SAINT THOMAS
the Apostle Catholic School

Middle School Newsletter | Feb. 24, 2023

6th GRADE UPDATES

ELA: We read Chapter 7 of *The Giver* and answered comprehension questions.

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

Social Studies: This week we enjoyed the snow. Next week we start an in class project about Chinese inventions.

Science: We started our chapter on weather this week. We started by reviewing the water cycle. Next week we will be focused on water in our atmosphere and how it creates humidity and leads to clouds.

Theology 6S: We read through Chapter 8 of our book.

Theology 6B: In addition to focusing on the virtue of circumspection this week, we continued to work on our Book of Genesis family trees. We will be finishing up those next week.

- Virtue Quiz on Prudence 3/2

Math 6G1: Last week students took the Chapter 4 Test and next week they will learn about ratios, ratio tables, and rates.

Math 6G2: Last week students took the Chapter 6 Test and next week they will learn about solving equations with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will also learn about writing equations in two variables.

- Thursday, March 2 - Chapter 7 Quiz 1 (7.1 - 7.4)

7th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: Today we read Mitch Albom, "Trying to Find Yourself in the Toughest Times," and brainstormed ideas for an essay students will write about a challenge that they overcame in their life. We will work on this essay in class next week; anything that is not finished in class will be homework.

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

Social Studies: This week we enjoyed the snow. Next week we will look at how the British colonies began to prosper.

Theology: This week we enjoyed the snow. Next we will look at the sacrament of Eucharist.

Science: We ended this week with working on a lab simulation on force and motion. Next week, we will be focusing on momentum and centripetal forces.

- Chapter 6 Test: March 7

Math 7G1: Last week students took the Chapter 5 Test and next week they will learn about percents and decimals, comparing percents, fractions and decimals as well as the percent proportion.

Math 7G2: Last week students learned about the Pythagorean Theorem and approximating square roots. Next week they will learn about repeating decimals and using the Pythagorean Theorem to solve problems.

- Wednesday, March 1 - Chapter 7 Quiz 2 (7.4 - 7.5)
- Monday, March 6 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, March 7 - Chapter 7 Test

Upcoming Middle School Field Trips

Miss Ouellette and the West Catholic Theatre Program has cordially invited our 6th, 7th and 8th graders to an exclusive preview of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella, March 7 at Aquinas College.

Catholic Central has cordially invited our 4th-8th graders to their musical performance of The Wizard of Oz March 21 at Aquinas college.

**Permission slips will be sent home to your child.*

Middle School Shine Rally

The **Middle School "Shine" Youth Rally** is Sunday, March 26, 1-6:30pm. This event is open to 6th-8th graders. If your child is interested, please contact Leah Green (youthministry@stthomasgr.org), the Saint Thomas Youth Minister, and check out this Shine Youth Rally flyer/permission slip for more information.

8th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: Today we read Chapter 7 from *The Red Badge of Courage* and answered comprehension questions.

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

History: We enjoyed the snow this week. Next week we will talk about the impact of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* on the country.

Science: We will be continuing with plant reproduction next week by looking at the parts of a flower both thorough notes and through looking at actual flowers. We will then be talking about plant responses and the ways that we use plants in every day life.

- Chapter 7 Test: March 9

Math: Last week students took the Chapter 6 Test and learned about square roots. Next week they will learn about cube roots, the Pythagorean Theorem, and approximating square roots.

- Wednesday, March 1 - Chapter 7 Quiz 1 (7.1 - 7.3)

Theology: Last week students took the Chapter 10 Quiz and the virtue quiz for circumspection. Next week they will learn a new virtue: prudence.

- Monday, February 27 - Chapter 11 Quiz
- Thursday, March 2 - Virtue Quiz: Prudence