



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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Middle School MAP Testing

The Middle School will hold MAP Testing from 9:13-10:47am on the following dates. Please ensure students get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast beforehand. Students should bring snacks and a water bottle. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments during these times, if possible:

Tuesday, September 24	Science
Tuesday, October 1	Reading
Thursday, October 3	Language Usage

6th Grade Updates

ELA: We discussed Jonas' new assignment in *The Giver*, and made predictions of what his life might look like in his new role. We also continued to work on our Character Analysis Essay by peer-editing our first body paragraphs.

Social Studies: We discussed map distortions, map keys and legends, and began our unit on the economy. We also discussed the Constitution because of Constitution Day! The students also took their first vocab quiz. Next week, we will continue discussing the economy, specifically supply and demand, the different types of economic systems, and personal finance.

Science: We have continued to learn about the theories and evidence that have been combined into our current understanding of Plate Tectonics. We will begin next week by beginning to review for our first test on Wednesday.

- Chapter 1 Test- September 25

Theology: We looked at the different genres of the Bible. We then categorized the books of the Bible into those genres. We also learned about how revelation and inspiration helped shape the various authors of the Bible. Next week we look at the two creation stories and the message they have for us.

- Virtue Quiz Monday September 30
- Test Wednesday, October 2

Math 6G1: Students learned about the greatest common factor and least common multiple. Next week, they will learn more about least common multiple and will begin to wrap up Chapter 1.

- Monday, September 30 - Chapter 1 Quiz 2 (1.4 - 1.6)

Math 6G2: Students took the first test of the quarter. Next week they will learn about adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions.

- Tuesday, October 1 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.4)

7th Grade Updates

ELA: We looked at the ways that our characters have grown in *The Outsiders* by comparing two key moments in the novel. We also introduced our first quarter writing assignment—an in-class debate (or “rumble,” as the Greasers would say!).

Social Studies: We continued our discussion of Rome. Students finished their essays on the differences between the United States and Rome and then started their poster on the Punic Wars. We also discussed the Constitution because of Constitution Day! Next week, we will finish up our posters on the Punic Wars, and start discussing how Rome changed from a Republic to an Empire. The students will also have their first vocab quiz. The study guide will be given on Monday, and the quiz will be on Friday. We will go over the study guide answers on Thursday.

- Punic War Posters presented - 9/23 and 9/25
- Roman Republic Vocab Quiz - 9/27

Theology: We learned about our Friendship with Jesus. We also learned about what qualities we have in our friends. Next week we will begin looking at the Evangelists
Virtue Quiz Monday September 30

Science: We have finished up our introduction to matter this week by focusing on the differences between physical and chemical changes. We investigated the law of conservation of mass by causing a reaction and comparing the mass both before and after the reaction to prove that it does not change. Next week, we will review for our test on Thursday.

- Chapter 1 Test- September 26

Math 7G1: Students took the first test of the quarter. Next week, they will learn about multiplying and dividing integers as well as converting between fractions and decimals.

- Thursday, September 26 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.2)

Math 7G2: Students learned about translations, reflections, rotations, and congruent figures. Next week, they will learn about dilations and similar figures.

- Wednesday, September 25 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.4)

8th Grade Updates

ELA: We began our discussions of “The Chaser” by retelling the story and making predictions of what’s to come. Students also began writing the rough drafts for our Short Story assignment.

History: We discussed the importance of Foreign Aid to the Revolutionary War and then began discussing Valley Forge. We also discussed the Constitution because of Constitution Day! Next week, the students will then put themselves in the shoes of a soldier at Valley Forge and write an essay about whether they will stay or quit. They will do this using the documents that we discussed in class. This essay is due Wednesday at 11:59 pm, and students will have Monday and Tuesday to work on it. Then, we will discuss how women, African Americans, and Native Americans impacted the Revolutionary War.

- Valley Forge - Would You Stay or Quit? Essay - Due 9/25

Science: We concluded Chapter 1 this week by discussing how Charles Darwin’s idea of evolution driven by natural selection has affected the ways organisms are classified. We also began our Chapter 1 Study Guide for the test on Tuesday.

- Chapter 1 Test- September 23

Math 8G1: Students took a quiz and began to review for the end of Chapter 1 Assessments. Next week, they will take the test and learn about translations, reflections, and rotations.

- Monday, September 23 - Chapter 1 Test

Math 8G2: Students learned about rewriting equations and formulas and began to wrap up Chapter 1. Next week, they will take the Chapter 1 test and learn about writing and graphing inequalities and solving inequalities using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division

- Monday, September 23 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, September 24 - Chapter 1 Test

Theology: We discussed the Paschal Mystery, Sacred Tradition and what is Salvation History. Next week we will learn about the Precepts of the church and begin to discuss the models of the church.

- Virtue Quiz Monday September 30