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the Apostle Catholic School

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6th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: We finished up our Professional Email mini writing project – so I'd better not get any emails without subject lines or positive greetings from here on out! We also took our verb quiz and continued our discussion of Karana alone on *The Island of the Blue Dolphins*.

Social Studies: We reviewed the Assyrian and Persian Empires. Then, we discussed the Phoenicians. The students finished their Persian Emperor projects and presented them Thursday and Friday. Next week, we will begin our unit on Judaism, the students will have a review day, and then the students will take their First Emperors test next Friday.

- First Emperors Test - Friday, 2/23

Science: We have continued to learn about the atmosphere by focusing on the energy in our atmosphere and how this results in winds. Next week we will finish up wind and be reviewing for the chapter 8 test on Monday, 2/26. Study guides were available to take home on Friday for students interested in starting to prepare.

- Chapter 8 Test - 2/26

Theology: We continued to learn about the life of Moses. We also took an in depth look at Ash Wednesday and the virtue of Circumspection this week. Next, we will review for our Chapter test on Thursday.

- Chapter Test - February 22

Math 6G1: Students reviewed for the Chapter 5 assessments. Next week, they will learn about integers and how to compare and order integers.

Math 6G2: Students learned about solving inequalities using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Next week they will begin to review for the Chapter 7 assessments.

- Wednesday, February 21 - Chapter 7 Quiz 2 (7.5 - 7.7)
- Friday, February 23 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz

7th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: We started building our paragraphs, sentence-by-sentence, for our Opinion Essays. We also took our verb quiz, and spent a bit of time talking about the new characters we've met in *The Hobbit*.

Social Studies: Students learned about the Dutch and French settlements and reviewed with a lesson summary. Then, we discussed the Lost Colony of Roanoke and Jamestown. Next week, we will spend a day discussing Bacon's Rebellion. The students will have a review day on Thursday and take their First Colonies Test on Friday.

- First Colonies Test - Friday, 2/23

Theology: We continued to examine the importance of the parables. We also took an in depth look at Ash Wednesday and the virtue of Circumspection. Next week we will review for our Chapter test on Thursday

- Chapter Test Thursday February 22

Science: We have been learning about energy this week by first becoming familiar with the two main types of energy: kinetic and potential energy. Next week, we will begin to talk about how energy transforms from one type to another.

Math 7G1: Students learned about simple interest. Next week they will take the Chapter 6 assessments.

- Thursday, February 22 - Chapter 6 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, February 23 - Chapter 6 Test

Math 7G2: Students finished Chapter 7. Next week students will learn about volume of cylinders and cones

- Monday, February 26 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.2)



8th GRADE UPDATES



8th GRADE CLASS TRIP

We are in the process of planning the 8th grade class trip. We are going to Chicago this year and are working on finding a variety of activities. When we have plans finalized, we will communicate them to students and parents.

Language Arts: This was our last week of finding sources for our final projects in-class; in the coming weeks, we'll start taking notes and start building our essays. We also took our verb quiz – I was very impressed with everyone's scores! We wrapped up the week with literature circles, as usual.

History: We finished talking about John Adams's presidency. We discussed the Alien and Sedition Act and the Election of 1800. Students then worked on creating campaign posters for the election of 1800, which their fellow middle school classmates (6th and 7th grade) will vote on! The winning side, between the Federalists and Democratic-Republicans, gets extra credit! Next week, we will discuss Thomas Jefferson's presidency and the landmark Supreme Court Case of *Marbury V. Madison*.

Science: We have been finishing up our chapter on plants this week by studying the parts of real flowers in the classroom by dissecting them. We also discussed how plants are used in our lives. Next week, we will be reviewing for the chapter 7 test on Friday. Study guides were available to take home on Friday for students interested in starting to prepare.

- Chapter 7 Test- 2/23

Math 8G1: Students learned about comparing linear and nonlinear functions and about analyzing and sketching functions. Next week, they will start to review for the Chapter 6 assessments.

- Thursday, February 22 - Chapter 6 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, February 23 - Chapter 6 Test

Math 8G2: Students learned about solving exponential equations and geometric sequences. Next week, students will begin to review for the Chapter 6 assessments.

- Wednesday, February 21 - Chapter 6 Quiz 2 (6.5 - 6.6)
- Friday, February 23 - Chapter 6 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, February 26 - Chapter 6 Test

Theology: We looked at the second mark of the church – that being Holy. We also discussed the history of Ash Wednesday and took an in depth look at the virtue of Circumspection. Next week, we review for our Chapter test on Thursday

- Chapter Test February 22