



# SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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## 6th GRADE UPDATES

**Social Studies:** This week the students researched different Chinese inventions. They shared their research with the class. Next week we will review for exams.

**Science:** We have been learning about the 8 planets in our solar system. The students will be expected to be able to list them all in order, so feel free to start quizzing them! Next week, we will be reviewing for our exam. Study guides were available on Friday for those students who wanted them early.

**ELA 6S:** This week, we continued studying adverbs. We finished reading *Devil's Arithmetic* and focused on close reading strategies, vocabulary, and characterization. Next week, we will be reviewing flat, round, static, and dynamic character traits and analyze the characters in *Devil's Arithmetic* using these terms. We will also begin working on our study guides for the final exam. These will be available on Tuesday if students want to begin working ahead.

**ELA 6B:** This week, we continued studying adverbs. We finished reading *Devil's Arithmetic*, focusing on analyzing imagery, identifying and defining euphemisms, identifying word choice author's use to create suspense and the effect it has on the readers, and using close reading strategies to improve our reading comprehension. Next week, we will be reviewing flat, round, static, and dynamic character traits and analyze the characters in *Devil's Arithmetic* using these terms. We will also begin working on our study guides for the final exam. These will be available on Tuesday if students want to begin working ahead.

**Math 6S:** This week students learned about surface area of pyramids and the volume of rectangular prisms. Next week they will begin reviewing for exams.

**Math 6B:** This week students learned about integers and absolute value as well as adding and subtracting integers. Next week they will learn about multiplying and dividing integers. They will also begin reviewing for exams.

**Theology:** We have focused on comparing the lives and reigns of Kings David and Solomon this week. After we finish up with this section, we will be reviewing for our exam next week.

## 7th GRADE UPDATES

**Social Studies:** This week we discussed the Battle of Saratoga and looked at the events that led to the war ending at Yorktown. Next week we will work on study guides for the exam.

**Science:** We have been learning about how generators work to induce a current by moving a conductor in a magnetic field. Next week, we will be reviewing for our exam. Study guides were available on Friday for those students who wanted them early.

**ELA:** Grammar–We continued studying pronouns focusing on intensive and reflexive pronouns and pronoun agreement.

*Night group*–We discussed the end of the novel and began working on our reflective project for the novel. Next week, we will be reviewing for exams and will be presenting our end of novel projects to the class.

- End of Novel Project Due Wednesday, June 1.

*Book Thief Group*–We completed the novel and worked on close reading and analysis strategies. Next week, we will be reviewing for exams.

- Irony Graphic Organizer Due Wednesday, June 1.
- Novel Vocabulary Packet Due Wednesday, June 1.
- Novel Character Packet Due Wednesday, June 1.

**Math 7:** This week students worked with different types of data displays and learned about slope and graphing lines to make paper airplanes. Next week they will begin reviewing for exams.

**Theology:** We have been focusing on the five types of prayer as well as the expressions of prayer; vocal, meditative, and contemplative. We will finish up with prayer and begin reviewing next week for our exam.



## 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams

Exams for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be June 7-9, from 8-11:30am. Students will be dismissed from school at 11:30am on those days.

Tuesday, June 7 – Social Studies/Theology

Wednesday, June 8 – Science and ELA

Thursday, June 9 – Math

Friday, June 10 – Last day of school (half day/dismissal at 11am)

## 8th GRADE UPDATES

**Social Studies:** This week the students presented their research projects. They have been very informative. Next week the exam is on Wednesday.

**Science:** We finished up with learning about symbiotic relationships, as well as how energy is moved between organisms in food chains or food webs. Then we spent the last few days working to prepare for our exam next week.

**ELA:** This week, we went over the works cited page, MLA in-text citations, and had a lot of time to work on the final exam projects.

- Final Exam Project Due Tuesday, May 31.

**Math 8G1:** This week, students reviewed for exams. Thursday, June 2 they will take the math exam.

**Math 8G2:** This week, students reviewed for exams. Thursday, June 2 they will take the math exam.

**Theology:** This week we began to review for next week's exam. The exam will be next Thursday.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams

Exams for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be May 31-June 2 from 8-11:30am. Students will be dismissed from school at 11:30am on those days.

Tuesday, May 31 – ELA and Theology  
Wednesday, June 1 – Science and Social Studies  
Thursday, June 2 – Choir and Math

Friday, June 3 – 8<sup>th</sup> graders last day (dismissal at 11am, after Mass)