

SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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MIDDLE SCHOOL MAP TESTING SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK!

The Middle School will hold MAP Testing from 9:11-11:01am on the following dates. Please ensure middle schoolers get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast on these mornings. Students may bring healthy snacks and a water bottle and they MUST bring their charged Chromebooks. Also, please try to avoid scheduling appointments during these times, if possible:

Tuesday, April 16	Math
Thursday, April 18	Science
Tuesday, April 23	Reading
Thursday, April 25	Language Usage

6th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: Students started working on their *Island of the Blue Dolphins* final project. We reviewed the grammar we learned before break so that we can continue on next week without missing a beat. On Friday, we kicked off our Greek Mythology unit, which will take us all the way through to summer break!

Social Studies: We discussed the Kush and their relationship with the Egyptians. Next week, we will start discussing the early civilizations of India and China. I will be giving out a study guide on Monday, and we will spend the day on Wednesday discussing it. Then, students will take their Ancient Egypt and Kush Test on Friday. Due to MAP testing, students will be able to use their study guides on the quiz.

- Ancient Egypt and Kush Test - 4/19

Science: We started the week by learning about the solar eclipse so that we could safely experience the event. Then we began our unit on space by talking about the things that we can see in space from the earth and the ways that the earth moves through space.

Theology: We discussed the Israelites as they continued to wander through the desert. We talked about their lack of gratitude and complaining. We also talked about making prudent decisions by trusting our conscience. Next week, we will continue to talk about making conscientious decisions and review for the test and virtue quiz next Thursday.

- Thursday April 18 - Chapter Test and Virtue Quiz.

Math 6G1: Students learned about writing equations in two variables. Next week, they will learn about writing and graphing inequalities as well as solving inequalities with all four operations.

- Monday, April 22 - Chapter 7 Quiz 2 (7.5 - 7.7)
- Wednesday, April 24 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, April 25 - Chapter 7 Test

Math 6G2: Students learned about multiplying and dividing integers. Next week, students will review Chapter 11 and will complete the Chapter 11 assessments.

- Monday, April 15 - Chapter 11 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, April 17 - Chapter 11 Test

7th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: The 7th graders worked on their *Hobbit* final projects this week. Since this is a group project, we'll spend a good deal of time in-class on this project next week as well. We also reviewed our grammar unit thus far, in case we forgot anything over break.

Social Studies: We finished discussing the Southern Colonies, specifically, the two types of regions within the Colonies, and slavery in the South. Next week, we will discuss colonial trade and government, and students will start their Thirteen Colonies project. The students will get the rubric and their specific colony on Monday. They will have Tuesday and Wednesday to prepare their projects and will be presenting on Thursday and Friday. This project is in place of a Thirteen Colonies Test.

- Thirteen Colonies Project - due 4/18

Theology: We talked about respecting life. We looked at different ways that disrespect life and how we can avoid them or help people who are struggling. Next week, we will continue to look at respecting life and then review for the Chapter test and virtue quiz a week from Monday. We also have MAP testing from 9-11am on Tuesday and Thursday

- Virtue quiz and Chapter Test next Monday April 22
- MAP Testing Tuesday and Thursday next week

Science: We have been learning about the properties of waves and the different types of mechanical waves this week: transverse, longitudinal, and surface waves. We explored these properties through demonstrations and a virtual lab, and next week we will be conducting a lab using Slinkies.

- Chapter 9 Test- April 24

Math 7G1: Students learned about areas of circles and composite figures. Next week, students will review for the Chapter 8 assessments.

- Tuesday, April 16 - Chapter 8 Quiz 2 (8.3 - 8.4)
- Friday, April 19 - Chapter 8 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, April 22 - Chapter 8 Test

Math 7G2: Students learned about products of powers, quotients of powers and zero and negative exponents. Next week, students will learn about reading and writing scientific notation and also to perform operations with scientific notation.

- Friday, April 19 - Chapter 10 Quiz 2 (10.5 - 10.7)
- Tuesday, April 23 - Chapter 10 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, April 24 - Chapter 10 Test

8th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: The 8th graders started building in-depth outlines of their Final Project essays. We will continue next week and, hopefully, start writing very soon! We also reviewed grammar from before break and continued our Literature Circles; we're very near the end of our novels now.

History: We discussed James Mornoes Presidency, specifically the American System proposed by Henry Clay, and two landmark court cases. Next week, we will finish Monroe's Presidency by discussing the Monroe Doctrine, and students will take a quiz on Thursday. They will be receiving their study guides on Monday. The students will have Wednesday in class to work on it and will take the quiz on Thursday. Due to MAP testing on Thursday, students will be able to use their study guides on the quiz.

- War of 1812 and Monroe Test – April 18

Science: We have moved into a unit on ecology this week. We are focusing on the ways organisms interact with one another and their environments. First, we learned about populations and communities, and possible causes of population size changes. Next week, we will look more closely at the types of relationships that organisms have and how the need to find resources leads to competition.

- Chapter 11/12 Test- April 26

Math 8G1: Students reviewed and completed the Chapter 8 assessments. Next week, students will learn about scatter plots and lines of fit.

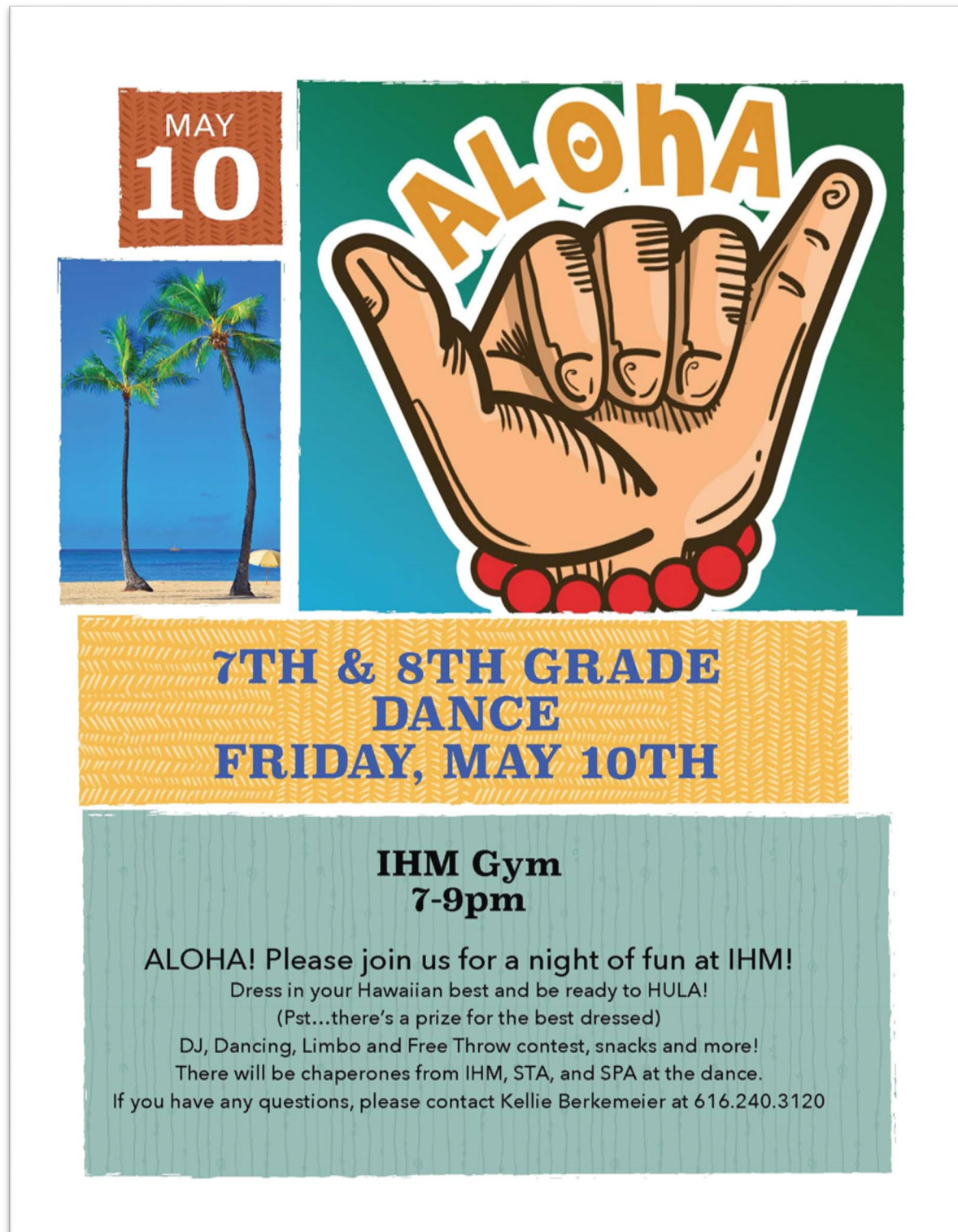
- Monday, April 22 - Chapter 9 Quiz 1 (9.1 - 9.2)

Math 8G2: Students learn about graphing quadratic equations. Next week, students will learn about graphing vertex form, using intercept form and comparing linear, exponential and quadratic functions.

- Wednesday, April 24 - Chapter 8 Quiz 2 (8.4 - 8.6)

Theology: We looked at the Conversion of Paul and the impact he had. We also discussed how to be more generous with our time and talent. Next week, we will continue to talk about the impact of Paul and review for the Acre Test on April 25. We will also have a chapter test on April 22.

- Chapter Test April 22



The poster features a collage of images: a date box for May 10th, a tropical beach scene with palm trees, and a hand making the 'shaka' gesture with the word 'ALOHA' written across it. The event details are presented in three distinct colored sections: a yellow patterned box for the event title, a teal textured box for the location and time, and a light blue textured box for the event description and contact information.

MAY 10

ALOHA

7TH & 8TH GRADE DANCE
FRIDAY, MAY 10TH

IHM Gym
7-9pm

ALOHA! Please join us for a night of fun at IHM!
Dress in your Hawaiian best and be ready to HULA!
(Pst...there's a prize for the best dressed)
DJ, Dancing, Limbo and Free Throw contest, snacks and more!
There will be chaperones from IHM, STA, and SPA at the dance.
If you have any questions, please contact Kellie Berkemeier at 616.240.3120