



Your Grade 7 Survival Guide

This is your year! Over the next ten months you will have many opportunities to learn, reach your goals and have fun. This year will bring you great things. This survival guide will explain what needs to happen in order for us to have the best year possible!

Part 1: Bring Polite and Respectful

➤ Class Contract



In September we will discuss the type of class community we wish to have. Together we will create our own set of class rules. You will have input into these guidelines and we will all agree on them. Throughout the year these expectations will be enforced without exception. You will be expected to make a positive contribution to the class and take responsibility for your actions.

➤ Manners and Respect

If someone says "good morning" or "hello" to you, respond and ask them how they are. It is important to make eye contact when speaking to someone! You are expected to use the following phrases:

- May I
- Please
- Thank you
- Pardon (not "what?")
- Excuse me
- Yes (not "yup" or "ya")



Always respond with a smile! Using good manners shows that we are behaving how Jesus wants us to: treating others how we would like to be treated.

➤ Be positive

Misunderstandings will happen. Things may not always go as planned. Do all that you can to make the best of each situation and keep a positive attitude. We will build a supportive community in our classroom. Negative comments are not acceptable. If someone is speaking, turn and face that person and listen respectfully. Always think about how you can be kind, encouraging and supportive of others. We need to make sure our actions always show a positive attitude, and we do not show disrespect with gestures. Examples of disrespectful behaviours that will not be tolerated in grade seven:

- eye rolling
- "tsk"ing
- certain hand gestures and signing
- mimicking others
- speaking under your breath




➤ Discipline

If you have done something wrong, always tell the truth, even if you are afraid of the consequences. The consequences will be much lighter when you have been honest about what happened. If something has happened on the playground or in the classroom that a teacher needs to know, you are responsible for communicating it to a teacher or the principal.

Part 2: Class Routines and Expectations


➤ Morning Routine

You are expected to come to class on time. If you are late and morning prayer has started, wait outside until we are finished. If you are developing a habit of being late, you will owe time to your teacher after school. Once you have put away your jacket and bags, look at the  day schedule and take out the appropriate books. The daily schedule will help you stay organized and get ready for the day. You should also have your agenda open and ready to be checked for your parent's signature.


➤ Leaving the Room

To use the washroom, write your name under the "OUT" sign on the board. Only one boy and one girl are allowed out of the room at the same time. If you need to leave the classroom for any other reason, you must ask permission from your teacher. Never leave the room at recess or lunch, or the end of the day until you have been dismissed by your teacher.

➤ Agendas

You must write down all assignments and reminders in your agenda everyday. These items are posted on the homework board and you will be given time at the end of each day to write in your agenda. Your parents need to see and initial your agenda every night to ensure that assignments are being completed and help is being offered when needed. If an assignment cannot be completed, your parents must write a note with an explanation. The next morning, I will initial your agenda to check that it has been signed. 

➤ Uniforms

In grade 7 we always follow the school's uniform policy. Every day of the week we must wear our full school uniform. This means blue pants for boys, kilts for girls, white dress shirts, blue sweaters and dress shoes. You are not permitted to wear black runners instead of dress shoes. If you wear your runners to school in the morning you must change into your dress shoes as soon as you enter the classroom. For P.E. you will change into your gym strip in the change room or washroom and change back into your school uniform after P.E. 

➤ Class jobs

At the end of each day you will complete your assigned class job as posted. The roles will rotate every week. We are all responsible for keeping our classroom neat and organized.

Part 3: Your Studies

➤ Criteria



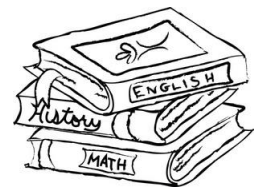
For most major assignments you will receive a criteria sheet with expectations written on it. The details of the assignment will be made very clear, but if there is anything unclear see your teacher immediately. The best thing to do is to have your criteria sheet next to you while doing your assignment so that you remember to include everything.

➤ Completing Assignments

The biggest and most important reason why you come to school is to LEARN. The best ways to do this include listening during lessons, studying and completing assignments to the best of your ability. All of your work must always be done by YOU. Beware of handing in assignments that are completed by someone else or of downloading something from the Internet. This is called plagiarism and it is taken as a very serious offense. If you are found to have plagiarized an assignment, you will receive an automatic "zero" on it. This will impact your grade seriously.

➤ Holidays

It is up to you to catch up on work that has been missed during a holiday. If you are absent for a long period of time, you are expected to do the school work you missed during your holiday. Extended holidays during the school year are not encouraged, as they impact greatly on the learning that takes place in Grade 7.



Part 4: Being the Best You Can Be

A positive attitude goes a long way. For example, when you are learning about a new subject, approach it with curiosity and interest. You may surprise yourself at how much you want to learn about it. Moaning and negative attitudes are discouraging to everyone. Make the most of your time at school, and most importantly, have fun! Put real effort into your work, don't just try to finish it. Be proud of all you can do! With every assignment, focus on what you're learning. Accept that you will make mistakes, learn from them and move on. Focus on how you can make the world a better place each day. What will your contribution be?

