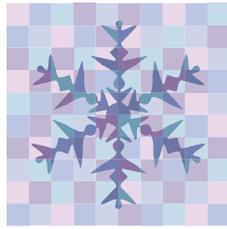


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Grade 7/8 January Curriculum Newsletter

Happy New to all! This month of January will be filled with new learning opportunities as we head into the final stretch before reports go out in February. Students will be engaged in a variety of activities inside the classroom and in some educational school programs.

A highlight of some specific subject curriculum is noted below.

Language: Students will be involved in debates, poetry writing, and Literature Circles for reading.

Mathematics: The grade 8's will complete their study of circles and move on to transformations. The grade 7's will complete their study of the trapezoid and move on to transformations.

History: Students in grade 8 will have completed an extensive study of Manitoba becoming a province of Canada and will continue to look at the growth of Canada as a nation.

The grade 7's will focus on the growth of the British North American colonies following the defeat of the French and the capture of New France in 1763.

Geography: The grade 8's will focus on different economic systems. The grade 7's will be studying landforms and rivers.

Science: Grade 8's will focus on simple machines and mechanical advantage. The grade 7's will be studying structures for their form and function.

Physical Education and Health: Students will practice movement skills involved in the game of basketball. Health issues will involve the impact of various substances in healthy living. Students will select a particular substance to study in depth and prepare a media project.

We look forward to having the opportunity to partake in a skiing program in February. Details will be sent home about the excursion along with the necessary permission and medical forms.

Also, all interested participants are reminded of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. (3:00 pm start)

Please continue to sign the assessment portfolio as assessments come home throughout the month.

A special thank you for your generosity in support of our annual food hamper drive. The families of Nativity of Our Lord Parish were most appreciative.

Thanks for your continuing cooperation and support throughout the year.

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