

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School 2017 - 2018

Welcome to Grade 8

This package has been created for you and your child to prepare for grade 8. In this package you will find some general information about our school as well as some important issues regarding basic math facts and getting caught up on missed work.

In This Issue

You will find...

- The Intermediate Staff;
- some important dates;
- school bell times;
- a list of some supplies needed;

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mrbonavota.weebly.com

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hst.ycdsb.ca

Reviewing Basic Math Facts

Intermediate students should know their basic multiplication facts. They should review their facts. Many Math concepts in intermediate rely on a solid knowledge of the basic math facts. Past students who have been successful in Math almost always had a strong grasp of the basic facts. Simple flash cards work or you may visit the classroom website for great links to help your child with multiplication facts.



Homework for Parents

I look forward to getting to know your child and helping him/her be successful in the classroom. I would like to ask for your assistance in getting to know your child. Please go to mrbonavota.weebly.com and click on "Homework for parents" on the homepage and take a few minutes to fill out the google form.

School Bell Times

School Start: 8:25 am Morning Recess: 9:45 am - 10:00am

Lunch: 11:20 am - 11:40 am Lunch Recess: 11:40 am - 12:20 pm

Afternoon Recess: 1:40 pm - 1:55 pm Dismissal: 2:55 pm





Mark it on Your Calendar!

Event	Date
Meet the Teacher	Sept. 13
Picture Day	Sept. 14
Bus Safety	Sept. 20
Kettleby Trip	Sept. 22
HPV Vaccine	Oct. 13
Picture Retakes	Nov. 2

Supplies

What your child should provide.

- water bottle
- small hand sanitizer
- pens, pencils, erasers
- black fine tip marker
- highlighters
- calculator (basic functions)
- pencil crayons
- Math geometry kit

Intermediate Staff

Principal Mrs. M. Vickers
Secretary Mrs. M. Parsons

Grade 7 Teacher Mr. A. Caruso
Grade 8 Teacher Mr. J. Bonavota
Grade 8 Teacher Mrs. J. Pineda

French Teachers Mme. R. Coletti
Mme. G. Gunnip
Music Teacher Mr. S. Yam

Core Resource Mrs. S. Hinds-Caruso
Mrs. P. Frazer

Student Absences: How to Get Caught Up with Missed Work

Its a frequent problem - a student is absent and they don't know how to make up the work that was missed. Some parents call the school and ask that work be sent home, however, if the student missed the instruction, then sending home the exercise may be useless.

When a student is absent, the student that sits next to them is asked to record and gather all of their work. Any handouts or notes are collected and kept until the student returns to school. If they have a homework buddy that lives near them, they will get their homework that night. When the student returns to school, they must review their "while you were away" folder and see the teacher at some point during the day to discuss what was missed.

It is the **student's responsibility** to seek out the teacher and find time during the day to discuss missed work. I am willing to spend recess time to review missed work with students. Students **must** make up what was missed and cannot use the excuse of not understanding the concept because of an absence. Initiating this process is an important step to be successful in high school.