

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians of 7MR Students,

I want to welcome you and your child to St. Francis Junior High School and my Grade 7 homeroom class. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer and that students are ready for the new challenges and opportunities they will face this school year in Grade 7.

I will teach Math and Science this year, while Ms. Edmonds will teach Language Arts and Social Studies. As the core subject teachers, we will work together to support and encourage student success.

While in my classroom, I have a set of expectations that I ask students to follow:

- 1. Be on time and prepared for class.
- 2. Do your assignments to the best of your ability.
- 3. Respect yourself, the teacher, and others in the class.

Following these expectations will help make the classroom a positive learning environment for all students. If available, I encourage all my students to bring an acceptable robust device (Chromebook, iPad, or other tablets/laptops) to class.

I will input marks into PowerSchool promptly, allowing parents to track student progress throughout the year. I will also post updates on our day-to-day work and assignments on Google Classroom. I will guide students through the sign-up for Google Classroom during the first weeks of school. I encourage parents to attach an email to the account to get regular updates on what students are learning.

Finally, I encourage any parent to contact me this year regarding their child. Should you or your child have any concerns/issues, or if you would like more information regarding their progress in the classroom. Please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience. You can reach me at the school between 7:45 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. at 403-327-3402 or raczm@holyspirit.ab.ca. This year, St. Francis will have parent-teacher interviews and teacher office hours as opportunities for parents to connect with teachers. Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for November 16th and April 25th. Office hours will be available in September, October, January, February, March, and May. Please feel free to phone the office or contact me to schedule an appointment to discuss your child's learning in my class.

Thank you, and I look forward to working with you and your child this school year.

Mr. Michael Racz

Teacher, St. Francis Junior High School

Tel: 403-327-3402 Fax: 403-320-1877 Principal: Mrs. Crystal Lothian

Associate Principal: Mr. Darren Miller