**Welcome to 8-3**

* Another summer has come and gone and we’re back to school again. I hope you enjoyed a terrific summer break and are keen and excited about your grade 8 year. I look forward to sharing this year with you, getting to know each of you, and watching you grow in all aspects of your lives at school. Now that you have entered your senior elementary year here at St. Mary you will be asked to become leaders for the newly arrived grade 7’s. You will be expected to participate and promote the various extracurricular activities offered at the school. Remember your memories and the grade 7’s involvement, will be largely affected by your enthusiasm.
* This year I am advising you to signing up for a gmail account, with your parent’s permission. Please be sure that your login is appropriate for school and suggest using your first and last name.
* At the bottom of the page, I’ve included a list of school supplies that will be helpful for the upcoming year(s). I recommend that you make these items part of your back to school purchases.
* Please remind your parents that the school has an Open House night in September, and this would be a great opportunity for us to meet. Information on the date and time will be passed on later.
* Sincerely,
* Mr. D. Chartrand
* **Recommended School Supplies**
  + Blue and red pens
  + A ruler
  + Lined white paper
  + Glue Stick
  + Pencil/Eraser
  + Pencil Crayons and markers
  + Pencil sharpener with shavings container
  + St. Mary Agenda ($5)
  + 2 Binders
  + A geometry set (compass & protractor)
  + A calculator (with exponents and square root key)
  + Fine tipped black markers
  + Combination lock (locker to be shared with a partner in the class)
  + Memory Stick (8 Gb or more suggested, for saving and sharing work)
  + Ear buds (for using school IPad 2’s)
  + Appropriate Phys. Ed attire (including uniform shorts, shirt, white socks, indoor running shows and non aerosol deodorant)