



Dear Students/Parents/Guardians of 7MR Students,

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

Like you, I will be a new face in the school this year. This will be my first year teaching at St. Francis and I am excited to be returning to the school that I attended in my days as a student. St. Francis helped shape me into the person that I am today and I am looking forward to supporting you through your journey at our school. I will be teaching you Math and Science this year, while Ms. Edmonds will be teaching you Language Arts and Social Studies. As your core subject teachers, we will be working together to support and encourage your success.

While in my classroom, I have a set of expectation 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.
4. Cell phones are NOT to be used during class.

Following these expectations will help make the classroom a positive learning environment for you and your classmates. As well, I would like to encourage all my students to "Bring Your Own Acceptable Device" to class, if it is available to them.

You will be doing two types of work this year. Formative work is a type of practice that lets me and you know if you are understanding the concepts we are learning. Summative work will be graded and used for report cards. I will be inputting your marks into PowerSchool in a timely fashion, this will allow you to track how you are doing in the class. I will also be posting updates on our day to day work and assignments on my teacher webpage once it is up and running. This can be found under "Mr. Racz" on the St. Francis Junior High website (www.holyspirit.ab.ca/st.francis) under the "Teacher Page" tab.

Finally, I would like to encourage any parent to feel free 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 3:00 p.m. at 403-327-3402 or you can email me at raczm@holyspirit.ab.ca. This year we will also be implementing teacher office hours. This will be a set of specific times when parents can setup an appointment to come in and talk with their child's teachers. Please feel free to phone the office or contact me to setup an appointment for you to come and talk with me in person.

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

Mr. Michael Racz

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