

**St. Patrick
Elementary
School**

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Meet the Teacher
Night Edition

“I can do all things
through Christ.”

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*“Go, do not be
afraid, and serve.”*

– Pope Francis



Dear Grade 6 Parents,

Welcome! It will be a busy and exciting school year for all the students and I am excited to teach and support them. This newsletter will provide details about what's happening in the class and upcoming events. Please take the time to read it carefully.

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 your child's agenda or e-mails but neither way should replace dialogue between parents and teachers and should only be only used to relay basic information.

Agendas/Homework: Each student is expected 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 at all times. Uniform checks occur daily and sweaters must be brought to school every day. 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.

Camp: The Grade 6 & 7 classes will be going to Camp Zajac from September 18th to the 20th. A separate package has already been sent home with your child.

Field Trips: Students will have opportunities to extend their learning outside of school. Throughout the year, we will be using public transit and it is strongly recommended that students have a (concession) Compass Card. If your child does not yet have one, a card can be purchased at selected retailers. Please visit www.compasscard.ca for more details.

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

Sincerely in Christ,
Mr. Quan

*On the road to
Grade Seven
and
Confirmation.*

Religion: All students will be studying various topics that include God's covenant and salvation history, Christianity's roots in the story of the Israelites, Jesus' fulfillment of the covenant, and living out the covenant. Other topics that will help students have a greater understanding of the Catholic faith include: prayer, the Mass, the Seven Sacraments, the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the Works of Mercy. The students will also be preparing for the Confirmation year in Grade 7.

Language Arts: reading comprehension (information texts/non-fiction, short stories, poems); writing (journals, reflections, informational and imaginative writing); public speaking (individual and group presentations).

Math: Various concepts that will be covered include: Place value, rounding, number operations, order of operations, fractions, decimals, ratios, percentages, financial literacy, linear relations, area of various shapes, problem solving. Textbook: *Math Makes Sense*.

Social Studies: topics include: geography, economy, law and government, human rights, social justice issues, media and current events.

Science: topics include the solar system, mixtures, forces, and organisms.

French: topics include: letter patterns, vocabulary and sentences (e.g., questions, descriptions of others, cultural aspects), French-speaking nations, Francophone and Francophone Metis communities.

Art: A variety of mediums and artists will be explored. Art will also be integrated into the other subject areas.

Music: Music classes are on Wednesdays and Thursdays with Mr. Coles.

Physical Education: P.E. classes are from Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday with Mr. Venegas. In addition, there are daily physical activity (DPA) blocks on Monday and Thursdays. Please ensure your child has his/her gym strip and running shoes on PE days and running shoes only on DPA days.

Library: Library is on Mondays. Please ensure your child returns all library books every Monday in order to check out books during our library book exchange. Fines will be assessed for overdue books unless they are returned.
