

SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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6th GRADE UPDATES

ELA 6G1: This week we took a Quiz on Ch. 4-6 and read through Chapter 9 of *The Cay*. We worked on using context clues to determine the meaning of a word, making predictions, and active reading. We also introduced our Create A Map project for Ch. 7-9.

- Wednesday, October 19–nouns test.
- 6G1 Create a Map Project Due October 26.
- 6G2 Create a Map Project Due October 22.
- Remember to keep up with the weekly reading/writing notebook.

Social studies: This week we talked about the different types of governments of the world. We have talked about every type from democracy to anarchy. Next week will talk about the different economies around the world.

- Quiz Next Friday October 14

Science: We have been focusing on earthquakes and seismic waves this week. We have been learning about the forces that cause them, as well as how to predict them and locate their epicenters. This is a shorter chapter, so the next test will be next Friday, October 14.

- Chapter 2 Test: October 14

Theology: It was very interesting this week to discuss the variety of creation stories that different cultures and religions developed throughout the world. We then compared some of these stories to the version of Creation given in our Bible. We will continue to study the Book of Genesis over the next few weeks.

- Virtue Quiz on Loyalty 10/13

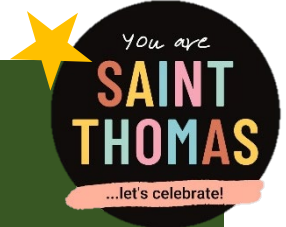
Math 6G1: This week we wrapped up the first chapter about numerical expressions and factors. Next week students will learn about multiplying and dividing fractions.

Math 6G2: This week students learned about multiplying fractions and dividing fractions and mixed numbers. Next week students will learn about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals

- Monday, October 17 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.4 - 2.6)

MIDDLE SCHOOL SIGN UP PARTY – SILENT AUCTION ITEM

Don't miss the chance to buy your student's ticket to the Middle School Auction Item! Heck, go ahead and buy tickets for your student's entire class! All ticket proceeds go to the school! Let's have a Backyard BBQ Luau Party in the Gym! Corn Hole tournament entry, snacks, and prizes are included with ticket purchases.





SAINT THOMAS STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is back. This is a great way for the students to take a leadership role in the school community. Students are bringing home permission slips and expectations. Please review those expectations with your student. We will have classroom elections next Thursday. Looking forward to a great year.

7th GRADE UPDATES

ELA: This week we learned about sonnets and went in depth with analyzing the form and meaning of Sonnet XVIII.

- Friday, October 14–Sonnets Quiz
- Remember to keep up with the weekly reading/writing notebook.

Social studies: This week learned about the triumphs of Alexander the Great, and then started to discuss the Roman Republic. Next week learn about how Rome goes from a Republic to an Empire.

Theology: This week we talked about loyalty and how we can show it. Next week will continue to talk about the Gospel of Matthew.

- Virtue quiz – Wednesday, Oct. 12

Science: The class reviewed and took their first test this week on Chapter 1. Please encourage students to take advantage of test corrections once they receive their graded tests. Corrections give the students a chance to look back and learn the material they did not know the first time as well as improve their grades. We are now looking at the different states of matter and their characteristics.

Math 7G1: This week students took a quiz and also learned about subtracting, multiplying and dividing rational numbers. Next week they will start to wrap up the chapter with a review, quizzes and a test the following week.

- Wednesday, October 12 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.3 - 2.4)
- Friday, October 14 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, October 17 - Chapter 2 Test

Math 7G2: This week students learned about similar figures, perimeter and area of similar figures and dilations of figures. Next week they will wrap up Chapter 2.

- Monday, October 10 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.5 - 2.7)
- Wednesday, October 12 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, October 13 - Chapter 2 Test

8th GRADE UPDATES

ELA: This week we reviewed *Touching Spirit Bear* Chapters 1-6 and took a quiz on Friday. We also read through Chapter 10 of the novel and started analyzing Cole's character.

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

History: This week we learned about the Louisiana Purchase and the adventures of Lewis and Clark. Next week we talk about the beginnings of the War of 1812.

Science: We have started introducing cells this week, as well as how to use microscopes in order to see them. We have spent time learning the parts of the microscope and using it to look at slides. Next week we will focus on the particular organelles found in plant and animal cells.

- 3-D Cell Project: Due October 24

Math: This week students learned about translations, reflections, and rotations. Next week they will learn about similar figures and perimeter of similar figures.

- Tuesday, October 11 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.1 - 2.4)

Theology: This week students worked on what loyalty looks and sounds like and gave examples of how they can be loyal. We started a rosary project and will continue this project in class over the next few weeks. We also started reading and discussing Chapter 3 - A Closer Look - where we will look closer at the origins of the church.

- Thursday, October 13 - Virtue Quiz - Loyalty