



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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IMPORTANT MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Band/Choir for next year

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. Please fill out the following [form](#) expressing your child's choice for next year, if you have not already done so.

MS Award Ceremony on April 13

Please join us for the MS Award Ceremony at 2:45pm on Wednesday, April 13. Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will receive awards based on their GPA, Service, and Leadership.

Boosters Golf Outing

The Saint Thomas Boosters is hosting the Annual Golf "FORE" Sports Golf Outing on May 20 at 11am at Boulder Creek Golf Course. Register online at <https://cbo.io/stagolf/tix>.

Save the Dates for Auction Events

We are thrilled to announce that our bi-annual auction is back in person! Save the date for Sunday, Oct. 2 and Saturday, Oct. 8 for TWO Auction events. Check out details about our [Saint Thomas Auction](#).

Special thanks

Special thanks to Tina Berkemeier and her crazy crew of dedicated parents who pulled off not one, not two, but THREE awesome spirit assemblies – not to mention decorating 14 doors using book themes for our March is Reading Month.



6th GRADE UPDATES

Social Studies: This week we continued to look at the Eightfold Path of Buddhism and its impact on the Indus River Valley. We began to discuss the Mauryan Empire. Happy Spring Break.

Science: We finished up our chapter on weather this week by completing our review for the Chapter 9 test that we took on Wednesday. After Spring Break we will be moving into a study of space and our solar system.

ELA: This week, students collaborated in creating pre-reading research projects. They also presented these projects to their peers. We will begin *Devil's Arithmetic* after spring break,

Math 6S: This week students took the Chapter 6 test and started to look at writing equations in one variable. After spring break students will learn about solving equations with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Math 6B: This week students learned about statistical measures such as the measures of variation. After spring break they will continue with mean absolute deviation.

- Wednesday, April 13 - Chapter 9 Quiz 2 (9.4 - 9.5)

Theology: We reviewed extensively for our our test on Moses and the Book of Exodus. The class ended the week with the test on Thursday. After Spring Break we will be continuing on with the books of the Old Testament.

7th GRADE UPDATES

Social Studies: The students finished their French and Indian War movie trailers. They presented them to the class and their 1st grade buddies. Happy Spring Break!

Science: We finished Chapter 9 this week, learning about waves, how they travel, their properties, and how they interact with one another. When we return from Spring Break, we will be begin the week by starting and then reviewing our study guide. We will then take the test on the Thursday before Easter.

- Chapter 9 Test: 4/14

ELA: This week we began our book clubs. Students began either reading *Night* or *The Book Thief* working on vocabulary, thematic concepts within the novel, and literary analysis. We will be continuing this after spring break.

Math 7: This week students took the Chapter 9 Test. After Spring Break they will start a chapter about probability.

Theology: We are finishing up Sr. Regina's exploration of the sacraments with the class by learning about Anointing of the Sick. We watched some videos and read descriptions of the sacrament, as well as looked at the parallels between the sacrament and the many healing miracles that Jesus performed during His life.

8th GRADE UPDATES

Social Studies: This week we talked about the homefront during the Civil War as well as looking at the different wins for the Union and Confederates. We also talked about the Battle of Gettysburg. Happy Spring Break.

Science: We finished Chapter 9 this week on the introduction to the human body with reading and taking notes about skin. We also did a mini-lab, highlighting the importance of our skin when it comes to temperature regulation of the body by testing the effects of evaporative cooling that results from sweating. When we return from Spring Break, we will be begin the week by starting and then reviewing our study guide. We will then take the test on the Thursday before Easter.

- Chapter 9 Test: 4/14

ELA: This week, we finished *To Kill a Mockingbird* and watched the movie, comparing how the book is similar to or different from the novel. We also had the pleasure of having Mrs. Griffith bring us authentic southern food mentioned in the novel to accompany the movie.

Math 8G1: This week students worked on some special activities to solidify their understanding of recent concepts. After spring break they will start a chapter about exponents and scientific notation.

- Wednesday, April 20 - Chapter 10 Quiz 1 (10.1 - 10.4)

Math 8G2: This week students took the Chapter 7 test. After spring break they will learn about graphing quadratic functions.

- Thursday, April 14 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.3)

Theology: We had an open book test on Thursday. This week we also talked about St. Francis, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Ignatius. Happy Spring Break!

