



# SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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## 6th GRADE UPDATES

**Language Arts:** We began our next mini writing assignment: a formal business letter. We also continued our discussions of *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. We will continue both next week and begin our next grammar unit.

**Social Studies:** We finished talking about the Phoenicians, started discussing the origins of Judaism. We reviewed for our First Empires test, and the students took their test on Friday. Next week, we will continue to discuss the origins of Judaism, the early history of the Jewish people, and the beliefs of Judaism.

**Science:** We finished up our chapter on the atmosphere this week by reviewing for our test next Monday. After the test, we will be moving into learning about weather.

**Theology:** We reviewed our test on Thursday. Next week, we will look at the journey of the Hebrews in the desert and the Ten Commandments.

- Virtue quiz on Prudence February, 29th

**Math 6G1:** Students learned about integers and how to compare and order integers. Next week they will learn about fractions and decimals on the number line and prepare for the Chapter 6 Quiz 1.

- Monday, March 4 - Chapter 6 Quiz 1 (6.1 - 6.3)

**Math 6G2:** Students began to review for the Chapter 7 assessments. Next week, they will take the Chapter 7 Test and learn about 3 dimensional figures and the surface area of prisms.

- Monday, February 26 - Chapter 7 Test
- Monday, March 4 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.2)

## 7th GRADE UPDATES

**Language Arts:** We we started building our Opinion Essay rough drafts based on the outlines we've built in past weeks. We continued our work with *The Hobbit*. Next week, we will continue both and begin our new grammar unit.

**Social Studies:** We discussed Jamestown. Then we reviewed for our first colonization test, and the students took their test on Friday. Next week, we will finish discussing Jamestown. Then, we will talk about the New England Colonies.

**Theology:** We reviewed for our test on Thursday. Next week, we will look at the miracles of Jesus and their significance.

**Science:** We have been continuing to learn about energy by discussing the different forms and how energy can transform between the the different types.

- Chapter 7 Test- March 7

**Math 7G1:** Students took the Chapter 6 assessments. Next week, they will learn about angles and triangles.

- Tuesday, March 5 - Chapter 7 Quiz 1 (7.1 - 7.3)

**Math 7G2:** Students learned about the volume of cylinders and cones. Next week, they will learn about volumes of spheres and the surface area and volume of similar solids.

- Monday, February 26 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.2)
- Monday, March 4 - Chapter 8 Quiz 2 (8.3 - 8.4)
- Wednesday, March 6 - Chapter 8 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, March 7 - Chapter 8 Test

## 8th GRADE UPDATES



### 8<sup>th</sup> 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:** We practiced note-taking skills to use for our final projects. We also continued our literature circle discussions. Next week, we'll take notes on our research sources and start a new grammar unit.

**History:** We discussed Thomas Jefferson, the Louisiana Purchase and the landmark court case of *Marbury v. Madison*. Next week we will discuss the expansion of the United States, and the start of the war of 1812.

**Science:** We reviewed for and took our test on plants this week. Next week, we will be moving into our next chapter learning about animal life processes.

**Math 8G1:** Students took the Chapter 6 Test. Next week, they will learn about square roots, cube roots and the Pythagorean Theorem.

- Monday, March 4 - Chapter 7 Quiz 1 (7.1 - 7.3)

**Math 8G2:** Students began to review for the Chapter 6 assessments. Next week, they'll take the Chapter 6 Test and also learn about adding, subtracting and multiplying polynomials.

- Tuesday, February 27 - Chapter 6 Test
- Thursday, March 7 - Chapter 7 Quiz 1 (7.1 - 7.4)

**Theology:** We reviewed for the test, which the students took on Thursday. Next week, we discuss the third mark of the church, that mark being Catholic. We will also start talking about the living stations of the cross, which they will be performing on Holy Thursday.