

St. Patrick
Elementary
School

September 2020

Back to School
Edition

“Walk with Jesus,
our Living Hope.”

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“Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to Him so that He can conquer them.”

- Pope Francis (*Urbi et Orbi*, March 27, 2020)



Dear Grade 6 Parents,

I would like to welcome all of you to the 2020-21 school year. I hope all of you are doing well during this time.

As you know, we are currently at Stage 2 of BC's K-12 Education Restart Plan. In-class learning is back although various families have chosen to place their children on CISVA Temporary Transition. For students who are a part of in-class learning, they are to follow the procedures and expectations as stated in our school safety plan, including the wearing of masks in the hallways. Please carefully review the safety plan on the school website if you have not done so already.

Grade 6 and 7 students are a part of Learning Group D, which includes Ms. Mulroy (Grade 7 teacher), Mr. Venegas (PE teacher), Ms. Kate Barnett (EA), and Miss May Laureles (EA). In addition to teaching PE, Mr. Venegas will also be teaching Grade 6 Social Studies and providing support in Language Arts and Math.

For students who are on temporary transitional learning, they will be informed of tasks and assignments on Google Classroom starting on **Monday, September 21st**. If your child is having trouble logging onto Google Classroom, please contact Mrs. Sorochuk (dianesorochuk@spev.ca) with your child's name and grade. Students remaining at home will also have one Zoom meeting per week with a staff member at a time to be determined.

If your child is on temporary transitional learning and you would like to send him/her back to school for in-person learning, there are two re-entry dates:
- **Tuesday, October 13, 2020** (notice sent to administration by Tuesday, Oct. 6)
- **Monday, November 16, 2020** (notice sent to administration by Monday, Nov. 9)

Classroom Guidelines and Expectations: The students will help create important guidelines to follow in the classroom that are linked to the 3 Cs (Courtesy, Consideration, and Cooperation) as mentioned in their agendas. Each class member is always expected to follow these guidelines and the school rules.

Communication: Please feel free to contact me by phone at the school or by e-mail if there is something you would like to speak to me about. You may use correspondence through e-mails but this should not replace dialogue between parents and teachers and should only be only used to relay basic information.

Agendas/Homework: Each student is expected to record his/her homework in an agenda; this allows you to see what your child is expected to complete. Please sign your child's agenda each night. If a situation arises where the homework cannot be completed, please send a note with your child explaining the reason why it could not be finished.

School Uniform: Students are expected to be in full school uniform on their non-PE days (listed below). They may wear their PE strip (or St. Pat's spirit wear) on their PE days. School shoes are to be solid black with no markings or stripes. All uniform items, including P.E. strip, are to be bought through Neat Uniforms, our uniform supplier.

Thank you for your time, cooperation, and support. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me or call me at the school. I look forward to a positive and productive school year.

Sincerely in Christ,
Mr. Quan
Grade 6 teacher

*On the road to
Grade Seven
and
Confirmation.*

Term 1 Curriculum

- Religion – We will look at prayer (e.g., rosary), liturgical days/seasons, and salvation history.
 - Language Arts – We will focus on reading comprehension activities (information texts/non-fiction), written responses/compositions, and public speaking (individual and group presentations). Students are expected to read for 15-30 minutes daily.
 - Math – We will focus on place value, (order of) operations, and problem solving.
 - Social Studies – We will be studying government, types of government, and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
 - Science – We will be starting our chemistry unit this term, looking at different types of mixtures and how they can be separated.
 - French: We will focus on greetings, expressions, prayers, letter patterns, and vocabulary.
 - Fine Arts – We will be looking at various visual art activities with a focus on line, shape, and colour. Students will also explore topics linked to music and drama.
 - Physical Education – We will be focusing on the life of Terry Fox, endurance running activities, and volleyball. PE is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays.
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