



SAINT THOMAS

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MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATED! Middle school Advent Confession schedule

Every year, we schedule confessions for our middle schoolers around the seasons of Advent and Lent. Here is our updated schedule for when your child will be going to Confession. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Baxter.

Nov. 21, 8A
Nov. 22, 8B
Dec. 2, 7B
Dec. 6, 6B
Dec. 13, 6E
Jan. 9, 7W

6th Grade Updates

ELA: We we learned about haikus, and wrote our own haikus about winter to go in our Poetry Portfolio Project, which will serve as our final exam this year. We also continued to learn about the different tenses of verbs.

- Monday, Nov. 25 - Verb Quiz

Social Studies: We continued our discussions on early humans, particularly, how they migrated, adapted, and the art they created. Next week, we will finish discussing the early humans, and I will hand out a study guide for their Early Humans Test. This will be handed out on Monday, and the test will be the following Monday, Nov. 25.

- Early Humans Test - Monday, Nov. 25

Science: We finished up our study of weathering, erosion, and deposition and how they work together to change the surface of the earth. We started the study guide on Friday for our test on Tuesday. We will review on Monday.

- Chapter 3 & 4 Test - Nov. 19

Theology: The sixth graders learned about the sibling rivalry between Jacob and Esau and the importance of telling the truth. We also talked about the virtue of Temperance. Next week, we will continue talking about Jacob and Esau and how Jacob had to make tough decisions in his life.

- Virtue Quiz Temperance - Nov. 21

Math 6G1: Students learned about ratios and using tape diagrams to solve ratio problems. Next week, they will continue with tape diagrams and using ratio tables.

- Friday, Nov. 22 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.3)

Math 6G2: Students wrapped up Chapter 3. Next week, they will learn about percents and fractions and percents and decimals.

- Friday, Nov. 22 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.2)

7th Grade Updates

ELA: We practiced analyzing the deeper meaning of poetry and compared a poem with a Pixar short. We also worked on the first paragraph for our Poetry Pairing Project, which will serve as our final exam this year.

- Monday, Nov. 25 - Verb Quiz

Social Studies: We finished learning about the Incas, and started discussing the early cultures and regions of North America. Next week we will finish discussing the early cultures and regions of North America. Students will get a study guide for their Early Americas Test on Monday, and they will have a test the following Monday, Nov. 25.

- Early Americas Test - Monday, Nov. 25

Theology: The 7th graders learned and discussed the second half of the Gospel of Luke. We talked about how Luke continues to show that Jesus saves us all. Next week, we continue to learn about the Gospel of Luke and how it ties in salvation.

- Virtue Quiz on Temperance- Nov. 21

Science: We have continued to work on Chapter 3 this week, covering the types of chemical bonds and the characteristics of the compounds they form. We will begin study guides on Monday for the test on Wednesday.

- Chapter 3 Test - Nov. 20

Math 7G1: Students learned writing and graphing inequalities and solving inequalities using addition and subtraction. Next week, they will learn about solving inequalities using multiplication and division and solving two step inequalities.

- Friday, Nov. 22 - Chapter 4 Quiz 2 (4.4 - 4.7)

Math 7G2: Students learned about graphing linear equations in slope-intercept and standard form. They will also learn about writing equations in slope intercept and point slope form. Next week, they will prepare for the end of chapter assessments.

- Wednesday, Nov. 20 - Chapter 4 Quiz 2 (4.4 - 4.7)
- Friday, Nov. 22 - Chapter 4 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, Nov. 25 - Chapter 4 Test

8th Grade Updates

ELA: We learned how to cite and take notes on sources for our Poet Biography Project, which will serve as our final exam this year. We also practiced creating rhyme scheme with the poem "What is Success?" by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

- Monday, Nov. 25 - Verb Quiz

History: We finished the Bill of Rights Project and did a deep dive into the Constitution by completing a webquest and looking at the document itself. Next week, we will discuss how amendments are added to the Constitution, how state and local governments work, and the basics of citizenship.

Science: We finished up our chapter on the cellular processes of photosynthesis, cellular respiration, and cell division. We started the week by reviewing for and taking the test. Then we moved into Chapter 4 which we will be working on for the next few weeks.

Math 8G1: Students learned about graphing linear relationships, the slope of lines, and parallel and perpendicular lines. Next week, they will learn about graphing proportional relationships and graphing linear equations in slope-intercept form.

- Thursday, Nov. 21 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.3)

Math 8G2: Students prepared for the end of Chapter 3. Next week, they will take the test and then learn about writing equations in slope intercept form, point slope form, and equations of parallel and perpendicular lines.

- Monday, Nov. 18 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz 2
- Tuesday, Nov. 19 - Chapter 3 Test

Theology: The 8th graders continued to learn about who is Jesus this week. We talked about unconditional love, and what real love is. Next week, we talk about finding Jesus in the silence.

- Reconciliation 8A – Thursday, Nov. 21
- Reconciliation 8B – Friday, Nov. 22