

SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

Middle School Newsletter | April 19, 2024

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 21!

The Middle School will be having their Middle School Choir concert this Sunday, April 21 at 5:30pm in the Church. Please have the students in Church by 5:15pm, dressed in Sunday best. All Middle School choir students are expected to participate.

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 23	Reading
Thursday, April 25	Language Usage

6th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: We're diving into Greek mythology this week! We talked about myths and stories that share a culture's values and learned about the culture of Greece, in ancient times and today. We also continued to learn about the building blocks of sentences.

Social Studies: We discussed the Indus Valley Civilization and the Indo-Aryans. The students also took their Ancient Egypt and Kush Tests. Next week, we will discuss the Caste system. We will complete an in-class simulation/ act out of how it works. Then, we will discuss the basics of Hinduism and Buddhism.

Science: We have continued to learn about Earth's place in space this week, but our week was disrupted by MAP Testing. In addition to more testing next week, we will also be learning about the phases of the moon and eclipses.

- Chapter 11 Test - May 3

Theology: We continued to talk about the Israelites and how they just were never happy. We also are reviewing for the test, which is on Monday (shifted because of MAP testing). Next week, we'll take our test on Monday and then discuss how God forgives us just like he forgave the Israelites.

- Test on Monday, April 22

Math 6G1: Students learned about writing and graphing inequalities as well as solving inequalities with all four operations. Next week, they will begin to review for the end of chapter assessments.

- 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 statistical questions and calculating the mean of a data set. Next week, students will learn about measures of center and variation and the mean absolute deviation.

- Wednesday, April 24 - Chapter 9 Quiz 1 (9.1 - 9.3)
- Tuesday, April 30 - Chapter 9 Quiz 2 (9.4 - 9.5)
- Thursday, May 2 - Chapter 9 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, May 3 - Chapter 9 Test

7th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: Students wrapped up their *Hobbit* final projects this week; some of us struggled to collaborate, but in the end, everybody has done great work! We also talked about conjunctions, and we're getting ready to study the story of Anne Frank next week.

Social Studies: We finished our unit on the thirteen colonies, and students began their "Which Colony is the Best" project. This is where they dove deep into one of the 13 colonies and presented the best things about it! Next week, we will discuss the French and Indian War, its importance, and the growing discontent that the Americans began to have with Great Britain.

Theology: It was a shortened week this week, because of MAP testing. This week we continued to talk about the sanctity of life and reviewed for our test on Monday. Next week, we will have our chapter test and then dissect the epistles.

- Chapter Test Monday, April 22

Science: We have been continuing to learn about waves this week. We spent more time on the properties of waves and then moved into how waves interact. We will be reviewing and taking the test on this material next week.

- Chapter 9 Test- April 24

Math 7G1: Students reviewed for the Chapter 8 assessments. Next week, students will learn about surface area of prisms, pyramids, and cylinders.

- Monday, April 22 - Chapter 8 Test
- Tuesday, April 30 - Chapter 9 Quiz 1 (9.1 - 9.3)

Math 7G2: Students learned about reading and writing scientific notation and also to perform operations with scientific notation. Next week, students will learn about inequalities.

- Tuesday, April 23 - Chapter 10 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, April 24 - Chapter 10 Test

8th GRADE UPDATES

Language Arts: We lost some class time to MAP Testing this week, but students are wrapping up their paragraph outlines for the Final Project and wrapping up their Literature Circle discussions. We'll start writing our Final Project essays next week.

History: We discussed how the United States received Florida, the Monroe Doctrine, and the importance of the Monroe Doctrine. The students also took their War of 1812 and Monroe Presidency Test. We also discussed the Industrial Revolution. Specifically, how it started in the United States, how it impacted the economy, and the effects on the cities and social life of the United States. Next week, we will finish discussing the Industrial Revolution and start discussing Andrew Jackson's presidency.

Science: We have continued to learn about ecosystems this week and are now talking about how energy and matter move through an ecosystem. We will finish this section by discussing specific cycles that move materials around, such as the water and nitrogen cycles.

- Chapter 11/12 Test - April 26

Math 8G1: Students learned about scatter plots and lines of fit. Next week, students will learn about two-way tables and choosing appropriate data displays.

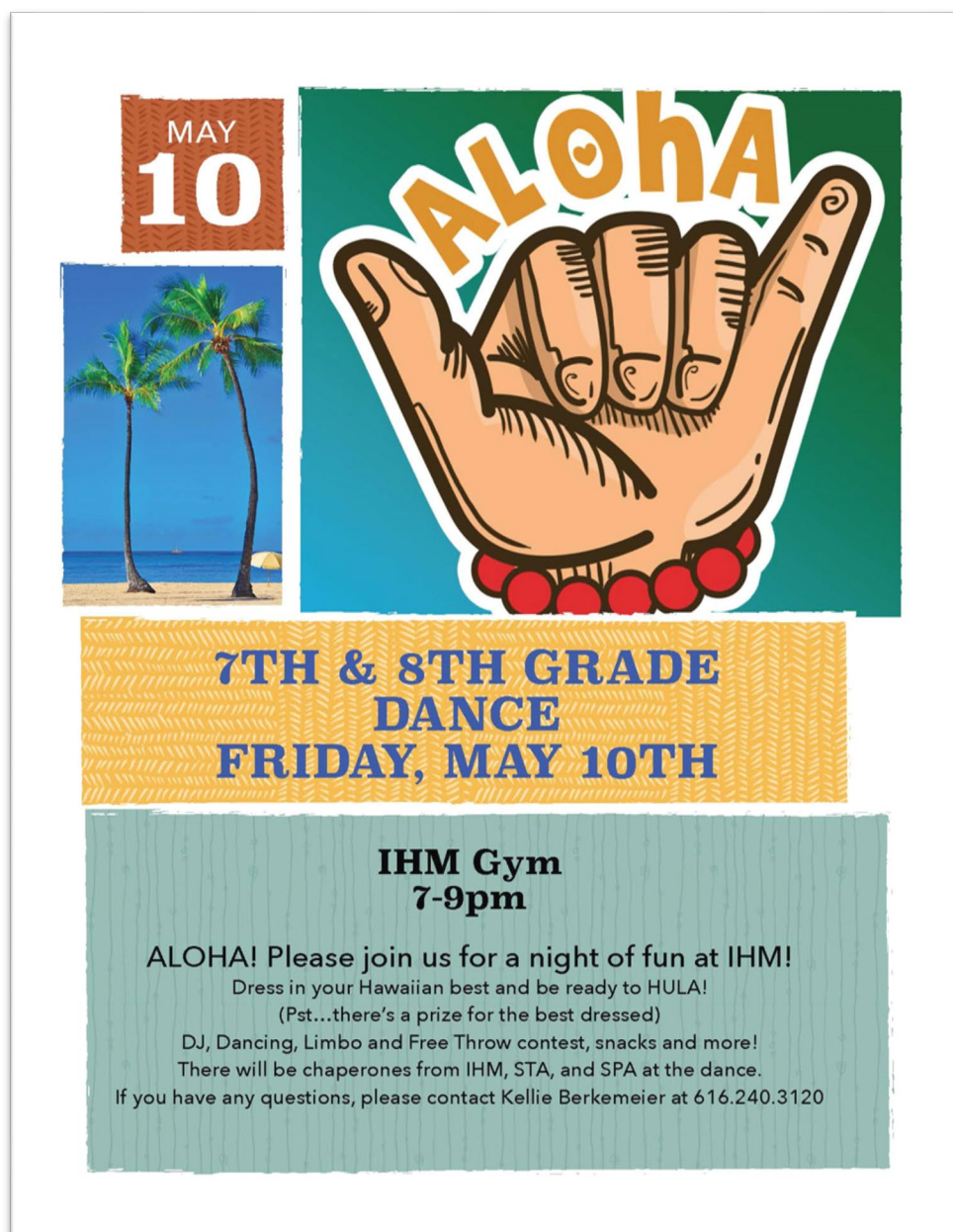
- Monday, April 22 - Chapter 9 Quiz 1 (9.1 - 9.2)
- Tuesday, April 30 - Chapter 9 Quiz 2 (9.3 - 9.4)
- Thursday, May 2 - Chapter 9 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, May 3 - Chapter 9 Test

Math 8G2: Students learn about graphing vertex form, using intercept form and comparing linear, exponential and quadratic functions. Next week, students will review for the end-of-chapter assessments.

- Wednesday, April 24 - Chapter 8 Quiz 2 (8.4 - 8.6)
- Monday, April 29 - Chapter 8 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, April 30, - Chapter 8 Test

Theology: We talked about the conversion of Paul and reviewed for the ACRE Test, which will be next Thursday. We also will have a chapter on Monday. We will also review for the ACRE test next week.

- Chapter test on Monday, April 22



The poster features a collage of images: a date stamp for 'MAY 10', a photograph of palm trees on a beach, and a large illustration of a hand in the 'Aloha' gesture with the word 'ALOHA' written across it. The text below the images announces a dance event for 7th and 8th graders on Friday, May 10th, at IHM Gym from 7-9pm. It includes details about the event, such as a 'best dressed' prize, activities like DJ, dancing, and limbo, and contact information for Kellie Berkemeier.

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