



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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6th GRADE UPDATES

This week, we went on a field trip to Greenfield Village on Monday, participated in the Saint Thomas Builder's day on Wednesday, and had MAP testing on Tuesday and Thursday.

Social Studies: This week we began to explore early China. We will examine how its geography plays a vital role in its development. Next week we will discuss the Zhou Dynasty and some of China's belief systems.

Science: MAP testing prevented us from having class a few days this week, but we have been focusing on what causes the phases of the moon and eclipses. Next week we will be learning about the different types of tides and their causes. Our test on this chapter will be on Wednesday, May 11.

- Wednesday, May 11 – Chapter 11 Test

ELA 6S: We only met on Friday for regular class. We reviewed concepts for pronouns for a quiz next Wednesday. In addition, we read through Chapter 7 and completed discussion questions. If they were not completed in class, these are homework due Monday (submitted to Canvas).

ELA 6B: We read through Chapter 7 and completed vocabulary strategies for chapters 5-7, along with discussion questions and analysis questions regarding figurative language, characterization, analysis of quotations, and analysis of author's purpose.

- Wednesday, May 4–Pronoun Quiz

Students need to continue working on their reading/writing notebook requirement for the 4th quarter. At the end of this week, they should have completed 3 weeks worth of entries.

Math: 6S: This week students learned about writing and graphing inequalities. Next week they will learn about solving inequalities using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Math 6B: This week students learned about stem-and-leaf plots. Next week they will learn about histograms.

- Friday, May 6 - Chapter 10 Quiz 1(10.1 - 10.2)

Theology: We have been exploring the Book of Judges this week. The class has been fascinated by very colorful stories of the Israelite leaders during this period.



MAP Testing

Please remember that we are continuing MAP testing this coming week. We will be testing from 9-11:30am on the following days. Please try to avoid these time slots when scheduling appointments and encourage your children to get a good night of sleep and eat a good breakfast beforehand. It is essential that the students be charging their Chromebooks nightly. Also keep in mind that standardized testing is not something one can prepare for and this should be as low-stress as possible.

- Tuesday, May 3 – Math
- Thursday, May 5 – Science

7th GRADE UPDATES

Social Studies: We had a great field trip to Greenfield Village. This week we discussed Paul Revere and his infamous ride, the Intolerable Acts and the Battle of Lexington and Concord. Next week we will study the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the early struggles of the Continental Army.

Science: Due to many fun events this week, we missed a few classes, but we have continued to talk about the electromagnetic spectrum. I have begun to have portions of the students' "Total of 10" projects trickle in this week, and the kids are doing a great job. All parts of your project are due to be turned in by next Wednesday, May 4, when we will be presenting the activities that we chose to showcase our learning.

- "Total of 10" Project due 5/4

ELA: Due to MAP testing, field trips, and other fun activities, we were only able to meet once this week. Night group—took a quiz on chapters 1-3 and were able to work on their reading/writing notebook. Book Thief Group—worked on pre-reading activities for Part 4, along with reading strategies.

*Please remind students to keep up with their reading/writing notebook as the quarter progresses. This was the third week of reading/writing notebook requirements for the 4th quarter.

Math 7: This week students learned about comparing populations. Next week they will start to review for the chapter test.

- Wednesday, May 4 - Chapter 10 Quiz 2 (10.6 - 10.7)
- Tuesday, May 10 - Chapter 10 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, May 10 - Chapter 10 Notebook Check
- Wednesday, May 11 - Chapter 10 Test

Theology: We have continued to discuss the sacrament of marriage this week and the differences between a marriage in the Church versus a civil marriage. We will next be discussing the sacrament of Holy Orders.



8th GRADE UPDATES

Social Studies: This week we continued to talk about the factors that led to the end of the Civil War. Next week we will begin to talk about Reconstruction.

Science: We were only able to meet a few times this week, but we have been continuing with the human body. Next week we will be discussing the parts of the reproductive system, as well as what is occurring during pregnancy and birth. We should be finishing this chapter this week and the test will be on Thursday, May 10.

- Tuesday, May 10 – Chapter 10 Test

ELA: Grammar–This week, we took a unit quiz on pronouns.

The Diary of a Young Girl– We worked on our Radio Journalism project focusing on the inverted pyramid. In addition, we completed a service project for the marines in Ukraine.

- Final Radio Journalism Project Due Friday, May 6.

Math 8G1: This week students learned about operations in scientific notation. Next week they will take the Chapter 10 Test. They will also look into some Algebra concepts.

- Monday, May 2 - Chapter 10 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, May 2 - Chapter 10 Notebook Check
- Tuesday, May 3 - Chapter 10 Test

Math 8G2: This week students wrapped up the end of Chapter 8 and will take the test next week. They will also learn about the properties of radicals and solving quadratic equations.

- Monday, May 2 - Chapter 8 Test

Theology: This week we talked about the Black Death and Martin Luther and his calls for reformation. Next week we will finish discussing the reformation.

- Wednesday May 4 – Quiz



End of Year Dates

May 9 – 8th Grade Field Trip to Mackinac Island (More details to come. If you have any questions about this trip, please contact Susan DeJonge - susan.dejonge@gmail.com.)

May 13 – Musical Medley, 7pm

May 19 – May Crowning, 3pm

May 20 – Golf Outing

- 10am – Registration
- 11am – Shotgun start
- 3:30pm – Hornet Happy Hour

May 21/22 – Baccalaureate Mass at Saint Thomas Parish (5pm/11am)

May 23 – Field Day, 1:15pm – Middle School

May 27 – Anointing Mass, 9:55am

June 3

- 8th Grade last Mass (9:55am)
- 8th Grade last day of school

June 8 – 8th Grade Graduation Mass, 6pm

June 10 – All School Mass (9:55am) and Last Day of School (half day/11am dismissal)

