



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

Middle School Newsletter | March 8, 2024

6th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: Students worked on rough drafts for their Business Letter assignments, which are due next week. We'll work on final drafts at the end of the quarter. We also continued our discussions of *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, and on Friday, we hosted the younger students for a Book Tasting for March is Reading Month!

Social Studies: We finished our Judaism unit. We discussed the basic beliefs of Judaism, had a review day, and students took their test on the History and Beliefs of Judaism. Next week, we will discuss the Ancient Egyptians. We will specifically discuss the geography, and the different kingdoms, and the social ladder.

Science: We began our chapter on weather this week. We started with learning about humidity and clouds. We did a lab that allowed us to create our own mini clouds in a bottle by simulating the conditions necessary for clouds to form. Next week, we will continue to learn about the types of precipitation, air masses, and weather fronts.

Theology: We finished examining the law that God gave us. We learned more about the Ark of the Covenant and reviewed for the chapter test, which was on Thursday. Next week, we look at the impact of the Ten Commandments on our lives.

- Virtue Quiz on Thursday March 14 on Fortitude

Math 6G1: Students learned about absolute value and the coordinate plane. Next week, they will begin reviewing for the Chapter 6 assessments.

- Tuesday, March 12 - Chapter 6 Quiz 2 (6.4 - 6.5 Extension)
- Thursday, March 14 - Pi Day Activities
- Friday, March 15 - Chapter 6 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, March 18 - Chapter 6 Test

Math 6G2: Students learned about the surface area of pyramids and the volume of rectangular prisms. Next week, they will begin to review for the Chapter 8 assessments.

- Monday, March 11 - Chapter 8 Quiz 2 (8.3 - 8.4)
- Wednesday, March 13 - Chapter 8 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, March 14 - Pi Day Activities
- Monday, March 18 - Chapter 8 Test

SPRING BOOK FAIR NEXT WEEK!

Middle school students will be visiting the book fair during their ELA class. Parents are welcome to stop by. Cash, check, and card accepted. Dates and times are:

- Tuesday, March 12 -12-4pm
- Wednesday, March 13 - 8am – 4pm
- Thursday, March 14 - 8am – 4pm



7th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: Students wrapped up work on their Opinion Essay rough drafts, and talked about Bilbo and Smaug's first meeting in *The Hobbit*. On Friday, for March is Reading Month, we'll have our Book Tasting and a reading day!

Social Studies: We finished our discussion of the New England Colonies. We discussed the Mayflower and the Plymouth Colony. We also discussed the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Next week, we will start our discussion on the Middle Colonies. We will talk about how the Dutch Colony became English, how New Jersey and Pennsylvania formed, and the daily life in the Middle Colonies.

Theology: We finished looking at the miracles of Jesus. We looked at the impact Jesus had over man, nature and Satan. We reviewed for the chapter test, which was on Thursday. Next week we will begin to learn about Jesus as the Healer as we discuss Penance and Anointing of the Sick.

- Virtue Quiz on Fortitude on March 14

Science: We have spent this week demonstrating knowledge of energy transfers and transformations through designing and constructing Rube Goldberg machines. We will start out next week with the test on energy, and then we will move into Chapter 9 on thermal energy.

- Chapter 7 Test- March 11, 2024

Math 7G1: Students learned about triangles and their angle measures. Next week, they will learn about quadrilaterals.

- Thursday, March 14 - Pi Day Activities
- Friday, March 15 - Chapter 7 Quiz 2 (7.3 Extension - 7.4)
- Thursday, March 21 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, March 22 - Chapter 7 Test

Math 7G2: Students reviewed for and completed the Chapter 8 assessments. Next week, they will learn about lines of fit and two-way tables.

- Wednesday, March 13 - Chapter 9 Quiz 1 (9.1 - 9.2)
- Thursday, March 14 - Pi Day Activities
- 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

MARCH 20 – 8th GRADE PARENT MEETING

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

MARCH 28 – 8th GRADE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our 8th 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!

Language Arts: We continued taking notes on our research sources for the Final Project. One more week of notes, and then we'll begin outlining and writing! We also learned about the parts of a sentence, and had some really dynamic literature circle discussions. On Friday, we've got our Book Tasting for March is Reading Month!

History: We finished our unit on Jefferson's presidency, and the students received their study guide for the test next Wednesday. We also started our unit on the War of 1812. Next week, we will continue our conversation on the War of 1812, students will review and take their test, and the students will start their research project on the battles of the War of 1812.

- Jefferson and Adams Presidency Test - Wednesday, 3/13

Science: We have focused on the ways that the nervous system, the muscular system, and the skeletal system work together to allow animals to move. Then we moved into the different ways that animals obtain the energy they need. We will be continuing with that next week, as we learn more about the different types of digestive, circulatory, and respiratory systems found in the animal kingdom.

Math 8G1: Students learned about approximating square roots, repeating decimals and how to use the Pythagorean Theorem to solve problems. Next week, they will begin to review for the Chapter 7 assessments.

- Monday, March 11 - Chapter 7 Quiz 2 (7.4 - 7.5)
- Wednesday, March 13 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, March 14 - Pi Day Activities
- Friday, March 15 - Chapter 7 Test

Math 8G2: Students learned about multiplying polynomials and solving polynomial equations in factored form. Next week they will learn about factoring polynomials.

- Thursday, March 14 - Pi Day Activities
- 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 discussed the Great Schism in the Catholic church, we also continued to explore what it means to be Universal. We reviewed for our test which was on Thursday. Next week we will begin preparation for our living Stations of the Cross which will be on Holy Thursday. We also look at the last mark of the Church Apostolic.

- Virtue Quiz on Fortitude March 14