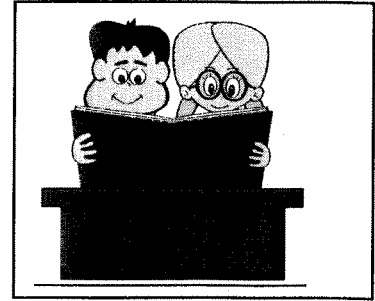




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**Grade 8 Newsletter**  
**October 2013**



I can't believe that September has flown by and October is halfway done. A big milestone in the Grade 8 year has come and past, the retreat. We had great weather to complement our praying, playing, and ultimately having fun for all. We have been working at a variety of units in the classroom to start the year. Here are some important dates to watch for:

- **October 21<sup>st</sup> – Non-Fiction (Magazine) Book Report Due**
- **November 21<sup>st</sup> - Biography Book Report Due**
- **January 8<sup>th</sup> – TV Documentary Book Report Due**

**Fundraising Events:**

- **Pepperettes Sales due October 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **1<sup>st</sup> Trip Installment Grade 8 trips – due October 31<sup>st</sup> \$50.00**
- **Plans begin for Spaghetti Supper/Silent Auction end of November, we still need volunteers to collect donations for the silent auction (1 more to do the Haileybury area and one more to help in the New Liskeard area). Also we need 2-3 more people to help cook during the morning/afternoon of the supper. Watch for a letter going home at the end of October confirming the plans for the supper.**

Language: Biography/Memoir Unit



Reading – Book Report #1 Due October 21<sup>st</sup>  
Non-Fiction Guided Reading Analysis  
Non-Fiction Newspaper Article Analysis/Hero Analysis

Writing – Timeline Memoirs  
Graduate Star (Autobiography)

Next Media: Canadianess Project,  
Procedural writing/reading

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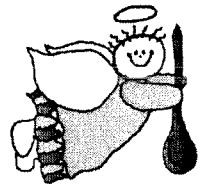
Oral and Visual – Graduate Star Presentation to primary  
classes, later Canadianess

Math: We are finishing the number sense unit in which we will have examined exponents, scientific notations, prime/composite numbers, greatest common factors, least common multiples, order of operations, and square roots. The next unit of study will involve number and geometric patterns.



Science: We began the year examining laboratory equipment and safety symbols and rules. We are now reviewing the components of the scientific method and key concepts such as mass, volume and metric conversion.

Home Economics/Industrial Arts: - Half of the Grade 8's are enjoying Industrial Arts with Mr. Moore and the other half are with me, in Home Economics. We are cooking lots of new dishes. We will end with a culminating project to prepare a meal and create an advertising brochure.



Religion: We have been discussing the virtues of the months and looked at various Saints. We are trying to find new ways to celebrate our faith.

**NEWS**

Continue to look on the board website to find the classroom newsletter, [www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca). Click on Our Catholic Schools, find ECCS, and look at the News and Events section.

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Eileen Aitchison

| Grade 8 teacher