



# SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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## 6th GRADE UPDATES

**ELA:** This week, we reviewed Ch. 7-12 of *The Cay* and took an open note quiz on Friday. We also read through Chapter 15 focusing on making predictions using textual evidence, understanding unfamiliar words within context of the text, and making connections from the text to ourselves, our world, and other texts we have read. Students also took a nouns test on Wednesday.

- 6G1 Create a Map Project due October 26.
- 6G2 Create a Map Project due October 24—I had the wrong date last week and decided to not have it due on Friday but on Monday :).
- Reading/writing notebook due October 24. Students should have 7 weeks worth of work done.
- Binder checks and grade October 26. Students should have a neat and organized binder with all of the handouts and assignments in the appropriate places. This will be a grade for the first quarter.

**Social studies:** This week we started talking about Ancient Mesopotamia. We looked at the importance of the Tigris and Euphrates. We also began to look at the first empire under Sargon. Next we will look at the reign of Hammurabi and the different empires that began to take over Mesopotamia.

**Science:** The cycle of weathering, erosion, and deposition that shapes the surface of our planet is our next topic in class. This section will contain material from both chapter 3 and 4 combined into one unit. The test will not be for a few more weeks.

**Theology:** We finished up with Adam and Eve this week and have moved on to focusing on the story of Cain and Abel, and what lessons we can learn from that story.

- Virtue Quiz on Honesty: October 27



## ALL SAINTS' DAY SERVICE PROJECT

We will be collecting donations for Kids Food Basket for an all-school service project on November 1, All Saints' Day. Students will be decorating donation bags (provided by the organization) and assembling the donations into the bags.

Grades 1, 6: Pudding Cup

Grades 2, 7: Fruit Cup or Pouch  
(no foil tops please)

Grades 3, 8: Pretzel, Cheez-it or Goldfish bag (1.5 oz. or smaller)

Grades 4, Preschool: Meat sticks – either TWO 0.28 oz sticks or ONE 0.5 oz. stick

Grades 5, K: Quart Size Bag – Please use quart size zipper lock bags as Supper Packs will be packaged into the Sack Suppers.

small things  
GREAT love

**Math 6G1:** This week students learned about dividing fractions and mixed numbers. Next week they will add and subtract decimals.

- Tuesday, October 25 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.3)

**Math 6G2:** This week students reviewed Chapter 2 and took the test over its material. Next week students will learn about algebraic expressions.

- Thursday, October 27 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.2)



## UPCOMING BOOK FAIR!

Book Fair – Nov. 15-18. We need volunteers to help run our Book Fair. Please use our [Book Fair Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer! Students will attend during their regular library times. Here are the times when the Book Fair will be open:

- Tuesday, Nov. 15, 12:30-4pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 16, 8am-4pm
- Thursday, Nov. 17, 8am-8pm
- Friday, Nov. 18, 8am-4 pm (half day for students, Book Fair during afternoon conferences)

## 7th GRADE UPDATES

**ELA:** Grammar–Simple, Compound, Complex, and Compound-Complex sentences. Definition Essay–We completed three brainstorming activities, discussed thesis statements, the structure of the essay, defining strategies, and using sentence variety for effect.

- Rough Draft of Definition Essay due Monday, October 24.
- Final Draft of Definition Essay due Wednesday, November 3.
- Reading/writing notebook due October 24. Students should have 7 weeks worth of work done.
- Binder checks and grade October 26. Students should have a neat and organized binder with all of the handouts and assignments in the appropriate places. This will be a grade for the first quarter.

**Social studies:** This week we looked at how the Republic became an Empire, and we looked at the impact Christianity had on the Empire. Next week we look at the Punic Wars and the split between the Eastern and Western part of the Roman Empire.

**Theology:** This week discussed the focus and audience of the Gospels. We looked at the purpose of each Gospel as well. Next week we will delve deeper into each of the Gospels.

**Science:** We have been finishing up our chapter on solids, liquids, and gasses this week by focusing on the way that gasses behave under different temperature and pressure conditions. We started our study guide on Friday, and the test will be on Tuesday.

- Chapter 2 Test: Tuesday, October 23

**Math 7G1:** This week students reviewed Chapter 2 and took the test over its material. They also learned about algebraic expressions. Next week students will learn about adding and subtracting linear expressions and how to factor expressions.

**Math 7G2:** This week students learned about parallel lines and transversals, angles of triangles and angles of polygons. Next week students will use similar triangles to solve problems.

- Wednesday, October 26 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.3 - 3.4)

## 8th GRADE UPDATES

**ELA:** Grammar–We learned about the semicolon and dash. We also began reviewing punctuation rules. *Touching Spirit Bear*–We paused our reading to learn more about the elements of persuasive writing for our Part One Persuasive Essay. Students focused on learning the rhetorical triangle, rhetoric, in-text citations, integration of quotes, and transitional elements in persuasive writing. They also filled out an outline for the essay and we reviewed and analyzed sample paragraphs for the essay.

- Part One Persuasive Essay Rough Draft due Thursday, October 27.
- Reading/writing notebook due October 24. Students should have 7 weeks worth of work done.
- Binder checks and grade October 26. Students should have a neat and organized binder with all of the handouts and assignments in the appropriate places. This will be a grade for the first quarter.
- Punctuation Quiz (commas, semi-colons, colons, dashes) Wednesday, October 26.

**History:** This week we talked about the importance of the Great Lakes during the War of 1812. The students also were introduced to the War of 1812 battle project. The students will start working on this class and work on it all next week.

- War of 1812 project – tentative due date November 2

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – JUNIOR HIGH DECATHLON COACH/MODERATOR

We are looking for a Parent Moderator/Coach for the The National Catholic Schools Academic Junior High Decathlon, which strives to cultivate academic talents, collaboration and organization, and celebrate them in the context of spirit-filled competition. We will need 10 students to make a Middle School Team. Please contact Marygrace Tyrrell ([marygracetyrrell@stthomasqr.org](mailto:marygracetyrrell@stthomasqr.org)) if you are interested in helping. You can find more information [here!](#)



**Science:** We have been learning about cells and their makeup, as well as how they interact with their environment. On Monday, we will be presenting our cell projects, and then we will begin our study guides for the test that will be on Thursday of next week.

- 3-D Cell Project due: Monday, October 24
- Chapter 2 Test: Thursday, October 27

**Math:** This week students reviewed Chapter 2 and the test will be next week. Next week students will learn about parallel lines and transversals and angles of triangles.

- Monday, October 24 - Chapter 2 Test
- Friday, October 28 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.2)

**Theology:** This week students worked on their rosary project and will continue that next week. Students worked with the virtue of honesty and began Chapter 4: A People of Prayer. Next week, students will have a quiz over Chapter 4 as well as the virtue quiz on honesty.

- Tuesday, October 25 - Chapter 4 Quiz
- Thursday, October 27 - Virtue Quiz (Honesty)