



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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School & Parish Picnic – Carnival Style – Oct. 2

Join us on Sunday, October 2 from noon to 3pm. Park your car in the church lot and come join in the fun!

Our Parish is providing free hotdogs with chips and a drink. Patty Matters & Kona Ice food trucks will also be on site to purchase food. There will be entertainment, games, and prizes for children of all ages 0-99!

Everyone receives 5 free tickets, additional tickets will be available. Tickets go towards Krazy Kones, cake walk, pop toss, lollipop tree, dunk tank, plinko, slapshot hockey, soccer kick, face painting, and free throw contest.

Use this [Picnic in the Park Sign Up](#) to donate items or to volunteer at this event on Oct. 2. We are asking for 2 liter bottles of pop to be delivered to the school or parish for our ring toss game. We are also in need of bakers of delicious goodies like cupcakes, cakes, and cookies for our old fashioned Cake Walk. Drop baked goods off directly to the picnic the day of the event.

6th GRADE UPDATES

ELA 6G1: This week we missed several class periods due to MAP testing. We also began daily grammar work this week. We started out with a review of nouns and focused on common, proper, concrete, and abstract nouns. In addition, we compared and contrasted the two main characters in *The Cay*, focusing on character traits, family history, and physical characteristics. We also discussed different point of view in the story and analyzed point of view in regards to the novel.

- Ch. 4-6 Study Guide Due Tuesday.
- Ch. 4-6 Quiz on Friday.
- Remember to keep up with the weekly reading/writing notebook.

ELA 6G2: We have started our weekly grammar this week reviewing common, proper, concrete, and abstract nouns. In addition, we worked on character comparison, point of view, and text to self connections for chapters 4-6 of *The Cay*. We ended the week with filling out a study guide for Chapters 4-6 and reviewing the answers to the study guide.

- Ch. 4-6 Quiz on Tuesday.
- Remember to keep up with your weekly reading/writing notebook.

Social studies: This week we finished our 5 Themes of Geography presentations. We also started to look at how the world's most heavily populated countries has shifted over the last 50 years. We then looked at what factors caused this shift. Next week we will continue to look at population shifts and review for our first test next Friday.

- Test Friday Sept. 30

Science: We finished up Chapter 1 this week by learning about the theory of Plate Tectonics, which ties together everything we have discussed over the past few weeks about continental drift and sea-floor spreading. We then reviewed for our test that we took on Friday. Next week we will move into learning about earthquakes.



Theology: We only met twice this week due to MAP Testing. We are continuing to talk about why and how the Bible was written, and what to expect to find in the in the different books. We have also been discussing the virtue of Leadership and how that can be demonstrated in a middle schooler's life.

- Virtue Quiz on Leadership: October 3, 2022

Math 6G1: This week students learned about two different ways to find greatest common factor and least common multiple. Next week they will learn about adding and subtracting fractions with and without a common denominator.

- Tuesday, October 4 - Chapter 1 Quiz 2 (1.4 - 1.6 Extension)
- Thursday, October 6 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, October 7 - Chapter 1 Test

Math 6G2: This week students took the second quiz of Chapter 1 as well as the Chapter 1 vocabulary quiz. They will take the Chapter 1 test next week. They will also start the next topic of multiplying fractions.

- Wednesday, September 28 - Chapter 1 Test

7th GRADE UPDATES

ELA: This week we discussed alliteration and symbolism in poetry using “Caged Bird” by Maya Angelou. Students also created their own alliterative advertisements to share with the class. We finished the week discussing Hyperboles and Idioms in regards to writing and poetry.

- Poetry Quiz 2 on Friday, September 30
- Remember to keep up with the weekly reading/writing notebook.

Social studies: In between days we MAP tested we continued to discuss the differences between Athens and Sparta. The students are working on travel brochures to enhance their learning of the differences. Next week we will talk about the Peloponnesian War. We will have a quiz next Friday on Athens and Sparta.

- Athens and Sparta Quiz Next Friday Sept. 30

Theology: This week we started to talk about the Gospels. We looked at the structure of the Gospels and who they were written for. Next week we will start to delve deeper into the Gospel of Mark.

- Virtue Quiz Leadership Sept 29

Science: We only met three times this week due to MAP Testing. The class has been learning about how we measure matter, finding mass, volume, and density. We also did a lab where the students spent time calculating the density of different candies. Next week we will be focusing on the ways that matter can change, both physically and chemically.

Math 7G1: This week students wrapped up Chapter 1 with a test. Next week they will learn about rational numbers and how to add rational numbers.

- Monday, October 3 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.2)

Math 7G2: This week students took the Chapter 1 test and started the next topic of transformations. They learned about congruent figures. Next week they will learn about translations, reflections and rotations.

- Friday, September 30 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.4)



8th GRADE UPDATES

ELA: Grammar–this week we began looking at parallel structure with items in a series. *Touching Spirit Bear*–We analyzed the author's use of figurative language in Chapters 1-3 and determined the author's purpose for the particular imagery chosen. In addition, we read several non-fiction articles regarding themes present in the novel and worked on reading for a purpose and identifying the author's purpose and main idea. We ended the week reading through Chapter 6 of the novel using guided reading notes.

- Remember to keep up with the weekly reading/writing notebook.

Social studies: This week we talked about the differences between the Federalist and the Anti-Federalist. We then looked at how that affected the Elections of 1796 and 1800. We also started to look at how the U.S. created its foreign policy. Next week we will continue to look at how the U.S. dealt with other nations and how it helped shape the country.

- Essay Test on Foreign Policy Friday
September 30

Science: We have continued to learn about the classification of life this week. We practiced using a taxonomic key to help us determine the flavors of jelly beans. We also have been learning about the different domains and kingdoms of life found here on Earth. Next week we will be reviewing for our test on Wednesday, September 28th and then we will be starting to learn about the cell.

- Wednesday, September 28- Chapter 1 Test

Math: This week students reviewed Chapter 1 and will take the test next week. Next week they will also learn about congruent figures.

- Monday, September 26 - Chapter 1 Test

Theology: This week students started to learn about the new virtue of leadership and we started to discuss the chapter in our Theology books about tracing our roots, both in our family and in God's family. Next week the virtue quiz will be on Wednesday, due to MAP testing on Thursday.

- Wednesday, September 28 - Leadership Virtue Quiz

