



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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6th GRADE UPDATES

ELA: This week, we began studying pronouns and their use and form in the English Language. We also looked at informational texts discussing coral reefs, hurricanes, and tornados. We practiced a variety of reading strategies for these texts and connected the information to the content of *The Cay*.

There were no reading/writing notebook requirements for this week and there will be no requirements for next week as it is a short week.

Social studies: This week we talked about the different empires in Sumeria. We looked at the Assyrian and Phoenician empires and how they spread their empires. Next week we will talk about the beginnings of Judaism and its effect on Mesopotamian society.

Science: The sixth graders have been learning about our precious resource, solid. This week, we focused on how soil is made, soil characteristics, and soil conservation. We did a lab on soil permeability where the class timed how quickly water was able to move through different soil materials. Next week, we will be moving onto erosion and deposition.

Theology: We took a break from the Old Testament this week to focus on the virtue of honesty. We watched the new Disney interpretation of the story of Pinocchio and used it to discuss the effects of honesty and dishonesty. Next week, we will focus on the next virtue, patriotism, and begin on the story of Noah and the Ark.

- Virtue Quiz on patriotism - November 10, 2022

Math 6G1: This week students took a quiz and learned about adding and subtracting decimals. Next week they will learn about multiplying decimals.

Math 6G2: This week students learned about algebraic expressions and writing expressions from words. They also took a quiz. Next week students will learn about the properties of addition and multiplication, the distributive property and factoring expressions.



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. Please give your donations to your homeroom teacher.

Grades 1, 6: Pudding Cups

Grades 2, 7: Fruit Cups or Pouches
(no foil tops please)

Grades 3, 8: Pretzels, Cheez-its or Goldfish bags (1.5 oz. or smaller)

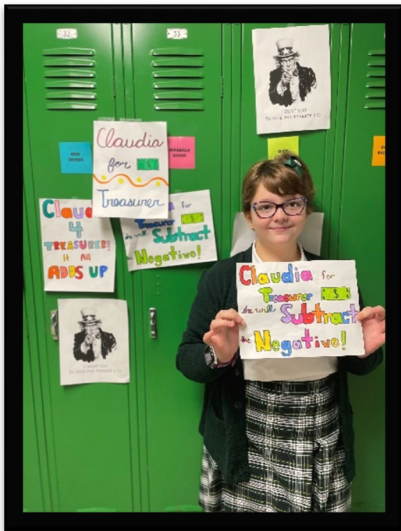
Grades 4, Preschool: Meat sticks –
either TWO 0.28 oz sticks or ONE
0.5 oz. stick

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

7th GRADE UPDATES

ELA: This week, we learned about compound/complex sentences and began reviewing our unit on sentence types (simple, compound, complex, compound/complex sentences). In addition we peer-edited our definition essays and began revising them. We also started looking at the historical context of *Dragonwings* by Lawrence Yep, the novel we will be reading during the 2nd quarter.

- Wednesday, November 2–Final Draft of Definition Essay Due.
It must be submitted to Canvas and not shared with me via google docs.
- There were no reading/writing notebook requirements for this week and there will be no requirements for next week as it is a short week.



Social studies: This week we continued to look at the Roman Empire and how Christianity affected it. Next week we will look at how Christianity continued to spread and how the empire started to split apart.

Theology: This week we continued to learn about honesty by watching Pinocchio. We learned about the consequences of being honest. We also had our virtue quiz on honesty.

Science: We started the week by finishing our review for our Chapter 2 test that we took on Tuesday. Then we have started to look at the new material, focusing on the parts that make up atoms and the basics of the periodic table.

Math 7G1: This week students learned about adding and subtracting linear expressions and factoring expressions. Next week they will take a quiz.

- Wednesday, November 2 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.2 Extension)

Math 7G2: This week students learned about using similar triangles to solve problems and they took a quiz. Next week they will begin to review for the Chapter 3 Test.

- Wednesday, November 2 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, November 7 - Chapter 3 Test



MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARD CEREMONY

We will be having our Quarter 1 Middle School Award Ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 2:45pm in the Church. Parents, please join us for this ceremony recognizing grades, service and our Red Glasses Award.

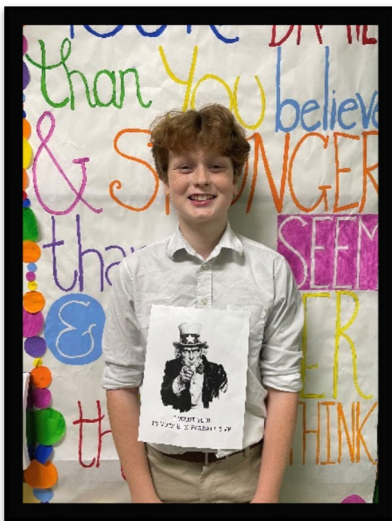
MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE

If your middle schooler has service hours this semester, email Mr. Baxter (adambaxter@stthomasgr.org) with the number of hours they have done. In the subject line of the email, title it "service hours."

WHERE DO I FIND GRADES?

You can find grades and missing assignment on Infinite Campus. Canvas is for lesson plans and course content. If you see a grade in Canvas, it might not be the final grade. Final grades for assignments are posted in Infinite Campus. First quarter grades will be posted in Infinite Campus on Nov. 9.

8th GRADE UPDATES



ELA: This week, we discussed sentence boundary errors and took a punctuation quiz. We also peer-edited our *Touching Spirit Bear* Part I essays. Students read through Chapter 14 of *Touching Spirit Bear* and completed guided reading notes and a vocabulary activity.

There were no reading/writing notebook requirements for this week and there will be no requirements for next week as it is a short week.

History: The students worked on their War of 1812 Battle projects. They will continue to work on them next week.

- Due Wednesday Nov 2.

Science: We started the week by sharing our 3-D Cell Projects with the class. The students did a great job of creating representations of all the cell parts. Then we reviewed for the test that we took on Thursday. Next

week we will continue to learn about cell processes.

Math: This week students learned about parallel lines and transversals and the angles of triangles. Next week they will learn about angles of polygons and using similar triangles to solve problems.

- Tuesday, November 1 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.2)

Theology: This week students watched Pinocchio to help highlight the virtue of honesty. They also finished reading Chapter 4: A People of Prayer, and took a virtue quiz. Next week they will finish the notes and the review for chapter 4.

- Wednesday, November 2 - Chapter 4 Quiz



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. 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)