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Grade 7 (2012-2013)  
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I would like to offer a warm welcome to my students and their families and wish them a productive and exciting new school year. My name is Mr. Kwon, and I look forward to being your children's grade 7 teacher and working together with you.

### Curriculum Outline for 2012-2013

#### Language:

Each term, students will take part in the Teaching and Learning Critical Pathway (TLCP), which will allow them to respond to a variety of texts in a progressive and meaningful way, using a variety of high yield strategies, such as accountable talk, anchor charts, visual organizers, jigsaw, hot seat, think-alouds, and **Think-pair-share**, just to name a few. Each assessment will address a number of clustered expectations, such as the ability to demonstrate an understanding, using comprehension strategies, developing and organizing ideas and understanding purpose and audience.

In addition, the four strands of the Ontario Language arts curriculum (Reading, Writing, Oral and Visual Communication and Media Literacy) will be addressed through the delivery of the Nelson Grade 7 language program among other print resources, such as Gage Crossroads 7 and **Text Structures** writing resource and electronic resources contained in the TCDSB D2L Literacy Module, OERB, OWL Purdue University Writing Lab for example in two comprehensive language blocks each day: **Reading and Writing Workshops**.

#### Writing:

Students will learn the six traits of writing and try different forms of writing at the prewriting, drafting and revision stages, while engaged in multiple forms of timely teacher, peer and individual feedback opportunities.

#### Media Literacy:

I am pleased to inform you that assignments, evaluative tools, such as rubrics and checklist, as well as current and upcoming events, trips and class initiatives will

posted on my webpage at <http://www.mrkwon.weebly.com> with links to [eclass.tcdsb.org](http://eclass.tcdsb.org), the Desire To Learn Learning Management Platform in conjunction with the TCDSB at <https://tcdsb.elearningontario.ca> and the TCDSB's new portal at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) under the St. Paschal Baylon School website, which can be accessed daily online. A variety of technology, such as, a class set of netbooks, a digital projector, assistive software and web-based applications specifically pertaining to literacy and numeracy and other subject areas will be used to facilitate making inferences, interpreting messages, understanding the purpose and audience of a variety of media texts and problem solving. Students are encouraged to prepare a **USB Flash Drive** for use during the school year and their own tablets and laptops if they so desire as they may login in on the board's Wi-Fi network.

### **Math:**

The five mathematics strands are Number Sense and Numeration, Measurement, Geometry and Spatial Sense, Patterning and Algebra and Data Management and Probability. The grade 7 Nelson math program accurately covers all expectations and incorporates a rich language based, hands-on and problem solving based approach. Instructional and assessment strategies, such as Bansho and various chapter tasks will also be incorporated into the program. Each term, students will take part in NAFLC assessment each term which will address student needs, specific to a certain math expectation and/or skill again through a variety of high yield strategies and teacher support. Web-based applications, such as CLIPS, NLVM, Geometer's Sketchpad and use of the netbooks will further strengthen skills and concepts previously taught in class. All grade 7 students will be registered for online math assistance throughout the year free of charge at <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org> by the classroom teacher at the start of the year.

### **French and Italian:**

The French program will be taught everyday from 9:10 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. by Madame Byaje, and the Italian program will be taught by Signora Major from 12:35-1:05 p.m.

### **Teacher Expectations:**

Grade 7 Students will line up against the side of portable # 5 in an orderly fashion every morning. Students should be prepared for class and be on time. It is strongly suggested that students have a 3-ring binder for the following subjects: Language (Reading and Writing Workshop), History/Geography, Science, French, Italian and Religion.

If students arrive late, they are to check in with the office and get a late slip. Please refer to the St. Paschal Baylon Student Agenda 2012-2013 for the code of behaviour. Please check your child's agenda each day and sign it to acknowledge what work has been assigned. According to the TCDSB website, grade 7 students will receive approximately 35 to 70 minutes of homework a day on most days. I strongly encourage parents to read with their child when possible and guide them to the correct answers when assisting with homework. Please sign and return any tests promptly. Once again, I would like to wish everyone a successful year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kwon