Important Dates:

- Integer Math Quiz – Wednesday, Sept. 8th
- English: Summer Recount Writing – Friday, Sept. 11th
- English: CASI Reading – Thursday, September 10th
- Student Council Elections – Friday, Sept. 12th
- Math Test – Thursday, September 17th
- History Task – Week of Sept. 21st
- Pictures – Wednesday, September 30th
- History Test – Thursday, October 1st
- Partridge Run – Friday, October 2nd

"Draw close to God, and He will draw near to you.”
(James 4:8)

Mr. Afelskie – Grade 7/8 Teacher / Mrs. Pecarskie – EA

EXPECTATIONS
-I want to extend a warm welcome to all students and parents for the 2015-2016 school year.
-Each student will try to exhibit the following expectations on a daily basis: be prepared to learn, and be respectful.
-Our school has also made a commitment to exhibit the following five civic virtues: courtesy, common sense, commitment, care and consideration.

HOMEWORK TOOL:
Remind 101
-If you want to keep updated on our class’ activities, via text/email messages, (homework, assignments, events, etc.) please sign up for Remind 101. It works like this. You send a text to a remote computer and it registers you to Mr. Afelskie’s class account and you will receive regular updates. In an age of instant communication, this is a tool that you will really find helpful. See the sign-up instructions attached.

E-AGENDA
-Our classroom will communicate relevant homework/classroom information via Remind 101 or our classroom website (see next columns). Each student is responsible for completing any homework from the homework board/calendar.
-Please communicate any upcoming appointments, absences or concerns by note.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM
-Mr. Afelskie applied, for the upcoming school year, and was awarded an educational grant through the Ministry of Education to show how technology could have a positive impact upon student learning. Each student, in the classroom, will have access to their own Google Chromebook to complete assignments and school related tasks within the classroom.
-Each student has their own Google Account in which they have access to Google Docs, Google Spreadsheets, Google Slides and relevant class notes that is shared by the teacher.

GRADING
-After several assignments/tests have been graded I will usually send them home for your review in a test/assignment folder. This allows you as a parent to read my comments/suggestions, discuss any strategies/improvements that can be made before the next summative task and it also gives you a regular progress report on your son’s/daughter’s achievement.

CLASS WEBSITE & TWITTER
-Our classroom website can be found at the following address:
  https://sites.google.com/a/rcdcsb.ca/bosco2016/
This website is designed to help students and parents keep track of important information (assignment due dates, homework, etc.).

As the year progresses, I also hope to update our classroom twitter account with short tweets and photos.
https://twitter.com/mrafelskie
Be committed to work. Long ago an ancient Greek wrote, "The gates of excellence are always surrounded by a sea of sweat." It takes work to achieve excellence. There are no shortcuts.