

# SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

Middle School Newsletter | March 18, 2022

## IMPORTANT MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS!



### Parents of future 7th and 8th grade band students!

Saint Thomas is exploring having our 7th and 8th grade students join the Catholic Central Middle School Band next year. Catholic Central teaches 7th and 8th grade students from the Diocesan grade schools on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday morning from 7:30-8:30am. Parents would drop their 7th or 8th grade child at Catholic Central at 7:30am, and the school will provide bus transportation back to Saint Thomas. If you have questions, please attend a Q&A Band Night on Thursday, March 31 at 6pm in the Ministry Center. Catholic Central Band Teacher Ann Reinhard will be there to answer any questions.

### Middle School choir concert

If your Middle School student is in choir, be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming concert on March 27th. If your son or daughter is unable to attend, please let Mrs. Kathy Proulx know so that she can plan accordingly.

### Sister Regina's departure

We are sad to announce that Sr. Regina Cochran will be leaving Saint Thomas. She is being reassigned to serve in a new location. Although she was only with Saint Thomas for a short time, we feel blessed to have met her. Mrs. Bendon will resume teaching 7th grade Theology.

### Parents at Mass

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.

## 6th GRADE UPDATES

**Social Studies:** This week we looked at how Hinduism grew out of the Vedas and how Hinduism supported people and society in Ancient India. We also looked at the impact of Hinduism on India. We began to look at how Buddhism began as well. Next week we will continue to learn about the ideas of Buddhism and how they spread throughout India.

**Science:** We are still working on our weather chapter through this next week. We have been learning about different types of severe storms, and the students spent some time creating Google slide presentations about severe weather and how to protect oneself. Next week, we will move into how scientists make weather predictions, and how those predictions are shared using weather maps.

Upcoming Chapter 9 Test- 3/29

**ELA:** Grammar—This week, we continued studying pronouns, focusing intensive and reflexive pronouns. The Giver—This week, we finished *The Giver*. We also began reviewing concepts from the entire novel for a unit test next week. Just a reminder for students to keep up with their reading/writing notebook as the quarter progresses. (At the end of this week, students should have six weeks' worth of journaling in their notebooks.)

- Tuesday, March 22—*The Giver* Unit Test

**Math 6S:** This week students learned about the coordinate plane and reflecting points in the x and y axes. Next week they will be reviewing for the Chapter 6 test.

- Wednesday, March 23 - Chapter 6 Quiz 2 (6.4 - 6.5 Extension)
- Friday, March 25 - Chapter 6 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, March 25 - Chapter 6 Notebook Check
- Monday, March 28 - Chapter 6 Test

**Math 6B:** This week students reviewed for the Chapter 8 Test which they will take on Monday. Next week they will start a chapter about statistical measures.

- Monday, March 21 - Chapter 8 Test

**Theology:** We will be finishing out the Book of Exodus this coming week by covering more about Moses on Mount Sinai and his reaction when he found the people straying from God's wishes. We will be finishing a film on Moses and the 10 Commandments next week before moving into our review for our test.

- Wednesday, March 30 – Test

## 7th GRADE UPDATES

**Social Studies:** Next week we delved into the French and Indian War further and looked at how tensions developed between the British and the American colonies. The students are working in groups and are going to create movie trailers that will describe the French and Indian War. They will work on these next week and hopefully we can get outside to do it. We also began to look at how tensions arose between the colonists and the British. For the month of March each Wednesday we are pairing up with Mrs. Casey's 1st grade class to be their reading buddies.



**Science:** We reviewed for our Chapter 8 Test on heat and thermal energy this week, before taking the test on Wednesday. We then began Chapter 9, titled "Characteristics of Waves." We will be learning about what a wave is, the types of waves, as well as what happens when waves interact with one another and with other materials. This chapter gives the class a chance to play with Slinkies and demonstrate different wave properties!

**ELA:** Grammar—This week we focused on subject complements. We also reviewed previous concepts for a quiz students took on Tuesday. Poetry unit—This week we finished our poetry unit and reviewed for a final test. Just a reminder for students to keep up with their reading/writing notebook as the quarter progresses. (At the end of this week, students should have six weeks' worth of journaling in their notebooks)

- Tuesday, March 22—Poetry unit test

**Math 7:** This week students learned about the surface area of prisms, pyramids, and cylinders. Next week they will learn about volumes of prisms and pyramids.

- Monday, March 21- Chapter 9 Quiz 1 (9.1 - 9.3)

**Theology:** We discussed more about the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist, and Penance. We also talked about transubstantiation, which is the term we use when the substantial form of bread and wine change into the Body and Blood of Christ, during the Mass. We had a quiz Wednesday and are preparing for a test which will take place next week.

- Wednesday, March 23 - Unit Test

## 8th GRADE UPDATES

**Social Studies:** This week we looked at the early phases of the war. We discussed how so many decisions led to the Civil War. We also discussed the Battle of Manassas. Today Mr. Mike Stritch, Mary Irwin's grandfather, brought in relics from the Civil War and gave a presentation about the Civil War. Next week we look at everyday life during the Civil War and some early battles of the war.

**Science:** We finished learning about homeostasis and moved into discussing muscles and bones this week. We will be continuing that over the beginning of next week, including working on a lab exploring the way muscles and bones work together. After that we will learn about the structure and function of the integumentary system.

**ELA:** Grammar—This week, we focused on intensive and reflexive pronouns. To Kill a Mockingbird—This week, we read through chapter 21, focusing on analyzing Atticus Finch's closing argument and the nature of the trial. Next week, we will be introducing a research project for the trial and continuing to work towards finishing the novel. Just a reminder for students to keep up with their reading/writing notebook as the quarter progresses. (At the end of this week, students should have six weeks' worth of journaling in their notebooks.)

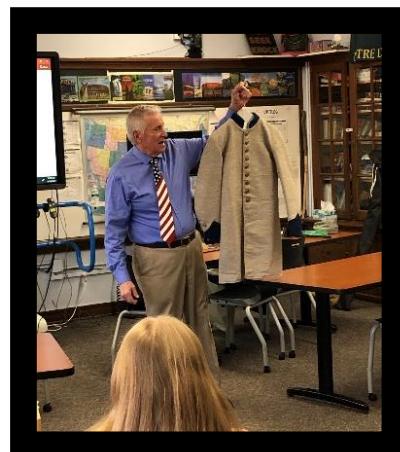
**Math 8G1:** This week students learned about two-way tables and data displays. Next week they will be reviewing for the Chapter 9 test.

- Wednesday, March 23 - Chapter 9 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, March 23 - Chapter 9 Notebook Check
- Thursday, March 24 - Chapter 9 Test

**Math 8G2:** This week students learned factoring special polynomials and factoring polynomials completely. Next week they will be reviewing for the Chapter 7 test.

- Wednesday, March 23 - Chapter 7 Quiz 2 (7.5 - 7.8)
- Friday, March 25 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, March 25 - Chapter 7 Notebook Check
- Tuesday, March 29 - Chapter 7 Test

**Theology:** This week we finished learning about how the Church was a beacon of light for many. Next week we discuss the impact of the Church and key events during the Middle Ages.





# MUSTARD SEED MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT

SUNDAY MARCH 27TH  
AT 6PM  
SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE  
CHURCH PROPER

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PLEASE HAVE CHOIR STUDENTS AT CHURCH  
AT 5:30PM IN SCHOOL UNIFORMS. EMAIL  
KATHYPROULX@STTHOMASGR.ORG IF YOUR  
STUDENT CANNOT ATTEND OR IF YOU HAVE  
ANY QUESTIONS.

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