



ST. ANN'S ACADEMY  
ESTABLISHED 1880

# Welcome to Grade 6!

*Living, Celebrating, and PROCLAIMING our Faith*

Gr. 6 Teachers for 2025-2026	Subject(s)
Mrs. Pierrot	Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, Art, Religion, Health, ADST
Ms. Makse	Science, French, Careers
Mr. Pearce	Physical Education
Mrs. Levasseur	Band
Mrs. Sucro	Library

I would like to offer a warm welcome to all students! I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. The Grade 6 year promises to be an exciting one as the students will be introduced to the rotary system. This system gives the students the benefits of diverse teaching styles as well as an early preparation for their high school years. Grade 6 provides an opportunity for the students to take on a bigger leadership role in the school, and of course, there is the growing independence with the introduction of student lockers!

Both parental involvement in a child's education and a consistent awareness of what is happening in the classroom are important if students are to achieve their full potential. Please review this letter with your child, along with their agenda book. My google site (accessible via the SAA website) is an excellent resource for parents and students to keep up-to-date with homework assignments and upcoming classroom activities.

Attached you will find **Homework Policies, Behavior Expectations, Classroom Rules, and Classroom Jobs**. Please read through these with your child so that expectations are clear from the beginning of the school year.

## We're off and running ...

The school year has begun, and I hope that this year is most enjoyable for your child. I look forward to all of the excitement and learning to come! If you have any concerns throughout the school year, please feel free to contact me.

Thank-you, and God bless!

Mrs. Pierrot ([epierrot@st-anns.ca](mailto:epierrot@st-anns.ca))

## **GRADE SIX HOMEWORK POLICIES**

Homework is useful in reinforcing what has been learned in class, preparing students for upcoming lessons, extending and generalizing concepts, teaching responsibility, and helping students to develop positive study habits. **Homework is assigned when work is not completed during class time.** As well, extra homework time may be needed when major projects or tests are assigned. For all major tests and assignments, students will be given up to at least one week's notice to prepare. *Students may also talk to/email me if they need extensions on any deadlines, or any additional support.*

### **Agendas:**

Agenda books have been distributed to each student and are expected to be used on a daily basis. However, to encourage responsibility and accountability, **I will not be checking that Agenda's are signed daily.** It is up to each individual student to write down their homework, during the allotted Agenda time at the end of each day. As mentioned previously, homework will also always be uploaded online for your child and/or you to check.

### **Due Dates:**

Homework assignments must be completed by their due dates. When assignments do not meet established criteria, students will be asked to redo their work. If students consistently neglect homework assignments, they may lose certain class privileges, and a parent email will be sent home. Students will be responsible for completing late homework on their own time, and returning it by the extended due date. **Assignments not completed by the extension deadline will be marked as "IE" (insufficient evidence) without a scale indicator (emerging, developing, proficient, extending).**

It is the responsibility of the student to come see/email me to find out what they missed due to absences, and complete them accordingly. Since homework assignments will be posted daily on my google website, students are expected to complete work as it is assigned if they are capable, and submit it to me upon their return. If students are unable to complete homework during their absence, I will require an email asking for an extension. If students are absent for a quiz or test, they will be expected to take it the day they return, unless I receive an email asking for additional study time. Any study materials for tests/quizzes will also be available online.

## **GRADE SIX BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

Every student has the right to an education in an environment that is safe and free from disturbances. It is important for students to know that their actions affect others, and there will be consequences for poor choices and behaviors. Consequences will be determined given the nature of the infractions, and parents will be notified. I love throwing parties for the students, as an incentive for hard work and good behavior. I also do a "Caught you Caring" draw at the end of each month for prizes. Students are rewarded for showing small acts of kindness, compassion, helpfulness, and/or courtesy to others. Classroom rules are outlined in the student handout entitled "Grade 6/7 Classroom Rules." Please take some time to review these rules with your child.

## **GRADE SIX AND SEVEN CLASSROOM RULES**

### **RULE 1**

Do not get out of your seat without permission. Exception: If you feel sick, leave immediately. Do not speak unless you raise your hand, or your teacher calls on you/asks you a question, during recess/lunch or discussions and partner/group work

### **RULE 2**

Homework is to be turned in for each subject by its due date. If a student does not complete homework by the due date, it must be completed by the extension given and marks may be deducted. Assignments not completed by the extension deadline will be marked as "IE" (insufficient evidence) without a scale indicator.

### **RULE 3**

Transition from one subject to the next will be swift, quiet and orderly. This is particularly essential when moving between classrooms. There will be absolutely no talking during this transition time. If we hear talking, students will lose free time or recess/lunch time.

### **RULE 4**

Marking may only be done in red pen. Privacy of student marks/scale indicators is always required. Do not announce your grades aloud or discuss them publicly with peers.

### **RULE 5**

When we read together as a class, you must follow along. If we call on you to read, you must know exactly where we are and begin reading immediately.

### **RULE 6**

For all written question answers, you must use complete sentences, unless otherwise instructed by your teacher. If you do not follow this rule, marks will be deducted or you may have to redo an assignment.

### **RULE 7**

You may have a water bottle on your desk. Do not ask to get water while we are teaching. Food will only be eaten during snack time (before or after recess depending on the day's schedule) and during lunch. Food eaten at other times during the day will be confiscated (unless given special permissions). Gum is NOT allowed.

### **RULE 8**

You should start each day with a supply of sharpened pencils and all necessary materials. Check the daily schedule on the board first thing in the morning. Do not get up to sharpen your pencil while we are teaching.

### **RULE 9**

We are responsible for cleaning up after ourselves. Jobs will be given to students to help keep our classroom neat and tidy. Completing classroom jobs will be part of your assessment for the subject area of Career.

### **RULE 10**

Students are responsible for having a pair of indoor shoes and wearing them throughout the entire year. Students caught in the classroom with dirty shoes will receive an appropriate consequence.

-Mrs. Pierrot/Ms. Makse

## **GRADE SIX CLASSROOM JOBS**

### **HANDOUT/COLLECT:**

- Hand out/collect any supplies or papers to students as requested by the teacher.
- Do so quietly, calmly and quickly, in a logical order.

### **DESKS:**

- Spray each desk (two sprays per desk) and wipe down in a circular motion with a rag.
- If a student has an item on their desk, find them (if they are gone, let the teacher know).

### **FLOOR:**

- Sweep the floor and pick up any items until there are no evident signs of dirt and litter.
- If a student has items on the floor under their desk, find them (if they are gone, tell the teacher).
- Sweep rug at the back at the end of the week or if dirty (tidy up chairs, blankets, and pillows)

### **RECYCLE:**

- On Friday (or whenever full), empty the recycling bin into the large green recycling bin down the hall.
- If dirty, thoroughly wash the bin with hot, soapy water and dry with a towel.

### **BOARDS:**

- Clean the main white board with spray and a damp cloth (do not do the homework board).
- Clean silver marker tray under board.
- Change date on the board to the next day/

### **CHROMEBOOKS:**

- Check all Chromebooks are properly plugged into correct spot to charge at the end of the day.
- Find students that did not correctly plug in their Chromebook (if they are gone, tell the teacher)
- Clean Chromebook cart with bottle and spray if it is dirty.

### **EXTRAS:**

- Ensure all chairs are stacked at the end of the day. If a student forgets, find them (if they are gone, tell the teacher)
- Fill in for jobs of any students that are absent (check with the teacher if you are not sure).
- Assist with any other jobs that arise throughout the day or requested by the teacher.

## **Start of Year Parent Email sent on Monday, September 1st, 2025**

Hello Grade 6 parents and students!

I hope you had a wonderful and restful summer. I'd like to introduce myself - my name is Elisa Pierrot and I look forward to being your child's Grade 6 teacher this year. I went to St. Ann's during high school and am happy to be teaching here now. I look forward to meeting you all at "Meet the Teachers" next week, and getting to officially meet your child on Wednesday, September 3rd for the big first day!

The Grade 6 year promises to be an exciting one as the students will be introduced to the rotary system - they will be going to the Grade 7 room for a block a day! This system gives the students the benefits of diverse teaching styles as well as an early preparation for their high school years. Grade 6 provides an opportunity for the students to take on a bigger leadership role in the school, and of course, there is the growing independence with the introduction of student lockers!

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Here is the link: <https://sites.google.com/st-anns.ca/mrspierrotsclasses/home>

Please let your child know that on the first day they are to leave their backpack and any supplies **in front** of the locker with their name on it, in the hallway next to my class (on the bottom floor near the library). Then they may enter and find their assigned seat in the classroom. They may bring their water bottle and pencil case inside the classroom but please ensure they are labeled with their name (along with all of their other belongings such as shoes, backpack, lunch kit, coat/sweaters etc.)! I will be in the hall waiting to greet and guide them as well.

**I will be emailing and sending home an official welcome letter in your child's Agenda pocket on the first day, for you to go through with them.**

Have a great week, and please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns!

Bye for now - I look forward to an amazing year!

Mrs. Pierrot