

## January news in Grade 7

### DATES

6- School reopens  
9- Grade 7 skiing at Mount Seymour  
15- School January Mass  
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29 – Poet visit.  
31 – Student-Led Conferences

### BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this month to: Tamit, Aaliyah, Mark and Soleah!

**“The saints did not all begin well,  
but they ended well.”**  
*St. John Vianney*

**“Jesus, help me to simplify my life by  
learning what you want me to be –  
and becoming that person.”**  
*St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

Date to mark on your calendar: **May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm.**  
Confirmation Mass for the Grade 7 students.



### THIS MONTH IN CLASS

**Religion** - We began our formal study in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Students are studying about the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives, as well as the Sacraments of Initiation. We begin our Sunday Mass journals and service projects this month.

**Language Arts** - We are looking at strategies for interpreting and responding to texts, with a focus on environmental issues. Students are practicing writing persuasive pieces, leading to essay topics and speeches as we approach our Speech Arts festival in March. We begin a choral class poem and individual poem recitation, and Bible reading.

**Socials** – We are looking at early civilizations such as Mesopotamia and Egypt, to examine how they adapted to their environments and developed structures for government, trade, religion and warfare.

**Science** – We finish and present projects on sustainable electricity alternatives. We then will begin a unit on Chemistry, focusing on knowing about elements and compounds, investigating everyday substances and their compositions.

**Math** – We are learning about fractions, decimals and percents.

**Art** – We are creating ‘stained glass’ pictures to illustrate aspects of our faith.

**Sports** – Basketball season is here and our boys and girls teams are practicing and playing league games each week. Go Celtics!

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