



Grade 7
2020-2021

Outline for Meet the Teacher

Mrs. Della Siega, Mrs. Waithe, Mrs. Dardano

RELIGION (Christian Education):

Will be divided into:

- Confirmation Program – Mrs. Della Siega
- Christian Education 7 – Mrs. Dardano
- Chastity Education – Mrs. Waithe

Confirmation (Mrs. Della Siega) Obviously, without knowing what will transpire with Covid19 we are unable to say the format or dates for Confirmation. We will continue to prepare for the sacrament and it will be delivered in the format we can manage. The good news we received recently is that the church will be offering the classes opportunities to go to Confession and Mass, one class at a time. There is an expectation of regular mass attendance, service to the community, and study (as has always been the past).

Chastity Ed (Mrs. Waithe) The Chastity Education program is a continuation of the program that your children started last year, 'Theology of the Body'.

Christian Ed (Mrs. Della Siega) Christian Education is a program of study that covers many of the teachings of the Church, including Scripture study, prayers, and the liturgical calendar.

LANGUAGE ARTS (Mrs. Waithe):

A broad outline of the material to be covered includes:

- Reading - a variety of novels, articles, short stories and plays
- Grammar - includes punctuation, parts of speech, and mechanics of writing
- Poetry - poetic styles, performing poetry both in groups and individually, themes, elements of poetry, famous poets and writing poetry
- Speaking – in a variety of situations, including group presentations and literature circles
- Writing - dialogue, creative writing, fact and opinion, compare and contrast, and research based

MATH (Mrs. Della Siega and Mrs. Dardano):

We use the Math Links program in grade seven. Students can expect to have homework in Math most nights. The linear make-up of the learning requires that we build on the skills of the previous lessons. Therefore, it is essential that students keep up, practice skills and identify problem areas as soon as they develop.

SOCIAL STUDIES (Mrs. Della Siega):

We study ancient civilizations – Early Man, Egypt, Rome and Maya. Projects will be done on each of the ancient civilizations. There will be numerous short reports and at least one longer research report. Both writing and research skills are taught in Social Studies.

SCIENCE (Mrs. Dardano):

In grade seven, it is expected that students will develop specific scientific processes, procedures, and skills to enable students to work and communicate scientifically, to see the relevance of science, and to use scientific knowledge to act responsibly. We use Nelson Science 7 along with supporting materials.

Main topics include Climate Change, Chemistry, Electricity and Evolution.

ARTS EDUCATION/APPLIED DESIGN, SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGIES/CAREER ED :

The arts education program will be integrated throughout the curriculum as well as in specific classes. Visual Art will be taught by Mrs. Dardano. Band will be taught by Mr. Band. Applied Design, Skills and Technologies and Career Ed will be taught by all the grade seven teachers.

OUTDOOR ED

More information will follow - when we know more.....

HOMEWORK AND PLANNERS

Homework is to be expected in grade 7. It will only be given to reinforce the material that has been taught in class. It is never given to teach new concepts and it is expected that students should be able to complete the assigned work without help. It is HIGHLY recommended that you set a scheduled time and routine for the completion of homework. As the workload increases for your child, this will become crucial. The students should be using their planners to track their homework, plan their projects and manage their time. The Google Classroom will also play an integral part in the completion and scheduling of homework. Periodically, have your child show you this online classroom and their list of assignments. You will see clearly which things have been assigned, completed, and marked (and which things are missing).

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS ASSESSMENT

Grade 7 is one of the grades scheduled to participate in the FSA tests. Once a date has been set, you will be informed.

ROLE OF THE PARENT – HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD

You've probably already noticed a change in your role in your child's life. They are taking on more of the responsibility for daily activities. School is no different and you may find yourself feeling a little out of the loop. We encourage you to continue to be 'in the loop', but in a different way now.

- ✓ Help them set up a study area, with easy access to the tools they need (a computer, dictionary, thesaurus, Bible, atlas, etc...)
- ✓ You no longer need to sign their planner, but it is prudent to check on it periodically.
- ✓ Ask questions and talk to your child about their learning. Students whose families show an interest, tend to have better success.
- ✓ Hopefully, you won't have to help with homework and they will ensure that all is well at school. If you do find that you have concerns or questions, you are urged to talk to us promptly.
- ✓ Make sure they have a library card and easy access to the local libraries.
- ✓ This milestone year in their faith life will be enriched by your participation as well. Confirmation can be an amazing event in the life of your teen. Share your experiences and your faith journey with them and you will see the fruits of the Spirit enhanced in both of you.
- ✓ Talk to your teen! We know it sounds hokey, but it is so important. Talk about world events, the role of the media, the Internet, the church, their friendships, whatever you can....
- ✓ Monitor their Internet and computer use.
- ✓ Help them to avoid over-scheduling. They need downtime and time with their family and friends.

COMMUNICATION



Email is usually the easiest way to correspond with us, but if you wish to talk to us, we are usually available to meet with you (outside) before and after school. We can also set up a Google Meet or Zoom conference. If you would like an appointment, please do not hesitate to call. We are also happy to return your calls to the school (604-531-6316).

Our email addresses are:

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We believe that communication between parents and teachers is one of the key factors to ensuring success of students in school. Please talk to us whenever you have a concern or question.

We are looking forward to an incredibly exciting year with your child!

Mrs. Sheila Della Siega

Mrs. Sandra Waithe

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