



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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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.

6th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: We wrapped up our unit on *The Giver* this week, having some very engaging discussions and debates about the theme of the novel. Next week, we will begin studying poetry, and students will have a quiz on our first grammar unit, on nouns, pronouns, and adjectives.

- Grammar Quiz Thursday, November 2

Social Studies: We discussed the basics of governments, and the different forms of government. The students are creating a project on one of 5 types of governments. Next week, we will finish discussing the forms of governments as the students present their projects. Then, we will discuss citizenship, different types of countries' citizenships, and primary and secondary sources.

Science: We finished up our chapter on earthquakes this week with reviewing and taking a test on Friday. Next week, we will be starting into our unit on other ways the earth's surface changes through weathering, erosion, and deposition, which is a combination of parts from chapters 3 and 4.

Theology: We talked about the decisions Jacob made, some good and some bad, and the consequences of those decisions. Next week we will continue to look at the life of Jacob. We will also look at the importance of Saints in our lives next week.

- Chapter test Monday, November 6

Math 6G1: Students wrapped up Chapter 2 with assessments. Next week, students will learn about what algebraic expressions are and how to write them.

- Tuesday, November 7 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.2)

Math 6G2: Students wrapped up Chapter 3 with assessments and learned about the area of parallelograms. Next week, they will learn about the area of triangles and trapezoids.

- Wednesday, November 1 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.2)

7th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: We looked at examples of nonfiction, and practiced using descriptive language in our own nonfiction writing projects. Next week, we will begin our poetry unit, and have a quiz on our first unit of grammar, including nouns, pronouns, and adjectives.

- Grammar Quiz Thursday, November 2

Social Studies: We finished discussing the Roman Empire – more specifically, the end of Pax Romana and the fall of the Empire. Next week, we will discuss land-bridge, meaning how people came to the Americas. We will also discuss the Olmecs, Mayans, Incas, and the Aztecs.

- Test over the end of the Roman Empire - Friday, 11/03

Theology: We looked at the Infancy Narratives. We talked about the significance of the Narratives and we looked at some of the early stories of Jesus' life. Next week, we will look at the role Mary plays in the church. We will also look at the importance of Saints in our lives.

- Chapter test next Monday, November 6.

Science: We have begun to explore the different types of chemical bonds this week. First we focused on the structure of an atom and how that leads to chemical bonding. We will be learning about the three types of bonds: ionic, covalent, and metallic.

Math 7G1: Students learned about solving equations using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Next week students will learn about solving two-step equations.

- Thursday, November 2 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.3 - 3.5)
- Tuesday, November 7 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, November 8 - Chapter 3 Test

Math 7G2: This week students wrapped up Chapter 3 with assessments and learned about graphing linear equations and the slope of a line. Next week students will learn about the slope of parallel and perpendicular lines and graphing proportional relationships.

- Thursday, November 2 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.3)

8th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: We practiced proofreading and revising, and used our lesson on adjectives to improve our short story projects. Next week, we'll start working on short story final drafts, and begin our poetry unit.

- Grammar Quiz Thursday, November 2

History: We finished discussing the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation and started discussing the Constitutional Convention. Next week, we will continue discussing the Constitutional Convention, more specifically, the Great Compromise and the Three-Fifths Compromise.

Science: We started the week with the cell presentations. The students did a wonderful job and I am amazed by their creativity. We then reviewed the Chapter 2 material and took our test on Thursday. Our next chapter will focus on cell processes, such as photosynthesis, cellular respiration, and cellular division.

Math 8G1: Students wrapped up Chapter 2 with assessments and learned about parallel lines and transversals. Next week they will learn about the angles of triangles.

- Thursday, November 2 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.2)

Math 8G2: Students learned about functions, linear functions and function notation. Next week students will learn about graphing linear equations in standard form and slope intercept form as well as transformations of graphs of linear functions.

- Monday, October 30 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.3)

Theology: We talked about the importance of service to the church. Next week, we will continue to look at the importance of service and how we are called to serve the church. We will also look at the importance of Saints in our lives.

- Chapter test Monday, November 6