Mme Caputo – Grade 8

St. Anthony Catholic French Immersion Elementary School

2019/2020 School Year

**Welcome to Grade 8**

Bonjour and welcome to a new school year! It is truly my pleasure to be sharing a classroom with your son or daughter. My name is Sonia Caputo and I am your child’s teacher this year. I am currently in my 10th year of teaching and my 8th year at St. Anthony. I have had the pleasure of teaching at Monsignor O’Neil in Tillsonburg and St. Mary’s in West Lorne.

When I am away from school my energy goes to the other loves of my life – my family. I come from an active family who love to spend our time outdoors doing various activities, such as fishing and camping. I understand the importance of promoting kindness, compassion, and understanding in our classroom.

**Homework**

I generally do not assign much homework. Although your child may have some homework to complete, he/she will have ample time to complete most tasks during the instructional day. I believe that if a student works diligently on his/her academic tasks during the day, evenings and weekends should be spent with family and friends or pursuing hobbies and interests. Nevertheless, you will be notified if there is a consistent problem with work completion. Daily independent reading will be incorporated into our language program, therefore your son or daughter is expected to have an appropriate novel or book of interest at school.

**Assessment and Evaluation**

Throughout the year, students will be evaluated using a variety of assessment tools (anecdotal notes, quizzes, tests, assignments, and self-evaluation sheets). **All work that is assessed for reporting purposes must be completed at school and will not be coming home for completion or editing.** It is expected that all assessed assignments are signed by parents and returned to class where they will be kept on file. For the Grade 8 classes, all subjects will be taught on rotary. Mme Brown and myself will both be teaching Grade 8 this year. Here are the subjects as follows:

**Mme Caputo: French, Science, Visual Arts, and Religion/Family Life.**

**Mme Brown: Math, Drama, Physical Education/Health, and History/Geography.**

Your child will still report to a homeroom teacher every morning. A schedule/time table will be given to your child on the first day of school.

**Supplies**

* Binder(s) with dividers (please be advised that there will be 2 teachers – preferably one binder per teacher).
* Lined paper
* Pencils and at least one blue or black pen, highlighter, pencil crayons, markers, glue stick
* Indoor footwear/Gym clothes
* Box of tissues to be shared by all the students throughout the year
* Dry erase markers
* Sketchbook for visual arts
* An agenda

**(please have materials in by Monday September 9)**

**Communication**

You can email me at [scaputo@ldcsb.ca](mailto:scaputo@ldcsb.ca). Should you have any questions for Mme Brown, she can be reached at [cbrown@ldcsb.ca](mailto:cbrown@ldcsb.ca) .There is also a class website that will be updated regularly with student work, useful links, important dates and class information. The website is [www.mmecaputo.weebly.com](http://www.mmecaputo.weebly.com) .

Please fill in the attached form about your child. Any additional knowledge or insight I have about their character and work habits are extremely helpful as I get to know them.

I look forward to working with you in partnership this year.

Sincerely,

Sonia Caputo