explain a part of history, tradition, celebration or custom of their assigned civilization. Students also explained the geographical significance on political, social, and economic characteristics of their assigned civilization.

In May, the students will learn about the decline or collapse of human societies. We will study the relationship between the factors that caused the collapse of past societies and the impact of the decisions we make today.

SCIENCE:

The month of May is going to be busy; however, the changing weather is a great time for students to continue learning about aspects of the Earth's Crust. In April, both classes started working on Problem Based Learning projects that have involved solving a specific, science-based problem. Either individually, or in small groups, students have been researching, compiling data, and preparing a presentation that will answer one of the scenarios they chose. Once these projects have been completed, we will begin learning about our last topic, Electricity. As a friendly reminder, 8 students are preparing for the *Let's Talk Science Challenge* being held at UBC on Friday, May 12th. Also, if students are unsure as to what homework to complete, please refer to the chapter outlines on the 7K website.

Memorare

St. Bernard

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen