

# Grade Seven

## SUBJECT UPDATES

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- June 2nd: Confirmation
- June 9th: Fun Day—noon dismissal
- June 16th: no school
- June 19th: PlayLand fieldtrip
- June 23rd: Gr.7 farewell mass and noon dismissal followed by the Grad dinner
- June 29th: Last day of class, report cards go home; 11:00am dismissal!

### Language Arts:

We are working to complete our creative writing unit. The students have done a great job in taking an existing story and placing it in a modern setting. Their short stories include effective introductions, character description, detailed events, and satisfying resolutions. In June, the students will work on creating a graphic novel based on their short story. They will study structure, art, syntax, symbolism, figurative language, design, and vocabulary.

### Social Studies:

We completed our unit on Ancient Greece. The students analyzed the impact of the environment on Greek city-states. We also examined how Ancient Greeks impacted other civi-

lizations including our own. In June, we will begin our unit on Ancient Rome. We will continue to study the relationship between the factors that caused the collapse of past societies and the impact of the decisions we make today. We will also continue to use the “What in the World” publications to assess current issues and events.

### Math:

As the Grade Sevens enter the final stretch of the school year, they will find themselves completing the last few topics of their elementary curriculum. The end of May saw the students exploring circles. Students learned how to construct circles, how to measure their circumference and how to develop a

formula for finding their area. To apply their skills, students constructed a Dart Board and had to find a variety of circumferences and areas and angles. As the school year winds down, students will be learning about financial literacy. This unit is closely connected to the Junior Achievement Business Program that both classes have been working on. I would like to take this opportunity to remind students and parents that students will still receive math homework and that it is crucial that homework is completed before the next lesson to ensure continued success.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Abigail Lum—June 3rd

Ivan Wong—June 4th

Marcus Chow—June 7th

Colin Kitts—June 29th

Science:

In May, the Grade Sevens continued to work on their Problem Based Learning Projects. In small groups, or individually, students have completed a large amount of research concerning the Earth's Crust, plate movement, and the effects this has on our world. June will see students presenting their research before moving on to researching alternative energy production. I would like to take this time to congratulate the eight students who participated in the Let's Talk Science Challenge held at UBC. All the students did a wonderful job at the competition and represented SFX very well. It was great to see their teamwork and ingenuity during the design challenge; I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves very much.

A Special Announcement:

Congratulations to the members of the Grade 7 classes who were confirmed! This has been a blessed journey that will continue, as they grow deeper and stronger in their faith. In June, the students will continue to learn about the disciplines that mark the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

A note to Grade 7 Parents,

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over. The Grade 7s are both excited and sad. They have worked hard all year long and are looking forward to their Farewell Dinner on June 23rd.

The following is an outline of the events that will take place on June 23rd:

- 9:00 am The Grade 7s will be leading the Mass
- Following mass, we will have the Award Presentations. This ceremony will take place in the church. It would be wonderful if you could come and support all of the students. (Please note, the school will contact the parents of the students who will be receiving awards).

The morning portion of the day will end at approximately 11:30 am. The students will then be dismissed to go home and prepare themselves for the evening.

We would like all students to meet in their classrooms no later than 5:15 pm. The doors will open at 5:30 pm. We look forward to seeing all of you at this event. Don't forget to bring your cameras as there will be many photo opportunities.

We would also like to take this time to thank all the parents for their continuous support throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Krol and Ms. Molina