



# SAINT THOMAS

## the Apostle Catholic School

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### 8th GRADE PARENT MEETING – MONDAY, 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).

### 6th GRADE UPDATES

**Social studies:** This week we began to learn about Egypt and Kush and how a complex society developed. We also looked at the mummification process. Next week we will look at early Egyptian achievements and the accomplishments of Kush.

**Science:** We took our test on the atmosphere on Wednesday and are now moving into learning about weather. We are starting with water in the atmosphere and the water cycle. Next week we will continue with clouds and precipitation.

**ELA:** Grammar–This week, we continued looking at subjects in unusual order with imperative, interrogative, and inverted sentences. *The Giver*–We began working on our second persuasive paragraph for *The Giver*. We are focusing on the Claim, Evidence, Reasoning organization strategy for this paragraph, along with transitions between thoughts and ideas within the paragraph.

- Wednesday, March 2 – Final Draft of Persuasive Paragraph 2

**Math 6S:** This week students took a vocabulary quiz and the test for Chapter 5. Next week they will learn about integers.

**Math 6B:** This week students took a quiz over the second half of Chapter 7. Next week students will take the vocabulary quiz and the test for Chapter 7.

- Monday, February 28 – Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, March 1 – Chapter 7 Test

**Theology:** We are working on a booklet that gets us thinking about the 10 Commandments, what they mean to us, and how they can be applied to our lives. We have gotten through the first two and will be continuing next week.

## 7th GRADE UPDATES

**Social Studies:** This week we looked at the southern colonies and how it's geography impacted it. Next week we will look at early colonial society and early colonial government.

**Science:** We finished reviewing and took our Chapter 7 test on Thursday. Then we moved into our chapter on temperature and heat transfer. We will be continuing that for the next few weeks, when we will finish that chapter with an engineering project and a test.

**ELA:** This week, we started delving into sonnets for our poetry unit. We read and analyzed Sonnet 18, focusing on rhyme scheme, imagery, figurative language, sonnet format, and meter. Next week, we will start writing our own sonnets in class.

Just a reminder for students to keep up with their reading/writing notebook as the quarter progresses.

**Math:** This week students took a quiz over the first half of Chapter 8. Next week they will learn about the area of circles and the area of composite figures.

- Monday, March 7 - Chapter 8 Quiz 2 (8.3 - 8.4)

**Theology:** Wednesday and Thursday we recapped where we left off on Baptism and started our discussion on Confirmation.

## CONGRATS, CONFIRMANDI!

Congrats to our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders who were confirmed by the Bishop last Wednesday.



## 8th GRADE UPDATES

**Social Studies:** This week was a short week due to mid-winter break and Confirmation. The students wrote an essay on the cause of the Civil War today, and yesterday we talked about the relations between the United States and Russia. Next week we will discuss the Dred Scott Decision and the siege at Ft. Sumter.

**Science:** We are finishing up our chapter on plants this week with an exploration into plant growth and development and a brief discussion of the uses of plants in our lives. Next week we will review the chapter and take our test.

- Thursday, March 3 – Chapter 7 Test

**ELA:** Grammar–This week, we started looking at pronouns in regards to person, number, and case. We also worked on identifying antecedents in sentences. *To Kill a Mockingbird*–This week, we read through chapter 14, focusing on context clues in vocabulary, making connections while we read with annotations, and writing a summary/response to our reading.

Just a reminder for students to keep up with their reading/writing notebook as the quarter progresses.

**Math 8G1:** This week students learned about the volume of spheres and the surface area and volume of similar solids. Next week they will take a quiz over the second half of Chapter 8 as well as the vocabulary quiz.

- Tuesday, March 1 - Chapter 8 Quiz 2 (8.3 - 8.4)
- Thursday, March 3 - Chapter 8 Vocabulary Quiz

**Math 8G2:** This week students reviewed Chapter 6 and took the vocabulary quiz. Next week students will take the Chapter 6 Test and start learning about polynomials.

- Monday, February 28 - Chapter 6 Test

**Theology:** This week we talked about Confirmation and its importance. Next we will talk about how the Church was a rock for many Christians during turbulent times.

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.

