



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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Uniform Reminder!

Uniform check-in time! We're noticing a lot of **short skirts and pants**. Please check your students' uniforms and make sure they are the appropriate length. Skirts should be between knee length and two inches above the knee. Also, **Oct. 31 is the last day for shorts and for skirts with no leggings**. Starting Nov. 1, students must wear pants or skirts with leggings. Thank you for your cooperation.

6th Grade Updates

ELA: We discussed the ending and theme of *The Giver* and the innate value of every human being. The students took their first grammar test of the year. We also built on our Character Analysis Essays, which will be our focus next week before we begin our poetry unit.

- Noun Test Corrections due Wed. 10/30

Social Studies: The students studied and took their Economic and Government basics test. Next week, we will be learning about the basics of history, specifically discussing primary and secondary sources, timelines, and Archeology and Anthropology.

- Last day for late work: October 29

Science: We finished up 1st quarter this week by starting into Chapter 3, learning about the changes to Earth's surface caused by weathering, erosion, and deposition. Next week, we will be learning about how soil is formed and why it is so important.

Theology: We looked at the Covenant between Noah and God. We also talked about the Tower of Babel and how our pride gets in the way of us being the best versions of ourselves. Next week, we will begin to talk about Abraham and his journey to God.

Math 6G1: Students prepared for and took a quiz over adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers. Next week, they will learn about multiplying and dividing decimals.

Math 6G2: Students learned about ratios, tape diagrams and ratio tables. Next week, they will take a quiz over ratios and will learn about graphing proportional relationships.

- Wednesday, October 30 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.3)

7th Grade Updates

ELA: We had a Rumble (an in-class debate) about the morality of the two gangs in *The Outsiders*. Students also took their first grammar test. Next week, we'll jump into our poetry unit!

- Noun Test Corrections due Wed. 10/30

Social Studies: The students studied for and took their Roman Republic and Empire Tests. Then, we started discussing the beginnings of America and how people migrated to America. Next week we will look at the first civilizations in America, specifically the Olmecs, Mayans, and Aztecs.

- Last day for late work: October 29

Theology: We learned about Matthew, the Pharisees and the Temptation of Jesus in the desert. Next week, we continue to look at the Gospels as we learn about the Gospel of Luke.

Science: We began the week by finishing our review and taking the Chapter 2 test. Test corrections will be due early next week so they can make it onto the first quarter report card. Next week, we will focus on the periodic table and the ways that atoms can bond.

Math 7G1: Students learned about writing equivalent expressions and factoring and took a quiz over that material. Next week, they prepare for the Chapter 3 Test.

- Tuesday, October 29 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, October 30 - Chapter 3 Test

Math 7G2: Students learned using similar triangles to solve problems. Next week, they will finish Chapter 3 and move on to graphing linear relationships, slope of a line, and graphing proportional relationships.

- Monday, October 28 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, October 29 - Chapter 3 Test

8th Grade Updates

ELA: We wrapped up our short story unit by looking at the purpose of literary devices and using them in our own writing. Students also finished editing the final drafts of their short stories and took our first grammar test of the year. Next week, we'll begin discussing poetry!

- Noun Test Corrections due Wed. 10/30

History: We discussed the ins and outs of the Constitutional Convention. We talked about who attended, the compromises they made, and the ideas that influenced the Constitution. Next week, we are going to discuss the Federalists vs. Anti-federalists, the Bill of Rights, and do a deep dive into the Constitution itself.

- Last day for late work: October 29

Science: We finished our introduction to cells this week by sharing our cell models and then taking a test on Chapter 2. This will lead us into Chapter 3, where we will be learning about some specific cell processes: photosynthesis, cellular respiration, and cell division.

Math 8G1: Students learned about dilations, similar figures, and the area and perimeter of similar figures. Next week they will take a quiz and begin to wrap up Chapter 2.

- Tuesday, October 14 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.5 - 2.7)

Math 8G2: Students learned about functions, characteristics of functions, linear functions, and function notation. Next week, they will take a quiz over that material and will learn about graphing linear equations in standard form and slope-intercept form.

- Tuesday, October 29 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.4)
- Wednesday, October 30 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz 1

Theology: The students continued to prepare for Confirmation. They learned about Stinky Thinking, and we discussed what things pull us away from Christ. Next week, we will have a test on Chapters 1-2 on Wednesday.

- Test Oct 30 on chapters 1-2