



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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6th GRADE UPDATES

Social Studies: This week we talked about the Zhou Dynasty and also the origins of Confucianism and Daoism. Next week we will talk about Terra Cota soldiers and the Great Wall.

Science: We finished up Chapter 11 this week with learning about what tides are and what causes them. We have also spent time focusing on our moon, and learned how it compares to Earth, as well as how it was formed. Our test on this chapter will be on Wednesday, May 11. After that, we will be starting our last new chapter on the solar system.

- May 11 – Chapter 11 Test

ELA 6S: This week, all 6th graders took a pronoun quiz. We reviewed chapters 5-7 of *Devil's Arithmetic* and focused on making predictions with textual evidence, using vocabulary words correctly in a sentence, identifying tone in literature, and using textual evidence to foreshadow future events in the novel.

ELA 6B: This week, all 6th graders took a pronoun quiz. We practiced analysis skills in Chapters 5-7 of *Devil's Arithmetic*, focusing on using textual evidence to support assertions in regards to the author's purpose, characterization, and figurative language. In addition, we read through Chapter 10, focusing on tone, mood, and foreshadowing.

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 4 weeks worth of entries.

Math 6S: This week students learned about solving inequalities using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Next week will be review for the Chapter 7 Test.

- Wednesday, May 11 - Chapter 7 Quiz 2 (7.5 - 7.7)
- Friday, May 13 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, May 13 - Chapter 7 Notebook Check
- Monday, May 16 - Chapter 7 Test

Math 6B: This week students learned about histograms. Next week they will learn about shapes of distributions and box-and-whiskers plots.

- Friday, May 13 - Chapter 10 Quiz 2(10.3 - 10.4)
- Tuesday, May 17 - Chapter 10 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, May 17 - Chapter 10 Notebook Check
- Wednesday - May 18 - Chapter 10 Test

Theology: We finished up with the book of Judges this week

7th GRADE UPDATES

Social Studies: This week we looked at all the causes of the Revolutionary War and the origins of the Declaration of Independence. The students wrote an essay about the causes of the war today. Next week we will discuss the battles and events of the Revolutionary War.

Science: The class did a great job on their "Total of 10" presentations on the electromagnetic spectrum this week. They say that they enjoyed being able to demonstrate what they learned in different ways, rather than a traditional test. Next week, we will be starting our last chapter of the book, where we will focus on magnetism and electromagnetism.

ELA: Due to MAP testing, we only met twice this week. *Night* group–We read through chapter 4, focusing on thematic relations within the text and vocabulary. *Book Thief* Group–We analyzed Part Four of the novel and worked on pre-reading activities to strengthen our knowledge of the historical context of Part Five.

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

Math 7: This week students took a quiz and started to review for the Chapter 10 Test. Next week they will continue to review for the chapter test and also start a project that deals with scale factor.

- 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.



LET THE CELEBRATION BEGIN!

During the month of May, we will be celebrating our 8th graders – their leadership, their future endeavors, their bright futures. We will kick off the celebration with an 8th grade student breakfast immediately after Chapel on Friday, May 13.

8th GRADE UPDATES

Social Studies: This week we examined the different ideologies for Reconstruction. Next week we will continue to talk about the impact of Reconstruction and the students will be introduced to their end of the project. More details to follow.

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.

- Chapter 10 Test- May 10

ELA: Grammar–This week we worked on identifying pronouns and nouns used as adjectives.

The Diary of a Young Girl– We finalized our Journalism Radio Project and completed recordings of the newscasts. In addition, we discussed the literary term “juxtaposition” and analyzed examples of this in the diary.

- Final Radio Journalism Project Due Friday, May 6.

Math 8G1: This week students learned about solving absolute value equations and writing and graphing inequalities. Next week they will be solving and graphing compound inequalities.

Math 8G2: This week students learned about the properties of radicals and solving quadratic equations.

- Thursday, May 12 - Chapter 9 Quiz 1 (9.1 - 9.3)

Theology: This week we talk about the Catholic Counter reformation, and its impact on the Catholic Church.



8th Grade Mackinac Island Fieldtrip Reminders:

- The bus is leaving Saint Thomas promptly at 5:30 am on Monday, May 9. Please be at school a few minutes early to ensure everyone is loaded for an on-time departure.
- Students will need to turn in their phones when getting on the bus and they will get phones back when we get to Mackinac.
- The charter buses usually have DVD players and we will bring a selection of videos to play. Students may also bring travel games or cards to play, paper and something to draw with, or a book to read.
- Dress in layers because the ferry ride and Island could still be cold.
- If students would like to bring a pillow or blanket to be comfortable on the bus that would be acceptable.
- Any money that they may need for souvenirs or snacks they will need to keep with them.
- Lunch should be packed in a paper sack so everything can be thrown away.
- Students are encouraged to bring a bag/backpack to carry anything they need while on the island.
- Monday is a non uniform day, but they still must follow the non-uniform guidelines laid out by Saint Thomas.