



Grade 7/8 November Curriculum Newsletter

Mathematics-Grade 8

Data Management-Focus will be on creating appropriate graphics displays for different sets of data and justifying the choice of display.

Patterning and Algebra-Focus will be on identifying and extending patterns, using algebra to describe pattern rules, represent relationships using tables and scatter plots, and solving problems that involve patterns.

Language Arts-Grade 7/8

Students will work on a novel study where they will further develop their inferencing skills.

Persuasive writing skills will be developed through the writing of an effective critique of the novel read for novel study. Emphasis will be on proper paragraph development and the use of effective transitions to ensure proper flow.

Students will research a topic in order to defend a point of view in preparing for a one-on-one debate.

Science-The grade 8's will continue to study the cell and will be involved in the Scientist in the School presentation on Thursday, November 5th, in the pm. AS you have already been made aware, the cost of this program per student is \$10.00. This program will assist students in preparing for their end of unit test.

The next unit of study for the grade 8's will be Mechanical Advantage and Efficiency. Focus will be on simple machines and calculating the advantage of machines.

The grade 7's will be concluding their unit on Interactions in the Environment.

History-The grade 8's will focus on Canadian Confederation 1867. The grade 7's will focus on life in New France between 1713 and 1763

Geography-The grade 8's will focus on population characteristics and patterns of developing and developed countries of the world. The grade 7's will examine regional characteristics.

Physical Education-Students will continue to examine issues surrounding healthy active living. Focus will be on the development of volleyball skills and active participation in DPA.

We all look forward to participating in a Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11th to honour those that fought for our freedom.

Please remember to follow the online payment schedule for our Intermediate Excursion to Ottawa and Montreal in May of 2016.

As you can see, we have a busy month ahead of us. Please continue to check student portfolios weekly for assessments.

Looking forward to meeting with you during our first round of interviews.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr. M. O'Neill