



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

Middle School Newsletter | Sept. 20, 2024



GRACEAC sports sign up deadline

Sign up for GRACEAC Winter 1 season is open. If your child is interested in Boys' Basketball or Competitive Cheer, please visit www.GRACEAC.com/winter-i/ and complete the registration. **THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS SEPT. 30. After that, there will be a \$35 late fee to register.**

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, October 1	Reading
Thursday, October 3	Language Usage

Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming up, Oct. 14-17! Preview books at this link: www.brightbookgarden.com.



6th Grade Updates

ELA: We talked about the morality of *The Giver's* society, and whether we agree with their beliefs and practices. We also continued to practice paragraph writing for our Character Analysis Essay and learned about different types of adjectives.

Social Studies: We started our unit on Economics. We specifically discussed opportunity cost, surplus and shortages, and supply and demand. Next week, we will continue our unit on Economics. We will discuss the different types of economic systems, and touch upon the importance of personal finance. Then, we will begin our unit on Government and Citizenship. The students will be assigned a specific form of Government and create a short slide show, teaching the class about one specific form of Government they studied.

Science: We began this week by reviewing Chapter 1. We took the test on Thursday and the students will get them back next week. They will have the opportunity to do test corrections and relearn the material they were unsure of the first time. We are next moving into learning about earthquakes.

Theology: This week we talked about and dissected chapters 1-3 of Genesis. We looked at the different creation stories and the temptation of Adam and Eve. Next week the students will be working on a comic strip in class depicting the first three chapters of Genesis.

- Virtue Quiz on Magnanimity. Monday, September 30

Math 6G1: Students learned about least common multiple and began getting ready for the second quiz. Next week, they will wrap up Chapter 1.

- Monday, September 30 - Chapter 1 Quiz 2 (1.4 - 1.6)
- Friday, October 4 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, October 7 - Chapter 1 Test

Math 6G2: Students learned about adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions. Next week, they will learn about adding, subtracting, and multiplying decimals and dividing whole numbers.

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

7th Grade Updates

ELA: We analyzed a significant conversation between Ponyboy and Randy in the latest chapters of *The Outsiders*. We also talked about using textual evidence to support a claim in an argument and started brainstorming and prepping in our teams, for our upcoming "Rumble" (in-class debate).

Social Studies: We finished learning about the Punic Wars and how the Roman Republic changed to the Roman Empire. Next week, we will discuss Julius Caesar, Augustus Caesar, and the peace in the Roman Empire known as Pax Romana.

Theology: We did a deep dive into the Gospel of Matthew. We looked at how he connected the Old and New Testaments and how Jesus was indeed the Messiah. Next week we review for the quiz on the Gospel of Matthew and begin studying the Gospel of Mark.

- Virtue quiz Monday, September 30
- Matthew Quiz Wednesday, October 2

Science: We reviewed and took our Chapter 1 Test this week. We took the test on Thursday and the students will get them back next week. They will have the opportunity to do test corrections and relearn the material they were unsure of the first time. We are next moving into learning about the different states of matter.

Math 7G1: Students learned about dividing integers as well as converting between fractions and decimals. Next week they will learn about multiplying and dividing rational numbers
Friday, October 4 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.3 - 2.5)

Math 7G2: Students learned about dilations and similar figures. Next week, they will learn about perimeters and areas of similar figures.

- Thursday, October 3 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.5 - 2.7)
- Monday, October 7 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, October 8 - Chapter 2 Test

8th Grade Updates

ELA: We learned about the literary devices of Euphemism, Foreshadowing, and Allusion in the short story "The Chaser." We also took some time to work on our Short Story Rough Drafts, which are due in two weeks.

History: We continued our discussion on the Revolutionary War. Students finished their essays about whether they would stay or leave Valley Forge. Then, we discuss the importance of women, African Americans, and Native Americans in the Revolutionary War. Next week, we will finish our unit on the Revolutionary War. We will discuss the Revolutionary in the South, Benedict Arnold, the surrender at Yorktown, and the main reasons for the American victory.

Science: We took our test on Chapter 1 early this week. We then went over the requirements for the cell project that will be due at the end of Chapter 2. We will be using microscopes over the next few weeks and focusing on the structure and functions of plant and animal cells.

- Cell project due October 21

Math 8G1: Students learned about translations, reflections, and rotations. Next week they will learn about congruent figures and prepare for a quiz.

- Monday, October 7 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.4)

Math 8G2: Students learned about writing and graphing inequalities and solving inequalities using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Next week, they will learn about solving multi-step and compound inequalities.

- Wednesday, October 2 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.3)

Theology: We looked at the Five Precepts of the Catholic Church. We discussed how these are the good starting points in our journey with God. We also started talking about the Six Models of the Catholic Church. Next week, we will continue to dissect the models of the Church.

- Virtue quiz on Magnanimity, Monday September 30