



# SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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## Upcoming Fall Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming up, Oct. 14-17! Preview books at this link: [www.brightbookgarden.com](http://www.brightbookgarden.com).  
The book fair is open on these days/times: Monday, Oct. 14: 12-4pm, Tuesday, Oct. 15: 8am – 4pm,  
Wednesday, Oct. 16: 8am – 4pm and Thursday, Oct. 17: 8am – 12noon.

## 6th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We dove into the role of the Giver and the Receiver in our novel this week, talking about the importance of pain and choice in our lives. We also talked about the Introduction and Conclusion paragraphs to use in our Character Analysis Essays.

**Social Studies:** We finished our Economics unit, learning about the different types of Economic Systems and spending time discussing personal economics. The students practiced saving and budgeting. Next, we will dive into our unit on Governments and Citizenship. The students will do a mini-project explaining a form of government to the class. Then, we will discuss the distribution of power in governments, and checks and balances. We will finish the week discussing the United Nations and getting into citizenship.

**Science:** We moved into Chapter 2 this week, building on the plate tectonics we learned about previously to move into earthquakes. We took break from earth processes to discuss our test results and review the test correction process. Test corrections are due by this coming Tuesday, October 8.

- Chapter 2 Test- October 16

**Theology:** The students worked on their Adam and Eve comic strips. It has been fun watching their creativity come out. Next week, we will learn about Cain and Abel and Noah and the Flood.

- Virtue Quiz Loyalty- October 10

**Math 6G1:** Students wrap up Chapter 1 with a second quiz about concepts and a vocabulary quiz. The test will be Monday. Next week, they will learn about adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions.

- Monday, October 7 - Chapter 1 Test

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

- Friday, October 11 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.5 - 2.8)

## 7th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We discussed two very sad scenes from *The Outsiders* (spoiler alert for those who haven't read it): the deaths of Johnny and Dally. We talked about our expectations of characters' responses to these tragedies, versus their actual responses, to show how much they've grown, and how false stereotypes can be. We also got to work on our Rumble project to sum up *The Outsiders*.

**Social Studies:** We discussed Rome's transformation from a republic to an empire. We specifically discussed two main characters in this transformation, Julius Caesar and Augustus Caesar. Next week, we will discuss the society of Rome under Augustus Caesar. Then, to finish the week, we will discuss Jesus and the start of Christianity.

**Theology:** We finished learning about the Gospel of Matthew and then we took a quiz about it. Next week, we learn about the Gospel of Mark.

- Virtue Quiz on Loyalty - October 10

**Science:** We moved into Chapter 2 this week, learning about the different states of matter and the characteristics of solids, liquids, and gases. Next week, we will investigate what causes atoms to move through these states and explore the relationship between temperature and pressure in gases.

- Chapter 2 Test - October 15

**Math 7G1:** Students learned about multiplying and dividing rational numbers. Next week, they will wrap up Chapter 2 with assessments. The next topic to be covered is expressions.

- Tuesday, October 8 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, October 9 - Chapter 2 Test

**Math 7G2:** Students learned about perimeters and areas of similar figures. Next week, they will wrap up Chapter 2 with assessments. The next topic to be covered is angles and triangles.

- Monday, October 7 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, October 8 - Chapter 2 Test

## 8th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We read the creepy short story "Tell-Tale Heart" and talked about creating mood in fiction. We also had our last in-class work time for our Short Stories, before moving on to peer editing and revising next week!

**History:** We discussed the end of the Revolutionary War. The students received a study guide and will have a test on Thursday covering the Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War. Next week, we will start by discussing the beginning of the United States. We will specifically look at the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation, what the Colonists decided to do with their new land, and the first rebellion within the United States. Wednesday, we will spend the whole class reviewing, and the test will be on Thursday.

- Declaration of Independence and American Revolution Test - Thursday, 10/10

**Science:** The class learned about the history of Cell Theory this week. After learning the parts, has been becoming comfortable with using microscopes. We will focus on the parts of the cell and their functions as well as the differences between plant and animal cells next week.

- Cell project due- October 21
- Chapter 2 Test- October 24

**Math 8G1:** Students learned about congruent figures and prepared for a quiz. Next week, they will learn about dilations, similar figures, and the area and perimeter of similar figures.

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

**Math 8G2:** Students learned about solving multi-step and compound inequalities. Next week, they will learn about solving absolute value inequalities.

- Thursday, October 10 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.4 - 2.6)

**Theology:** We finished learning about the 6 Models of the Church. We learned how the Church has many different roles. Next week, we will start Confirmation prep by reading Decision Point Chapter 1.

- Virtue Quiz Loyalty - October 10