



Grade 7/8 April Curriculum Newsletter

With the passing of Easter, I hope all families had the opportunity to share some time together in reflecting on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Our Grade 7 Confirmandi will continue to prepare to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in May. Besides our spiritual preparations, we will be busy in all our other subject areas as noted below. As well, Grade 8 Graduation Photo Day is Tuesday, April 26th, in the AM. Please note that April 15th is a PA Day.

Mathematics: Grade 8 Geometry and Spatial Sense- Focus will be on angle relationships, the Pythagorean Theorem, and triangle properties. **Measurement**- Focus will be on surface area and volume of a cylinder. **Grade 7 Geometry and Spatial Sense**- Focus will be on nets. **Measurement**- Focus will be on surface area and volume of different prisms.

Language Arts: Students will continue to develop their reading skills and appreciation of the poetic devices through their involvement in a poetry unit. Creative writing skills will be developed through the writing of various poems.

Science: Grade 8- Fluids Grade 7- Pure Substances and Mixtures

History: Grade 8- Focus will be on Canada, post-Confederation 1867. Students will continue to focus on the development of Canada as a nation and First Nation relationships. Grade 7- Focus will be on conflict and resolution in the early 1800's in BNA.

Geography: Grade 8-Focus will be on Canada and migration patterns. Grade 7- Focus will be on the geography of food.

Physical Education and Health: Students will examine issues surrounding substance use and abuse in relation to healthy living. They will work with a partner to develop a media display on a topic of their choice related to substance use and abuse. **The media project will be due on April 18th.** Focus will also be on personal safety in examining issues surrounding AIDS. Focus will be on the development of dance movements, as part of a DPA routine for physical education.

Thanks always for your continued support,

Mr. M. O'Neill