September 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians of Grade 7 Students in Division 1 and 2:

Welcome to Grade 7! This is an exciting year for you and your daughter/son. It marks the last year of elementary school, a time for reflection and transition. It is also the year where the Grade 7’s will take part in the PYP exhibition. Being in Grade 7 means that your daughter/son will be given opportunities for leadership and increased responsibility. As well, she/he will be encouraged to develop his/her own areas of interest.

Please **check your child’s agenda regularly.** Students write important reminders, so please engage and discuss with your child about what is happening at school. In addition, his/her agenda is where you will find out about assignments and school events. Feel free to write notes to the teacher in the agenda. It will build a relationship of support between school, parents, and the student. Your daughter/son will need our support throughout the year and for all secondary school.

All students are expected to have **comfortable shoes for running** at school every day as physical exercise is an important part of learning and growth. It is suggested that students bring extra clothing and deodorant for gym.

We will be planning field trips throughout the year. Please let the teacher know if you are available to **help out on a field trip.**

**Essential Agreements:** The students collectively created a set of essential agreements (attached) that all students agreed to follow in the school.

**Homework Policy:** We ask that each student do the following each night:

* read at least minutes
* login to Mathletics to review and extend math concepts explored in class
* engage in some sort of physical activity
* have discussions with you regarding what they are learning in school including the current Unit of Inquiry

On occasion, there may be some assignments that were not finished in class that will need to be completed at home. The students work hard during the day and we hope that they live balanced lifestyles with time to enjoy extra-curricular activities. It is our hope that they are able to recharge, get a good night’s sleep, and be ready to work hard in class the next day.

Kind Regards,

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