



# SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

Middle School Newsletter | Dec. 15, 2023

## Middle School Exam Schedule

Middle School Exams – Dec. 19, 20, 21 (dismissal at 11:30am)

1<sup>st</sup> Exam – 8:20-9:50am, 2<sup>nd</sup> Exam – 10-11:30am

Monday	Tuesday 9:15 - 11:30	Location	Wednesday	Location	Thursday	Location	Friday
	Choir/Band 8:20 - 9:09		<b>6 SCI</b> Proctor: Adam	Baxter Bendon	<b>6 SS</b> Proctor: Rachel	Hoedeman Eggenberger	
			<b>7 ELA</b>	Cafeteria	<b>7 THEO</b>	Cafeteria	
			<b>8 MATH</b> Proctor: Evan	Hoedeman Eggenberger	<b>8 SCI</b> Proctor: Nicole	Baxter Bendon	
<b>Break 9:50 - 10:00</b>							
	<b>6 MATH</b> Proctor: Rachel	Hoedeman Eggenberger	<b>6 THEO</b> Proctor: Jen	Baxter Bendon	<b>6 ELA</b>	Cafeteria	
	<b>7 SCI</b> Proctor: Adam	Baxter Bendon	<b>7 SS</b> Proctor: Nicole	Hoedeman Eggenberger	<b>7 MATH</b> Proctor: Evan	Hoedeman Eggenberger	
	<b>8 SS</b>	Cafeteria	<b>8 ELA</b>	Cafeteria	<b>8 THEO</b> Proctor: Jen	Baxter Bendon	

### Exam days, dismissal at 11:30am

Students were sent with a form on Friday, Dec. 15 regarding middle school exams. Please return the second page of the form to the middle school as soon as possible.

[Click here](#) for a printable version.

## 6th GRADE UPDATES

**Language Arts:** Students mostly focused on their midterm projects - a portfolio of different types of poems. We focused especially on creating meter. We also looked at a few different verb tenses. Next week, during our exam slot on Thursday, students will design a cover for their poem portfolio. We do not have a formal exam in ELA; their poem portfolio is their midterm.

**Social Studies:** Students briefly learned about Mesopotamia and the first civilizations. Then, the students began working on their study guides and reviewing for their exam. Next week we will review for the exam on Monday. Then, students will take their exam. The exam is on Thursday.

**Science:** We finished up with our chapter on the history of earth this week and then moved into our exam review. All students should have a complete study guide at this point, and the completed study guide, along with links to Blookets are available on Canvas pages.

**Theology:** We reviewed for exams and also had our Virtus lesson this week. Next week we have our exam on Wednesday.

**Math 6G1:** Students learned about trapezoids, composite figures and polygons in the coordinate plane. They also reviewed for exams. The answers to the exam review will be posted to Canvas. On Monday, we will go over the exam review, and I will answer any questions students may have. The exam for 6th graders will be Tuesday.

**Math 6G2:** Students took the Chapter 5 Test. They also reviewed for exams. The answers to the exam review will be posted to Canvas. On Monday, we will go over the exam review and I will answer any questions students may have. The exam for 6th graders will be Tuesday.

## 7th GRADE UPDATES

**Language Arts:** This week, students learned about verb tenses, and prepared for and gave their midterm presentations on different genres of poetry - well done, everybody! Next week, during class and during our exam slot, we will look at and create Christmas poems. Please note: We do not have a formal exam in ELA; their presentations this week were their midterm.

**Social Studies:** We discussed the Columbian Exchange. We discussed the positives and negatives of the exchange. Then, the students began working on their study guides and reviewing for their exam. Next week we will review for the exam on Monday. Then, students will take their exam. The exam is on Wednesday.

**Theology:** We reviewed for exams and also had our Virtus lesson this week. Next week we have our exam on Thursday.

**Science:** We finished Chapter 5 on acids, bases, and the pH scale this week by completing a lab testing the pH of different solutions using litmus and pH paper. We then moved into our exam review. All students should have a complete study guide at this point, and the completed study guide, along with links to Blookets are available on Canvas pages.

**Math 7G1:** Students learned about graphing proportional relationships and writing proportions. They also reviewed for exams. The answers to the exam review will be posted to Canvas. On Monday, we will go over the exam review, and I will answer any questions students may have. The exam for 7th graders will be Thursday.

**Math 7G2:** Students took the Chapter 5 Test. They also reviewed for exams. The answers to the exam review will be posted to Canvas. On Monday, we will go over the exam review, and I will answer any questions students may have. The exam for 7th graders will be Thursday.

## 8th GRADE UPDATES

**Language Arts:** This week, students prepared for and gave their midterm presentations. We also looked at verb tenses, as well as active and passive voice. Next week, students will look at and create Christmas poems. Please note: We do not have a formal exam in ELA; their individual poem presentations were their midterm!

**History:** We discussed George Washington and his presidency. We looked at primary sources between Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton. We also discussed the importance of his presidency as a whole. Then, the students began working on their study guides and reviewing for their exam. Next week we will review for the exam on Monday. Then, students will take their exam. The exam will be on Tuesday.

**Science:** We finished up new material by learning about genetic mutations and how they can lead to harmful or helpful mutations, or sometimes cancer. We then moved into our exam review. All students should have a complete study guide at this point, and the completed study guide, along with links to Blookets are available on Canvas pages.

**Math 8G1:** Students took the Chapter 4 Test. They also reviewed for exams. The answers to the exam review will be posted to Canvas. On Monday, we will go over the exam review, and I will answer any questions students may have. The exam for 8th graders will be Wednesday.

**Math 8G2:** Students took the Chapter 4 Test. They also reviewed for exams. The answers to the exam review will be posted to Canvas. On Monday, we will go over the exam review, and I will answer any questions students may have. The exam for 8th graders will be Wednesday.

**Theology:** We reviewed for exams and also had our Virtus lesson this week. Next week we have our exam on Thursday.

## GRACEAC SKI DOWNHILL RACING/SLALOM 2023-24

If your middle schooler is interested in participating in the GRACEAC co-ed downhill racing team, the sign up is open. GRACEAC ski downhill racing/slalom is open to boys and girls in grades 6-8.

Please sign up through the [GRACEAC website](#). The deadline to sign up is Jan. 8.