



# SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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## Homeroom parents needed!

**Parents of Ms. Eggenberger's homeroom:** We need of a room parent for this class. This is a great way to be involved in your child's class activities! The role involves helping the teacher and Home & School with communication to all the parents in the class as well as helping the teacher in other needed ways. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Genevieve Boyle at 773-610-6473. Thank you!

## 6th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We kicked off our first grammar unit of the year and began reading *The Giver*. We discussed the unique society in *The Giver* and learned how to use text-based evidence to write a paragraph describing our main character, Jonas. Next week, we will continue to develop these paragraphs for our Character Analysis Essay project.

**Social Studies:** We have focused on the basics of geography. We specifically have been discussing Longitude and Latitude, along with the 5 themes of Geography! The students started a 5 Themes of Geography project, which they will finish up at the start of next week. This project is due Tuesday, 9/10. Next week, we will discuss 9/11, what occurred, and why it is so important to remember. Then, we will finish the week discussing the different types of maps, and their distortions.

- 5 Themes of Geography Project - Due 9/10

**Science:** We have been focusing on science basics to start the year. We have learned about lab safety and equipment and focused on the types of skills that scientists use. Next week, we will be starting our first chapter, learning about plate tectonics.

**Theology:** We talked about St. Andrew and his humility. We also talked about the structure of the Bible. We discussed how it is set-up. Next week we will continue looking at the different genres in the Old Testament and the different books of the Bible.

- Virtue Quiz on Circumspection Thursday September 12

**Math 6G1:** We have started to get into the routine of class. We set up binders to keep organized. We are (teacher included) getting used to the new website for our book and homework! So far we have learned about powers and exponents, order of operations and the properties of operations. Next week students will take their first quiz over this material. There will be a study guide that they will be able to use on the quiz.

- Wednesday, September 11 - Chapter 1 Quiz 1 (1.1 - 1.3)

**Math 6G2:** We have started to get into the routine of class. We set up binders to keep organized. We are (teacher included) getting used to the new website for our book and homework! So far we have learned about powers and exponents, order of operations and the properties of operations. Students filled out a study guide and we went over it as a whole class. Next week students will take their first quiz over this material. They get to use their study guide on the quiz. They will also learn about prime factorization, greatest common factor, and least common multiple.

- Monday, September 9 - Chapter 1 Quiz 1 (1.1 - 1.3)

## 7th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We began our reading of *The Outsiders*. We discussed our main character Ponyboy and got to know the other boys in his gang, the Greasers. We also reviewed proper paragraph structure, and practiced writing clear, effective paragraphs. Next week, we'll get more into the plot of *The Outsiders* and start practicing argumentative writing.

**Social Studies:** We have been discussing the Roman Republic. We discussed the influences that the Greeks and Etruscans had on Rome. We also discussed the Roman military and the Roman government. Next week, we will discuss 9/11, what occurred, and why it is so important to remember. We will also discuss the society of the Roman Republic, why the Roman Republic fell, and how the Roman Empire began.

**Theology:** We talked about St. Andrew and his humility. We also related the Prodigal Son to our lives today. We started talking about the structure of the New Testament. Next week we will continue to look at the New Testament. We will examine what Divine Revelation is and how it relates to the Evangelist.

- Virtue Quiz next Thursday 9/12 on Circumcision.

**Science:** After reviewing lab safety and science equipment, we have begun to discuss matter, and how it can be described and classified based on its properties. We will continue to learn about the Periodic Table and the difference between chemical and physical changes.

**Math 7G1:** We have started to get into the routine of class. We set up binders to keep organized. We are (teacher included) getting used to the new website for our book and homework! So far we have learned about rational numbers, adding integers, and adding rational numbers. Students filled out a study guide and we went over it as a whole class. Next week students will take their first quiz over this material. They get to use their study guide on the quiz. They will also learn about subtracting integers and subtracting rational numbers.

- Monday, September 9 - Chapter 1 Quiz 1 (1.1 - 1.3)

**Math 7G2:** We have started to get into the routine of class. We set up binders to keep organized. We are (teacher included) getting used to the new website for our book and homework! So far we have learned about solving simple equations and solving multi-step equations. Students took a quiz over this material. They also learned about solving equations with variables on both sides and rewriting equations and formulas. Next week, students will take a quiz over this material. We will start to wrap up Chapter 1 with a review and a vocabulary quiz. The test will be the following week.

- Wednesday, September 11 - Chapter 1 Quiz 2 (1.3 - 1.4)
- Friday, September 12 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, September 16 - Chapter 1 Test

## 8th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We analyzed character traits and motivations in the short story, "Checkouts." Next week, we will wrap up this story by discussing the theme, and then move on to our next story, "The Chaser." We will also begin working on our own short stories next week.

**History:** We finished up discussing The Declaration of Independence, and the students created their own personal Declaration of Independence. This is due Tuesday, 9/10. Next week, we will discuss 9/11, what occurred, and why it is so important to remember. We will also discuss the Revolutionary War, some of the major battles, and begin discussing how foreign aid impacted the war.

- Personal Declaration of Independence - Due 9/10

**Science:** After a brief review of science classroom procedures, we have begun to learn about the characteristics of all living organisms. Next week, we will learn about taxonomic classification.

**Math 8G1:** We have started to get into the routine of class. We set up binders to keep organized. We are (teacher included) getting used to the new website for our book and homework! So far we have learned about solving simple equations and solving multi-step equations. Students took a quiz over this material. Next week, students will learn about solving equations with variables on both sides and rewriting equations and formulas.

- Monday, September 16 - Chapter 1 Quiz 2 (1.3 - 1.4)



**Math 8G2:** We have started to get into the routine of class. We set up binders to keep organized. We are (teacher included) getting used to the new website for our book and homework! So far we have learned about solving simple equations, solving multi-step equations, and proportions and measurements. Students took a quiz over this material. Next week, students will learn about solving equations with variables on both sides, solving absolute value equations, and rewriting equations and formulas.

- Tuesday, September 10 - Chapter 1 Quiz 1 (1.1 - 1.3)



**Theology:** We talked about St. Andrew and his humility. We also discussed the images of the Church and what the Church is. Next week we will continue to look at what the Church is and begin to look at the history of the Church

- Virtue Quiz on Circumpection, September 12