

Dear Parents/Guardians of 7H,

I am pleased to be teaching the French Immersion Social Studies 7 courses for the 2020-2021 academic year!

Empowerment involves having the means, opportunity, power, or authority to be self-assertive, and independent, and to take action. Empowerment was chosen to help students develop a better understanding of the significant impact that authority and power have in our lives. Students will analyze sources of authority in the lives of Canadian citizens, both today and in the past, and consider how power and privilege are, and have been, distributed in our society. Students will be called on to ask questions, investigate problems, analyze information and draw generalizations and conclusions about the role of empowerment in our history. They will consider questions such as, Who had official authority? Who had the power? How did they use this power and authority? Was it used fairly? How did their decisions impact on all Canadians? At the same time students will be challenged to examine the role of power and authority in their own lives.

The curriculum examines various aspects of empowerment. It is organized into seven units:

- Unit 1: Introduction
- Unit 2: Economic Empowerment
- Unit 3: Political Empowerment
- Unit 4 : Cultural Empowerment
- Unit 5: Societal Empowerment
- Unit 6: National Empowerment
- Unit 7: Reflection



Main themes we will cover this year are history, economics, geography, political science and sociology, from early 1800's to the end of World War 1. Students will analyze events from the past, compare and contrast ideas, think critically, and learn how to become more informed citizens!

Parents/Guardians are welcomed to follow students' progress on PowerSchool and can contact me via email at melaniesmith@gnspe.ca. I also have Google Classroom set up and the codes is: vxfvdc2. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. 😊

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