



# SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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## 6th GRADE UPDATES

**Language Arts:** We finished up our Business Letter rough drafts and discussed the traits we've seen most in Karana as we near the end of *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. Our grammar lesson this week focused on sentence structure and punctuation.

**Social Studies:** Students started their unit on Ancient Egypt. We discussed the three Kingdoms of Ancient Egypt and the social ladder. Next week, students will get to practice and see the process of mummification on a hot dog, they will make papyrus and write their name in hieroglyphics, and they will create a pamphlet that discusses the most important pharaohs in Ancient Egypt.

**Science:** We have continued to learn about weather this week. We have focused on the types of precipitation and how air masses move around the atmosphere. Next week, we will be focusing on storms by creating presentations on the kinds of storms.

**Theology:** We looked at how the Commandments are the ultimate sign of God's love for us. We applied the Commandments to present day and are rewriting the Commandments into 6<sup>th</sup> grade language. We also had our virtue quiz on Fortitude on Thursday. Next week, we will continue to examine the Commandments and have a chapter test on Thursday, March 21.

- Chapter Test March 21

**Math 6G1:** Students finished up reviewing Chapter 6. Next week, they will learn about writing equations in one variable and solving equations using addition and subtraction.

- Monday, March 18 - Chapter 6 Test

**Math 6G2:** Students finished up reviewing Chapter 8. Next week, they will learn about integers, absolute value, and adding and subtracting integers.

- Monday, March 18 - Chapter 8 Test

## 7th GRADE UPDATES

**Language Arts:** We practiced revision by assessing fake essay samples, in preparation for our actual Opinion Essay revisions next week. We also talked about the virtues and vices characters have been showing in *The Hobbit*. We have one more week of reading, and then their *Hobbit* project will be introduced before spring break, but we'll start working on it when we get back.

**Social Studies:** We discussed the Middle Colonies, specifically the creation of New York, Pennsylvania, and how daily life was in the Middle Colonies. Next week, we will be finishing our discussion on the Middle Colonies and start our discussion on the Souther Colonies. The students will learn about how the Maryland, the Carolinas, and Georgia colonies started and why they were important. The students will also get their vocab study guide and will have a vocab quiz on Tuesday 3/26.

- Thirteen Colonies Vocab Quiz, Tuesday 3/26

**Theology:** We discussed the need for Reconciliation. We also gained a better understanding of God's forgiveness for us. We took our Fortitude Virtue quiz on Thursday. Next week, the students are going to work on their Stations of the Cross project.

**Science:** We started the week with the Energy test. Then we started to focus specifically on thermal energy. This is a very short chapter, so we will have a quiz the last week before spring break.

**Math 7G1:** Students learned about quadrilaterals. Next week, students will review for the Chapter 7 assessments.

- Thursday, March 21 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, March 22 - Chapter 7 Test

**Math 7G2:** Students learned about lines of fit and two-way tables. Next week, they will learn about choosing data displays.

- Wednesday, March 20 - Chapter 9 Quiz 2 (9.3 - 9.4)
- Friday, March 22 - Chapter 9 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, March 25 - Chapter 9 Test

## 8th GRADE UPDATES

**Language Arts:** This was our last week of taking notes on our sources for the final project. Next week, we'll hit the ground running by starting to craft our essay outlines. Students are also learning about different types of phrases and clauses and how they make different sentence structures.

**History:** We discussed the causes of the War of 1812. The students also put together a timeline and summarization of the different battles of the War of 1812. The students also took their test on John Adams and Thomas Jefferson's presidency. Next week, we will finish our discussion of the War of 1812 by talking about how Canada was affected by the war and the consequences of the War of 1812.

**Science:** The different adaptations that animals have to help them to move, obtain food and oxygen, and reproduce have been the focus of this week. We will be continuing with the variety of ways that animals birth and care for their offspring.

**Math 8G1:** Students reviewed for the Chapter 7 assessments. Next week, they will learn about volumes of cylinders and cones.

- Friday, March 22 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.2)

**Math 8G2:** Students learned about factoring polynomials. Next week, they will begin reviewing for the Chapter 7 assessments.

- Wednesday, March 20 - Chapter 7 Quiz 2 (7.5 - 7.8)
- Friday, March 22 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, March 25 - Chapter 7 Test

**Theology:** We looked at how the church is apostolic. We examined different saints and popes and how they transformed the Church. Next week, we will look at how the church was a beacon of light in dark times and practice for the living Stations of the Cross on March 28.

- Living Stations - March 28

### MARCH 20 – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENT MEETING

Hello 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents! We have an exciting and fun time coming up with graduation, 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Cedar Point trip. If you would like to help organize these fun events, please come and meet with other 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents on March 20 at 7pm in the Ministry Center. Thanks so much! ~Kelly Jandernoa

### MARCH 28 – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be leading Stations of the Cross for other students on **March 28 at 2:30pm in the Church**. Parents are welcome to join us!