



Middle School Update

Friday, June 1st, 2018

The countdown is on now that there is only 3 more weeks of school. The Middle School is still in full swing and we remind the students that there is still a lot of learning that is happening; rules still apply and homework is still due.

The students are busy preparing for the Cambridge Progression tests that will be completed the week of July 11th. The students will write Progression tests in Mathematics, Science and English only. There is no need to do any outside of school studying as we are reviewing in class. The Middle School travelled to The Hamilton Warplane Museum Friday, June 1st- pictures to come!

Have a fantastic weekend! ☺

English

The Grade Six class has enjoyed starting Julius Caesar in Book Club, eagerly volunteering to read the stage directions, and the character and narrator dialogue (speech). They proved to be "Punctuation Pros" by inserting commas in one passage and apostrophes of possession in another, as well as crossing out incorrect apostrophes in sentences. They have worked diligently on completing Stage 7 Practice Progression Tests, and their actual Progression Tests are scheduled for Friday June 8th and Monday June 11th.

The Grade Seven and the Grade Eight class were busy practicing for their *Romeo and Juliet* performance next week. The class also began an assignment where they will write a soliloquy for a character in the play.

Social Studies

The Grade Six students are finishing up their campaign videos for the Student Vote Assembly next Wednesday. They also wrote a quiz on the terms: Capitalism, Communism, Fascism and Anarchism.

The Grade Seven and Eight class started their presentations on the Political parties in the Ontario election. They will present these during the Student Vote Assembly next Wednesday. Next week the class will be learning about Communist China and the Korean War.

Math

In Grade Six Math, the students have finished ratios and proportions. They have started time. There will be a test next Monday.

This week the Grade Seven students did a hands-on activity to learn how circumference and diameter are linked. We worked on solving circumference and area of circles and students are busy preparing for the Chapter 18 Quiz which is on Tuesday.

In Grade Eight Math, the students have finished bearings and drawings. They have started on circles and then will be moving on to surface area and volume of 3D shapes. There will be a test next Tuesday.

Science

In Grade Six Science, the students have been working on Micro-organisms and are watching them grow with their experiments. They have moved on to Eukaryotic cells and have been given an Organelle Assignment to earn more about them that will be due next Thursday.

In Grade Seven Science, the students have finished the digestive system. They have had a quiz on it and have moved on to the circulatory system. They also will be researching a digestive disorder due next Thursday.

In Grade Eight Science, the students have finished reproduction in flowers and will have a test on Monday. They will be moving on to adapting to a habitat.

Health and Physical Education

This week the students in Middle School started their Human Development and Sexual Health unit. This unit will continue next week.

Grade Six

The Human Development unit covers: development of self-concept, understanding of puberty changes, healthy relationships, decision making in relationships, stereotypes and assumptions, and some impacts and strategies for responding.

Grade Seven

The Human Development unit covers: Delaying sexual activity, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and STI and pregnancy prevention. It will also cover sexual health and decision making and relationship changes at puberty.

Grade Eight

The Human Development unit covers: Decisions about sexual activity and supports, gender identity, sexual orientation, self-concept, decision making about contraception and relationships and intimacy.

Visual Art

The Grade Six students are learning about ancient Celtic gold jewelry design and are designing their own fibulas or pins featuring a Celtic stylized animal or mythological animal and Celtic knot work.

The Grade Seven and Grade Eight students are learning about ancient Celtic gold jewelry design and are designing their own fibulas or pins featuring a Celtic stylized animal or mythological animal and Celtic knot work.

French

The Grade Six students have been working hard on their end-of-year project in class. They have all chosen a country to visit. They have checked the climate and places to visit in that country. They are now working on booking a hotel and preparing their day to day planning of their holiday.

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Students are expected to work on the Rosetta Stone programme for at least ten minutes a day every day.

Music

This week, the students did their final strings test. It has been really great to see how everyone's hard work has paid off this year!

Middle School Homework Sites

[Grade 6 FDS Homework Site](#)

[Grade 7 FDS Homework Site](#)

[Grade 8 FDS Homework Site](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE SIX?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Book Club				English Progression Test Paper 1

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE SEVEN?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Master Spelling Test	Ch. 18 Math Quiz	Rough Draft of Soliloquy Due		

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE EIGHT?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Master Spelling Test		Rough Draft of Soliloquy Due		

IMPORTANT SCHOOL-WIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UPCOMING SIGNIFICANT DATES	
Spring Arts Night	<i>Thursday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m.</i>
Grade 8 Graduation/Last Day of Classes	<i>Wednesday, June 20th</i>
Awards Ceremony – Afternoon	<i>Thursday, June 21st</i>