# Welcome to Grade 7

Mr. Debert

Welcome to Grade 7. This year we are going to focus on positive relationships, working together, and learning brand new content. I am so happy and excited to welcome each of your children into the classroom. I want to create a welcoming and safe environment for everyone to feel like they belong.

#### **Meet the Teachers**

Curricular Outcomes can located here: Saskatchewan Curriculum

**Mr. Debert** - English, Math, Social, Science, Health, Career Ed, Arts Ed, PAA

Mr. Pietersma - Physical Education, PAA

Mrs. Houseman - French

If you have a question about the learning your child is participating in, please feel free to contact the specific teacher working with your child or Mr. Debert and I will direct you to the appropriate staff member.

### Meet Mr. Debert



I have been teaching for eight years and proudly call Saskatoon my home, having lived here for most of my life. I graduated from the University of Regina and am currently completing my Special Education Certificate at the University of Saskatchewan.

This summer, I had an exciting opportunity to explore the beautiful country of Nicaragua, where I hiked two volcanoes, including one that was active, and even went boarding down its side. I also was able to fly a plane which was not on my bucket list.



# **My Commitment**

My commitment to inclusion, safety, individuality, and hard work shapes everything we do in our classroom. I believe that every student deserves to feel safe and valued. I am dedicated to creating an environment where each of your children can shine as their true selves. Their unique talents and perspectives are what make our classroom vibrant and dynamic. I encourage them to embrace their individuality and bring their whole selves into our learning community.

Together, we will work hard not only to achieve academic success but also to grow as compassionate and resilient individuals. I am here to support them every step of the way, and I am excited about the journey we will embark on together this year.



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#### Meet Mr. Pietersma



My wife Trina (Kindergarten teacher) and I, and our 4 children (14, 12, 9, 7) moved to the Osler area in the summer of 2023. Previously, we lived and worked in Brooks Alberta for the past 15 years. The move is a homecoming for our family as my wife grew up in the Osler community. We are looking forward to the opportunities that exist in the Sask Valley region for our family.

#### **Educational Background**

This is my 17th year teaching: 6 years in a K-9 school, 3 years in a 7-9 school, and 6 years as Principal in a K-9 school. I am entering my 2nd year as Vice Principal and grade 8 homeroom teacher at SCP. I have a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from the American College of Education and Bachelor of Education and Arts degrees from the University of Lethbridge.

### Meet Mrs. Houseman



I have 3 kiddos (19,14,&7) that are my everything. We enjoying traveling to Disney and Hawaii. We have an orange cat, Simba, and a Siberian Husky dog, Aurora. I am very excited to get to know and meet all the students and families this coming school year.

#### **Educational Background**

I am very excited to start my 16th year of teaching. I am currently working on my Ph.D. around family engagement. I believe we can learn a lot from our families and incorporate the knowledge into our teaching.

### **Our Learning Environment**

Our classroom space is a <u>nut free environment</u>. Due to a severe allergy, please keep food containing nuts home.

Students will be working in a variety of breakout spaces throughout the school depending on the learning activities.

New for this school year, students will have access to an Industrial Arts shop (September construction) for PAA time. Students will be working on basic carpentry skills. foods, and so many other opportunities.

# Communication and Agenda Information

Edsby will be our primary platform for communication regarding student absences, reporting, and important classroom announcements, including fundraising, field trips, and permission forms. Additionally, the school newsletter will provide updates on upcoming school events.

Students can access Edsby to stay informed about crucial dates and assignments. This practice not only helps them keep track of their responsibilities but also fosters essential life skills, independence, and accountability, all of which are vital for their future academic success.

Homework will be assigned when students require extra time or practice to enhance their learning skills or if they have not completed their work during school hours.

### **Contacting Me**

If you need to reach me, please send a message through Edsby, and I will respond as quickly as possible. If you need to send a message during the school day, kindly include both me and Cassy. There may be times when I am away from my computer and could miss important messages. This is particularly crucial for special instructions, such as who will be picking up your child, whether they will be taking the bus, or if they will be leaving school early.

Thank you for your understanding and support!