



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 10th – Sara 7M

May 25th – Emily 7K

May 28th – Marcus 7M

Religion

In April, we discussed how the corporal and spiritual works of mercy are a response to the Gospel Call. The students also completed the *Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition Program*. We will continue to learn about love and relationships through which we will seek to understand the true freedom and happiness that comes from following the teachings of Christ.

May 2017 at a Glance

Wednesday -2nd- Matinee and Evening Performance

Thursday - 3rd -Matinee and Evening

Friday -4th – No School

Wednesday – 9th – No School – Student Led Conference

Tuesday – 15th – Class 7K Animating History – Field Trip

Tuesday -22nd- Class 7M Animating History – Field Trip

Monday 21st – Victoria Day -No School

Friday 25th – No School

Friday – 25th – Science Challenge - UBC

Saturday 26th – Bazaar

Wednesday -30th – CISVA Track Meet

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 graphic novel. As a class, we have focused on plot development through narration and dialogue. The students are also practicing creating mood, setting, and atmosphere.

The students continue to work on their novel study. Every week they read a few chapters of their novel and 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 working with Coordinates and Design. Students will learn 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:

The students continue to learn about the decline or collapse of human societies. We have been studying the relationship between the factors that caused the collapse of past societies and the impact of the decisions we make today.

In May, we will compare what we have learned throughout the year about various cultures' use of power and the ways they have dealt with the rights and freedoms of people.

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

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 Geology and how climate has changed over geological time. 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. As a friendly reminder, four students are preparing for the *Let's Talk Science Challenge* being held at UBC on Friday, May 25th. Once we have completed our unit on Geology, students will begin learning about the Theory of Evolution.
