



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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6th GRADE UPDATES

Social studies: This week we discussed how Judaism impacted early Mesopotamia, and we wrote an essay about the impact as well. Next week we will begin learning about Egypt and Kush, and how a complex society developed.

Science: We finished our chapter on the atmosphere this week and then moved into reviewing. Due to some begging by the students, we will be having the test on the Wednesday after Mid-Winter Break. After the test, we will start the chapter on weather.

- Wednesday, February 23 – Chapter 8 Test

ELA: Grammar–This week, we started looking at subjects in unusual order with imperative, interrogative, and inverted sentences. *The Giver*–Students took a quiz on chapters 9-11. We also read through Chapter Thirteen, focusing on vocabulary, foreshadowing, and supporting our analysis of a text with evidence from the text.

Math 6S: This week students learned about converting measures and they took a quiz. Next week they will take a vocabulary quiz and the test.

- Wednesday, February 23 - Chapter 5 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, February 24 - Chapter 5 Test

Math 6B: This week students learned about writing and solving inequalities. Next week they will take a quiz.

- Thursday, February 24 - Chapter 7 Quiz 2 (7.5 - 7.7)
- Monday, February 28 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, March 1 - Chapter 7 Test

Theology: We will begin to discuss the 10 Commandments in depth next week, after we finish learning about the story of Moses on Mount Sinai. We will have a quiz on the 10 Commandments in the next few weeks.

We are welcoming parents back to Mass, in limited numbers. If you are interested in attending Mass, please use this [Friday Mass Sign Up Genius](#) and sit in the choir pews, near the piano.



7th GRADE UPDATES

Social Studies: This week we had a great discussion about the Middle passage. We talked about the impact slavery had on the colonies. We also discussed the formation of the middle colonies. Next week we will look at the southern colonies and how geography impacted it.

Science: We ended this week with learning about energy transformations and spent some time on a virtual lab showing the Law of Conservation of Energy. We will work on the study guide for this test at the end of this week and when we return to school after break.

- Thursday, February 24 – Chapter 7 Test

ELA: This week, we started our poetry unit. We have been discussing rhyme scheme, stanzas, voice, rhythm, and sonnets. Students are working on determining meaning of unfamiliar words in poems by using context clues and interpreting poems based on word choice and symbolism. Remind your child to keep up with their reading/writing notebook as the quarter progresses.

Math: This week students took a test over Chapter 7. Next week they will learn about the circumference of circles and the perimeter of composite figures.

- Friday, February 25 – Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.2)

Theology: This week we continued our discussion about Baptism. We prepared for and had a quiz. On Tuesday we spent time in adoration which hopefully allowed for some quiet prayer and reflection. There were some good questions in class regarding mortal sin. We hopefully cleared up that freely choosing to cheat on only one question on a test is in fact still wrong and a mortal sin. We will begin discussing confirmation next week, and I hope the interesting questions keep coming.

8th GRADE UPDATES

8th GRADE PARENT MEETING – FEB. 28

Mark your calendars for the 8th Grade Parent Meeting, Monday, February 28, 6:30-8:30pm in the lower level of the church. We will discuss the end of the year festivities for our 8th graders, including graduation events, end of the year trip, last day of school fun, and the class memory book. We will need many volunteers to make these things happen. If you are unable to attend the meeting but you want to be involved, please contact Emily Brunner (emilyabrunner@yahoo.com) or Liz Deimel (elizabethdeimel@gmail.com).

Social Studies: This week we read an excerpt from *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and discussed the impact that it had on the country. We also discussed and read about John Brown and his "legacy." Thursday will be the essay question and then Friday we will look at the Dred Scott case.

- This Thursday, there will be an essay on the causes of division between North and South (moved back from Friday due to mid-winter break.)

Science: We dissected flowers in class on Thursday. It was great for the students to be able to see and identify in person the different parts of the plant that we have been discussing in class. Next week we will be learning about how plants respond to their environments and also how we use plants in our everyday lives. The test on this chapter will be during the first week of March.

- Thursday, March 3 – Chapter 7 Test :

ELA: Grammar–This week, we have been studying subjects in unusual order, focusing on interrogative, imperative, and inverted sentences. *To Kill a Mockingbird*–Students peer-edited and conferenced on their rough drafts of their TKAM Writing Assignment 1. Final drafts were due on Thursday. In addition, students finished Part I of the novel.

- Thursday, February 24–Quiz on Chapters 10-11 (TKAM)

Math 8G1: This week students learned about the volume of cylinders and cones. Next week they will learn about the volume of spheres and the surface area and volume of similar solids.

- Tuesday, March 1 - Chapter 8 Quiz 2 (8.3 - 8.4)

Math 8G2: This week students learned about geometric sequences and recursively defined sequences. Next week they will start to review Chapter 6.

- Friday, February 25 - Chapter 6 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, February 28 - Chapter 6 Test

Theology: This week we went to Adoration on Tuesday, the students also learned about the Council of Nicea and the impact of Monasteries. Next week we will start to talk about how the church was a light in the darkness.



A COUPLE OF REMINDERS

SUPPLIES: Please remember to check with your students regarding their supply levels. We seem to be having many students coming to class without pens or pencils, so they may need to have their supplies replenished.

DROP OFF/PARKING LOT: Please be mindful of the rules in the preschool parking lot and the parking in front of the school. Parents are not allowed to pick up or drop off students in front of the school on Wilcox Park Drive. Parents also may not use the preschool parking lot off of Carlton unless they have a preschooler. The main Church lot or the Fulton Street gate by Children's Healing Center are the only places for pick up and drop off for all non-preschool families.