

June 25, 2009

Dear Parents of Incoming Seventh Graders:

We are looking forward to your children coming into grade seven next year. It is a busy year, and one filled with many new experiences for your children. They will be allowed to attend the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade dances on Friday nights, and participate in many fun activities connected with our curriculum. Our first field trip comes right away at the start of the school year. We take our 7<sup>th</sup> graders canoeing in West Groton. This field trip is interdisciplinary in nature as students are asked to write a story in Language Arts from a non-human point of view, learn about river development and major world rivers in geography, and study macro invertebrate life in science classes. We also were able to go to Hopkinton YMCA for a team building day last year, and are hoping to be able to do this again.

We cannot conduct some of these field trips without the help of parent chaperones. For instance, the canoe trip requires an adult in every student canoe. We are hoping you can come in and initiate a CORI check if you do not have one currently on file. This way you will be ready should you want to help out. CORI checks take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete, so please start yours this summer. You must go to the main office at Prescott School to apply. Be sure to bring a government issued photographic identification with you. To allow you to plan accordingly, the approximate student cost for these trips is:

Canoeing	\$20 per student
YMCA	\$30 per student

We have other field trips planned as well, such as the Mayhem Poets, Black Violin, and our annual Halibut Point tidal pool trip to Rockport. We appreciate your support in these field trips, and hope this early notice will help you with your planning.

Sincerely,  
Grade Seven Teachers