

**The Weekly Newsletter of Mr. Courchane, SJE**  
**September 24, 2021**  
***Stand Firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong***

Dear Parents and Students:

An interesting week, as we were forced to pivot to virtual in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Fortunately, with Google Classroom and other online technologies learning doesn't stop, it just changes form. In theory.

We are now fully in autumn. It might be time to start thinking about the annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pumpkin Carving / Decorating Contest. This is always a fun event for the older students. It is not required, but I strongly encourage all 8<sup>th</sup> graders to use their creativity and skills to create an entrant for the contest.

A note on academics: Sometimes a student does poorly on an assignment and received a proficiency mark of 1, indicating they really didn't grasp that particular assignment, even with help. What can a student do when this happens? A lot!

- First, realize not everyone gets everything the first time they learn material.
- Second, a student usually knows when they are doing an assignment how they are doing. They might know they are having no problems, they might give up and write down random answers just to be done, or somewhere in between. If they are struggling with an assignment, if they have legitimately made an effort on their own, then they should ask for help. Help can be had during class, before school, or at lunch time study hall.
- Third, redo the assignment.

**Important September Dates**

High School Visits for 9/24 and 9/27 have been cancelled due to the Covid outbreak in Grade 8. We will let you know if we are able to reschedule these.

October 1 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade quarantine ends.

Sincerely,

*Mr. Courchane*

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Religion

Grades 5-8 Science



"And then the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep, and autumn was awakened." – *Raquel Franco*