



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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6th GRADE UPDATES

ELA: This week, we continued our study of pronouns, focusing on subject and object pronouns and correct usage within our writing. We also reviewed character traits and characterization in *The Cay*. Students completed a study guide for Ch. 13-19, and we watched the made for TV movie of the novel. We discussed the differences between made for TV movies and characteristics of the novel, determining that reading that novel was much more fulfilling than a movie that negates important historical context and events. In addition, we began reviewing story plot definitions for our upcoming short story unit, applying the terminology to *The Cay*, a familiar text.

- Remember to keep up with the weekly reading/writing notebook.
- Tuesday, November 15–Chapters 13-19 Quiz (*The Cay*)

Social studies: This week we learned about the origins of Judaism from Abraham to Moses. We also talked about the importance of voting and Veteran's day this week. Next week we will learn about the beliefs of Judaism.

Science: We finished up our chapters on weathering, erosion, and deposition this week. We completed a lab demonstrating the processes and focusing on how they work together. We will be working on our study guide at the beginning of next week and will have our test on Wednesday.

- Chapters 3-4 Test- November 16

Theology: This week was spent focused on Genesis 6-10, learning the story of the fall of mankind and God's directions to Noah to build an ark to save himself and his family. We will also focused on the virtue of patriotism.

- Virtue Quiz on Temperance- November 22

Math 6G1: This week students learned about dividing decimals and they took a quiz. Next week they will review Chapter 2 and take the vocabulary quiz and the Chapter 2 Test.

- Tuesday, November 15 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, November 16 - Chapter 2 Test

Math 6G2: This week students learned about factoring expressions and they took a quiz. Next week they will take the vocabulary quiz and the Chapter 3 Test

- Tuesday, November 15 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, November 16- Chapter 3 Test



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

First quarter parent/teacher conferences are Nov. 17-18.

- Nov. 17, 4-8pm
- Nov. 18, 12-3pm

Fall conferences are required. Middle school parents may drop in without an appointment during the above conference times.

7th GRADE UPDATES

ELA: Grammar—This week we reviewed sentence types for our quiz. We also completed IXL practice on sentence types. *Dragonwings*—This week, we read through Chapter 2 and continued to work on understanding the historical context of the novel connecting to concepts learned in social studies. In addition, we worked on vocabulary strategies, including context clues and being able to write sentences that include context clues for assigned vocabulary words.

- Monday, September 14—Types of Sentence Test
- Remember to keep up with the weekly reading/writing notebook.

Social studies: This week we looked at the different causes that led to the Fall of the Roman Empire. We looked at how the once great empire met its fate. We also learned the importance of voting and veteran's day. Next week we will start to look at the Byzantine Empire and then begin to look at the schism between the Eastern and Western Church.

Theology: This week we made connections in Matthew's gospel to the Old Testament, we had our virtue quiz on Patriotism. Next week we will look at Mark's gospel.

Science: We have been moving very carefully and deliberately through chapter 3 this week, taking our time to ensure a basic understanding of atomic structure and electron configurations. This proves helpful as we move into ionic, covalent, and metallic bonding.

- Chapter 3 Test- November 22

Math 7G1: This week students learned about solving equations using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. They also learned about solving two-step equations. Next week they will take a quiz and start to review for the Chapter 3 Test.

- Wednesday, November 16 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.3 - 3.5)
- Monday, November 21 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, November 22 - Chapter 3 Test

Math 7G2: This week students took the Chapter 3 Test. Then they learned about graphing linear equations, slope of lines, and perpendicular and parallel lines. Next week they will learn about graphing proportional relationships and slope-intercept form of a line.

- Wednesday, November 16 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.3)



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)

8th GRADE UPDATES

ELA: Grammar–This week, we began studying the appropriate use of the apostrophe with possessive nouns and adjectives. *Touching Spirit Bear*–We studied character traits, specifically focusing on Cole’s mother and the motivations that changed her character traits within the novel. In addition, we completed a study guide for chapters 11-17 and reviewed answers to the study guide. We also read through Chapter 20 and completed guided reading notes for chapters 18-20. Persuasive Essays–We finished up conferencing on the Part One persuasive essays. They were turned in on Friday, November 11 via Canvas.

- Tuesday, November 15–Chapters 11-17 Quiz
- Remember to keep up with the weekly reading/writing notebook

History: This week the students presented their War of 1812 Battle Projects. They were amazing. We also began to talk about the Monroe Doctrine and the impact that it had. Next week we look at the Election Of 1824 and begin to discuss the presidency of Andrew Jackson.

Science: This week we have been focusing on the cell processes of photosynthesis and cellular respiration and exploring how they interact as a cycle. We will be moving into cell division next week before we begin reviewing for the test.

- Chapter 3 Test- November 17

Math: This week students learned about using similar triangles to solve problems, took a quiz and started to review for the Chapter 3 Test. Next week they will take the vocabulary quiz and test for Chapter 3. They will also learn about graphing linear equations and the slope of a line.

- Monday, November 14 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, November 15 - Chapter 3 Test

Theology: This week students finished rolling beads and stringing them to create their rosaries. Next week we will focus on the virtue of temperance. We will also begin Chapter 5: A People of Service.

- Thursday, November 17 - Chapter 5 Quiz



CATHOLIC CENTRAL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

2023-24 Incoming Freshman Applications are OPEN!

- Priority Deadline: Dec. 1, 2022
- Open to all current 8th graders
- Learn more and apply online at: grcatholiccentral.org/admissions

CC Open House - Nov. 13th, 1-4 PM

- All families are invited
- Register online: bit.ly/CC22OpenHouse

8th Grade Shadow Days, Now - Dec. 1

- Available to all 8th graders
- Register online: bit.ly/ShadowDays2022
- Parents have the option to attend a quick parent presentation and take a student-led tour the morning of the Shadow Day

Dominican Scholar Award for 2023-24 CC Freshmen (Class of 2027)

- Open to all 8th grade Catholic Central applicants
- Deadline: Dec. 1, 2022
- Learn more and apply here: <https://bit.ly/3Nve7o2>