



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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6th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: We focused a lot of our time on crafting rough drafts of our descriptive scene writing assignment, which are due next week. It's been a very creative space these last few days. We also wrapped up our lessons about nouns. Students will be finishing up *The Giver* by next Thursday.

Social Studies: We finished discussing the basics of economics, we discussed the different economic systems, and we talked a tad bit about personal finances. Next week, we will discuss the basics of government, the origins, the different types, and how governments resolve conflict and cooperate.

- Economic Basics and Systems Test - 10/17

Science: We took our first test in science. Tests were handed back on Thursday and we went over how to turn the corrections. Full questions and answers should be written out and stapled to the back of the test. They are due by Tuesday. We have also started Chapter 2 this week, building on what we learned about plate tectonics, focusing on earthquakes.

Theology: We had fun connecting the four bible stories in Genesis together. Earlier in the week we had our first installment of our Old Testament Talk Show, in which we interviewed the main characters from the stories. We also had our virtue quiz this week. Next week, we start to look at how God called Abraham and how Abraham stayed loyal to God.

Math 6G1: Students learned about dividing mixed numbers. Next week, students will learn about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals.

- Tuesday, October 12 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.4 - 2.6)
- Thursday, October 26 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, October 27 - Chapter 2 Test

Math 6G2: Students learned about what algebraic expressions are and how to write them. Next week, students will learn about properties of addition and multiplication, the Distributive Property and how to factor expressions.

- Monday, October 23 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.3 - 3.4Extension)
- Wednesday, October 25 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, October 26 - Chapter 3 Test



Middle School Field Trip

Middle School students will be attending Catholic Central's Fall Play, *Treasure Island*, on **Monday, Oct. 16 at 9:30am** at Aquinas College. We will be walking over to Aquinas on Monday morning. Look for a permission slip coming home with your child.

We need four additional parent chaperones. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you are available that day.



Parent Seminar: May I Have Your Attention Please?

Join us on **Monday, Oct. 30, at 6:15pm in the Ministry Center** as Mary Ashby, Teacher Consultant for All Belong, explores: the causes and components of ADHD, how ADHD may impact children academically, socially, and emotionally, and strategies for creating an ADHD-friendly home environment. Check out this [All Belong flyer](#) for more information.

7th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: We practiced doing research, taking notes on sources, and properly citing research. Students put these skills into practice as we researched for and wrote our how-to essay rough drafts. We also finished learning about nouns. Next week, we'll wrap up our rough drafts and start learning about nonfiction.

Social Studies: We discussed the achievements of the Roman Empire, specifically, things that are still impactful on today's society. We also discussed Jesus, where he was born, and what was occurring in the Roman Empire at the time. Next week, we will discuss Jesus's impact on the Roman Empire and the decline of the Roman Empire.

- Vocab Quiz - 10/20

Theology: We discussed the land where Jesus lived. We looked at the Geography of Galilee, Samaria, and Judea. We also discussed the differences between all three lands. We then talked about the political situation in Judea at the time, mainly the differences between Pharisees and Sadducees. We also took our virtue quiz on loyalty. Next week, we look at Jewish customs and traditions.

- Chapter Test Thursday October 19.

Science: We have finished our chapter on the different states of matter this week. Study guides were handed out on Thursday for the Chapter 2 test that will be on Tuesday. After the test, we will be moving into Chapter 3, which focuses on atoms, bonding, and the Periodic Table.

- Chapter 2 Test- October 17

Math 7G1: Students learned about algebraic expressions and adding and subtracting linear expressions. Next week students will learn about solving equations using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.


- Wednesday, October 18 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.2 Extension)

Math 7G2: Students learned about parallel lines, transversals and angles of triangles. Next week, students will learn about angles of polygons and using similar triangles.

- Friday, October 20 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.3 - 3.4)
- Tuesday, October 24 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, October 25 - Chapter 3 Test




8th Grade Confirmation Information



Our first of three Candidate-Sponsor Confirmation Sessions will take place on Monday, October 9 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the church. Your child may not have chosen a sponsor by Oct 9, but one or both parents are always welcome to attend these sessions. Their sponsor and/or parent (or adult proxy) must be present with them for each Candidate-Sponsor Session.

Please complete and return this [Confirmation Sponsor Declaration](#) and the [Confirmation Registration form](#) to the office or via email (timhorst@stthomasgr.org) by October 23.



8th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: We worked on building our short story rough drafts. Students also reviewed the many things we've learned about nouns the past few weeks; I've seen lots of hard work trying to remember all the ways nouns can function in a sentence, and it's been very impressive! We'll wrap up the week learning about nonfiction and continue that into next week.

History: We finished discussing the Revolutionary War, and the students wrote a 1.5 page essay discussing three major factors that impacted the outcome of the war, leading to the Americans winning. Next week, we will discuss state constitutions and the Articles of Confederation.

- Vocab Quiz - 10/20

Science: We have continued with the cell this week by focusing on the functions of the organelles in plant and animal cells. We used the microscopes to look at plant and animal cells and compare the different parts. We will be learning more about the chemicals that are cells are made of and how materials enter and exit the cell next week.

- Cell Project- due October 23

Math 8G1: Students learned about similar figures. Next week, students will learn about the perimeters and areas of similar figures and dilations of figures.

- Friday, October 20 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.5 - 2.7)
- Tuesday, October 24 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, October 25 - Chapter 2 Test

Math 8G2: Students learned about solving compound inequalities and absolute value inequalities. Next week, students will be reviewing for the Chapter 2 Test.

- Tuesday, October 17 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.5 - 2.6)
- Thursday, October 19 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, October 20 - Chapter 2 Test

Theology: We looked at the different ways to pray and began to talk about the Liturgy of the Hours. We also started working on posters and reports for All Saints Day. The 8th graders are researching Catholics who made contributions to Science. They also took their virtue quiz on Loyalty. They are creating posters and sharing the posters with lower grades. Next week, we will continue working on the posters and create scavenger hunts for the lower grades.