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MIDDLE SCHOOL 2nd QUARTER HONOR ROLL

6th Grade

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7th Grade

Tom Blum
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8th Grade

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Congratulations!

MIDDLE SCHOOL 2nd QUARTER HIGH HONOR ROLL

6th Grade

Hailey Boog
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Anthony Noto
Cecilia Perdue
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7th Grade

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Oscar Lee
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8th Grade

Marielle Christopher
Adam Jager
Natalie Perdue
Anthony Rushmore
Luke Tyska
Claudia Grabar
Dominic Jakubowski
Simon Lawrence
Addie Merideth
Tommy Preston
Charlotte Sandner
Alfred Sumners
Eleanor Tyrrell

6th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: We worked in pairs to practice writing formal, professional emails. We also prepared for the students' verb quiz next week with study guides, practice questions, and a Kahoot! The study guide and practice problems can be found on Canvas, linked on the agenda for Wednesday.

- Verb Quiz – Wednesday, 2/14

Social Studies: We finished talking about the Persian Empire, and students started their research and the creation of their Persian Emperor projects. These are due next Thursday, and students will present Thursday and Friday. Next week we will discuss the Phoenicians. They will also get a study guide for a test covering the Early Empires.

- Persian Emperor project - Thursday, 2/15
- Early Empires Test - Tuesday, 2/20

Science: We have been learning about the layers of the atmosphere this week, and how they are separated based on changes in temperature. Then we have been learning about how energy travels to us from the sun and how that energy moves through our atmosphere. Next week, that will lead into learning about wind.

- Chapter 8 Test- 2/22

Theology: We talked about the 10 plagues and the impact they had on Egypt. We also looked more at the life of Moses. Next week, we will continue to look at the life of Moses and the Exodus. We will also have a virtue quiz on Circumspection.

- Virtue quiz Circumspection - Feb 15

Math 6G1: Students learned converting customary and metric units of measure. Next week they will begin to review for the Chapter 5 assessments.

- Monday, February 12 - Chapter 5 Quiz 2 (5.5 - 5.7)
- Wednesday, February 14 - Chapter 5 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, February 15 - Chapter 5 Test

Math 6G2: Students learned about writing equations and solving equations using multiplication and division and writing equations in two variables. Next week, they will learn about solving inequalities using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

- Monday, February 12 - Chapter 7 Quiz 1 (7.1 - 7.4)

7th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: We developed thesis statements and topic sentences for our opinion essays. We also discussed my favorite chapter of *The Hobbit*, Riddles in the Dark, and used study guides, practice questions, and a Kahoot to study for our verb quiz.

- Verb Quiz - Wednesday 2/14

Social Studies: We discussed Martin Luther, and the first French, Dutch, and English colonies in America. Next week, we will discuss Roanoke and Jamestown. The students will take their vocab quiz on Tuesday. Students will also have a test the following Tuesday.

- First Colonies Vocab Quiz - Tuesday 2/13
- First Colonies Test - Tuesday 2/20

Theology: The students learned about the Parables. They have picked out a few of their favorite ones and have done projects on them. Next week we will have a virtue quiz on Circumspection and a section quiz on the parables.

- Virtue quiz Circumspection - Feb 15

Science: We completed our chapter on forces this week by reviewing and taking our test. Those tests will be returned next week, with test corrections due two days after that. Our next chapter will be focusing on energy.

Math 7G1: Students learned about percent of increase and decrease and discounts and markups. Next week they will learn about simple interest.

- Thursday, February 15 - Chapter 6 Quiz 2 (6.5 - 6.7)

Math 7G2: Students learned about approximating square roots, repeating decimals, and using the Pythagorean theorem. Next week, students will review for the Chapter 7 assessments.

- Tuesday, February 13 - Chapter 7 Quiz 2 (7.4 - 7.5)
- Thursday, February 15 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, February 16 - Chapter 7 Test

8th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: We continued to find sources for the students' final project research papers. We also continued our literature circle discussions – we're getting into the rising actions of each novel now! Students also started preparing for next week's verb quiz with a study guide and practice problems, which will be available on Canvas all week.

- Verb Quiz - Wednesday 2/14

History: We discussed John Adams's Presidency, along with the XYZ Affair, and how this led to the division of the Federalist Party. The students also took their Washington Presidency Test this week. Next week, we will continue discussing John Adams's Presidency, specifically the Alien and Sedition Act. Then, we will discuss the Election of 1800s and students will start their Election of 1800s debate project.

- Election of 1800s debate project - Due 2/14

Science: We have continued to learn about plants, focusing this week on the ways that different types of plants reproduce. Next week, we will continue with the parts of a flower, how plants respond to their surroundings, and how we use plants in our lives.

- Chapter 7 test- 2/23

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

- Thursday, February 16 - Chapter 6 Quiz 2 (6.4 - 6.5)

Math 8G2: Students learned about radicals and rational exponents, exponential functions such as growth and decay functions. Next week, students will learn about solving exponential equations and geometric sequences.

- Tuesday, February 13 - Chapter 6 Quiz 1 (6.1 - 6.4)

Theology: The students continued to look at the second mark of the church – that mark being Holy. Next week, we will talk about what it means to be Catholic.

- Virtue quiz Circumspection - Feb 15