



# SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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## 6th GRADE UPDATES

**ELA:** This week we discussed characterization in *The Cay* and continued with our pronoun unit.

- Reading/writing notebooks will resume next week.

**Social studies:** This week we talked about the impact of the Phoenicians on the Sumerian empire. We began to discuss the impact of Judaism on the Empire. Next week we will continue to talk about Judaism.

**Science:** We have moved from the weathering part of the cycle to the processes of erosion and deposition, the movement and depositing of sediments in new places that leads to the formation of earth's surface.

**Theology:** We have been focusing on the virtue of patriotism this week. We also spent some time learning about the history of All Saints' and All Souls' Days.

- Virtue Quiz on Patriotism November 10

**Math 6G1:** This week students learned about multiplying decimals. Next week they will learn about dividing decimals.

- Friday, November 11 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.4 - 2.6)

**Math 6G2:** This week students learned the properties of addition and multiplication as well as the distributive property. Next week they will learn about factoring expressions and will begin to wrap up Chapter 3.

- Wednesday, November 9 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.3 - 3.4 Extension)
- Friday, November 11 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, November 14 - Chapter 3 Test



## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

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

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

Middle school parents may drop in without an appointment during the above conference times.

## 7th GRADE UPDATES

**ELA:** This week, we reviewed sentence types and continued studying the historical context of *Dragonwings*.

- Reading/writing notebook will resume next week.

**Social studies:** This week we talked about how the Roman Empire begins to split in two. We looked at the beginning of the Byzantine Empire and the Hagia Sophia. Next week we will talk about the split between the two empires and the fall of the Roman Empire.

**Theology:** This week we had mass, and then talked about the history of All Souls Day. We also discussed the virtue of patriotism and delved into Matthew's Gospel. Next week we will continue to look at the Gospels' structure and audience.

**Science:** We have been moving very slowly and deliberately through the basics of atomic structure and using the Periodic Table to determine the valence electrons of the different elements. This will lay the foundation for a better understanding of atomic bonding, which we will be getting into next week.

- Chapter 3 Test- November 22

**Math 7G1:** This week students took a quiz over the first half of Chapter 3 and next week they will learn about solving equations using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

**Math 7G2:** This week students reviewed Chapter 3 and took a vocabulary quiz. Next week they will take the test for Chapter 3 and learn about graphing equations and finding the slopes of parallel and perpendicular lines.

- Monday, November 7 - Chapter 3 Test



## 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:** This week we read through chapter 27 of *Touching Spirit Bear* with guided reading notes and worked on characterization in the novel. We also peer-edited and conferenced on Part I essays.

- Reading/writing notebook will resume next week.
- Final Drafts of Part I Essays Due Friday, November 11.

**History:** The students finished working on their War of 1812 Projects. Next week, they will present them to the lower grades and then we will start talking about the Monroe Doctrine.

**Science:** The 8th-graders are continuing to learn about cells in this next chapter, with a focus on cell processes, such as photosynthesis, cellular respiration, and cellular division.

- Chapter 3 Test- November 17

**Math:** This week students took a quiz and learned about the angles of polygons. Next week they will learn about using similar triangles to solve problems. We will also begin to wrap up chapter 3.

- Wednesday, November 9 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.3 - 3.4)
- Friday, November 11 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, November 14 - Chapter 3 Test

**Theology:** This week students took a quiz over Chapter 4: A People of Prayer. Next week we will finish the rosary project we have been working on in October. There will be a virtue quiz next Thursday on the virtue of Patriotism.

- Thursday, November 10 - Virtue Quiz (Patriotism)



## 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](mailto: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.