

SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 28 – 8th Graders lead Stations of the Cross, 9am (please note new time!). Parents are welcome!

May 9 – Middle School field trip to Lincoln Development Center

6th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: We got ready to edit our Business Letter final drafts early this week and discussed our second-to-last bit of *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. Our week was a little chaotic, with the AMAZING *Shrek the Musical* performance and my being home with a fever on Wednesday, but we made it work! Next week, we'll work more on our final drafts, and students will do a worksheet about the ending of *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, to prepare for the project we'll do after break.

Social Studies: We had a lot of fun discussing Ancient Egypt. We mummified a hot dog, while discussing the process of mummification. We also created a brochure which discussed three important Pharaohs. Lastly, we discussed the Egyptians religion and the history of the Great Pyramids. Next week, the students are going to learn about Hieroglyphics and how to write their name in Hieroglyphics. Then, we will discuss ancient Egyptian science and math, Egypt's relationship with Kush. Lastly, we will discuss the geography and achievements of Kush.

Science: We have been working on a project this week that allows us to learn about types of severe storms while practicing making videos in Canva. We will be finishing up chapter 8 at the start of next week and then review before taking the Chapter 8 test.

- Chapter 8 Test- Thursday, March 28

Theology: We did a Ten Commandments project. The students rewrote the Commandment, drew a picture of the Commandment, applied the Commandment to their own lives and then found someone who best exemplifies that new commandment. Next week, we will read about the travels in the desert and discuss Holy Week.

Math 6G1: Students learned about writing equations in one variable and solving equations using addition and subtraction. Next week, they will learn about solving equations using multiplication and division.

- Thursday, April 11 - Chapter 7 Quiz 1 (7.1 - 7.4)

Math 6G2: Students learned about integers, absolute value, and adding and subtracting integers. Next week, they will learn about multiplying and dividing integers.

- Wednesday, March 27 - Chapter 11 Quiz 1 (11.1 - 11.3)
- Tuesday, April 9 - Chapter 11 Quiz 2 (11.4 - 11.5)
- Thursday, April 11 - Chapter 11 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, April 12 - Chapter 11 Test

7th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: Students revised their Opinion Essay final drafts, which are due next Thursday. We also did a review of the first half of our grammar unit on sentences. There will be a quick open-note quiz next week (very similar to the review)! And we finally reached the end of *The Hobbit* and discussed the theme. We'll go over expectations for the project next week, and we'll start after break.

- 7G2 - Novel Outline Prize (bring snacks) - Tue. 3/26
- Open-Note Grammar Quiz - Wed. 3/27

Social Studies: We finished up talking about Pennsylvania and the Middle Colonies. Then, we started our chapter on the Southern Colonies. We discussed how Maryland became a colony, the Carolinas, and the colony of Georgia. The students also got their study guide for their Colonial America Vocab Quiz. Next week, we finish discussing the Southern Colonies, students will take their Vocab Quiz, and we will discuss slavery in the Southern Colonies.

- Colonial American Vocab Quiz - 3/26

Theology: We took a virtual tour of the Stations of the Cross. The students are doing a presentation about each Station in which they talk about what is there now, what happened at that location and then they are writing a reflection. Next week, they will finish the presentations and then reflect on Holy Week.

Science: We enjoyed both popcorn and marshmallows this week as we experienced using the different forms of heat transfer: conduction, convection, and radiation. We then talked about why different materials conduct heat differently.

- Chapter 8 Test- Wednesday, March 27

Math 7G1: Students reviewed for the Chapter 7 assessments. Next week, students will learn about circles, circumference, and perimeter of composite figures.

- Monday, March 25 - Chapter 7 Test
- Tuesday, April 9 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.2)

Math 7G2: Students learned about data displays and reviewed for the Chapter 9 assessments. Next week they will learn about exponents, products of powers, and quotients of powers.

- Monday, March 25 - Chapter 9 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, March 26 - Chapter 9 Test
- Friday, April 12 - Chapter 10 Quiz 1 (10.1 - 10.4)

8th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: We officially started outlining our Final Project essays this week; as soon as we're back from break, we'll be writing! Students also continued their literature circle discussions and reviewed for a quick Open-Note Grammar Quiz next week. Besides that, we'll be working more on outlining essays and doing a worksheet on our literature circle reading next week.

- Novel Outline Prize (bring snacks) - Tue. 3/26
- Open-Note Grammar Quiz - Wed. 3/27

History: We finished discussing the War of 1812. We discussed a timeline of the War of 1812, looked at a map of the battles, and discussed the Canadian perspective of the War of 1812. Next week, we will start our discussion of James Monroe's presidency, look at how the economy was after the War of 1812, and discuss the beginning of Sectionalism. We will also look at two major court cases in *McCullough v. Maryland* and *Gibbons v. Ogden*.

Science: We have continued with animal life processes this week. This week, we talked about the different ways that animals develop and grow. We also learned about the different ways that animals care for their young after birth. We will start study guides on Monday for the test next week.

- Chapter 8 Test- Wednesday, March 27

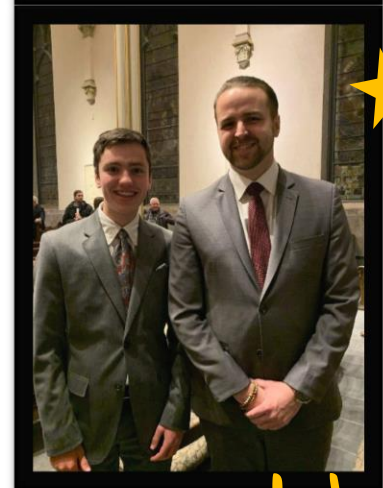
Math 8G1: Students learned about the volume of cylinders and cones. Next week, they will learn about the volume of spheres and the surface area and volume of similar solids.

- Monday, March 25 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.2)
- Tuesday, April 9 - Chapter 8 Quiz 2 (8.3 - 8.4)
- Thursday, April 11 - Chapter 8 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, April 12 - Chapter 8 Test

Math 8G2: Students reviewed for the Chapter 7 assessments. The vocab quiz and test will be next week. They will also learn about graphing quadratic equations.

- Monday, March 25 - finish Chapter 7 Quiz 2
- Tuesday, March 26 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, March 27 - Chapter 7 Test

Theology: Congratulations to the eighth graders on being confirmed. This week, we prepped for Confirmation, took a tour of the Stations of the Cross and practiced for Living Stations of the Cross, which are next Thursday. Next week, we will continue to practice the Stations and prepare for Holy Week.



Congrats!