



# SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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## 6th GRADE UPDATES

**Language Arts:** We edited our Greek Mythology slides and created notecards in preparation for our Greek Mythology presentations next week. We also took our last grammar quiz of 6th grade! Next week, we'll practice and present our mythology projects; these presentations will serve as our final exam.

**Social Studies:** We discussed Ancient Greece. Specifically, Sparta and Athens, the social ladder and economy, Greek Mythology, the major wars, and philosophers. Next week, we will finish discussing the Greek philosophers. Then, the students will be allowed to work on their study guides and we will play review games.

**Science:** We finished up with new material this week by learning about the outer planets and the other smaller items found in our solar system. Study guides for the exam were available on Friday, and we will begin preparing for exams next week.

**Theology:** We worked on our St. Catherine of Siena presentation for Chapel. We also read about the Israelites and how they ruled the Promised Land. Next week, we will begin to work on the study guide for final exams.

**Math 6G1:** Students learned about mean, measures of center and measures of variation as well as finding the mean absolute deviation. Study guides for exams were passed out on Friday and they will begin to review for exams next week.

**Math 6G2:** Students learned about rational numbers and adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing rational numbers. Study guides for exams were passed out on Friday and they will begin to review for exams next week.

## 7th GRADE UPDATES

**Language Arts:** We talked about how the children in *The Diary of Anne Frank* have grown, now that we've entered the second act of our play. We also took our last ever grammar quiz of 7th grade and continued work on our Anne Frank projects, which will serve as students' final project. Next week, we'll wrap up our discussions of the play and continue working on our projects.

**Social Studies:** We discussed the beginning of the American Revolution, compared the Colonists and the British, and discussed the book *Common Sense* by Thomas Paine.

**Theology:** We discussed commandments eight, nine and ten. We discussed what they mean and how we should act. We had a great field trip at Greenfield Village. Next week, we will review for final exams.

**Science:** We continued to learn about electromagnets this week. The students constructed electromagnets in class, and then we explored their use in electric motors. Our final topic was how generators work, using the motion of a wire within a magnetic field to induce a current. Study guides for the exam were available on Friday, and we will begin preparing for exams next week.

**Math 7G1:** Students learned about compound events, dependent and independent events, and samples and populations. Study guides for exams were passed out on Friday and they will begin to review for exams next week.

**Math 7G2:** Students learned about angle measures of triangles and quadrilaterals. Study guides for exams were passed out on Friday and they will begin to review for exams next week.



## 8th GRADE UPDATES

**Language Arts:** Students received feedback on their Final Project rough drafts and worked on editing, peer reviewing, and finishing up in-text citations. During our exam slot on Wednesday, students will have time to put the finishing touches on their essays and submit – but they should do most of their editing before that time! These essays will serve as their ELA final exam.

**History:** The students worked on their final exam project. If the students did not get through most of their project, I highly recommend working on it this weekend. Some may have finished it, others will have time to finish it during their final exam period, which is Tuesday, May 28 (8:25-9:55am).

**Science:** We finished up with new material this week by learning about the nervous and endocrine systems. Then we worked on preparing for exams. We went through our final review of the material on Friday. The students will be taking their science exam on Tuesday.

**Math 8G1:** Students prepared for exams this week and we went through the exam review at the end of the week. The students will be taking their math exam on Thursday.

**Math 8G2:** Students prepared for exams this week and we went through the exam review at the end of the week. The students will be taking their math exam on Thursday.

**Theology:** We reviewed for final exams. Next week the theology exam is on Wednesday.

## TECH REQUEST

Please return any STA Chromebooks **and chargers** to the school. 8<sup>th</sup> graders, please return after finals next week. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders, please return on or before the last day of school.

