



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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Uniform Reminder!

Uniform check-in time! Just another friendly reminder that students must wear pants or skirts with leggings. Please make sure that skirts are the appropriate length – even with leggings. Thank you for your cooperation.

Family Bash – Nov. 9!

Join in the celebration of the Saint Thomas Early Childhood Center! We achieved our fundraising goal and now it's time to party! See details to the right! Please keep in mind, parents must attend with their students – students may not be dropped off without a parent/guardian.



Nov. 9

Parent teacher conferences!

Parent teacher conferences are Nov. 14 (evening) and Nov. 15 (daytime). Please use our [Middle School Parent Teacher Sign Up Genius](#) to select a time. During your time slot, you will rotate through the Middle School teachers for a brief five-minute conference.

Nov. 14/15

6th Grade Updates

ELA: Students wrapped up our Character Analysis Essay writing project and reviewed the basics of Verbs. Next week, we will launch our poetry unit and learn the elements of poetry.

Social Studies: We discussed the basics of history and being a historian. We learned the importance of timelines, primary and secondary sources, how to tell if a source is reliable, historical maps, and artifacts! Next week, we will do an extremely non-partisan mock election, so the students can learn the process and importance of the Presidential Election. We will also be discussing the origins of civilizations, the stone age, and how early people migrated.

Science: We have spent this week learning about weathering and how it leads to the formation of soil. We then moved into the importance of soil and methods of soil conservation. Next week, we will be talking about the other processes that change the surface of Earth: erosion and deposition.

- Chapter 3 & 4 Test- November 13

Theology: We discussed the calling of Abram and how he responded when he was called. We also looked at how God calls us and we learned about the history of All Saints Day. Next week, we learn more about how Abram became Abraham.

- Virtue Quiz Thursday November 8

Math 6G1: Students learned about multiplying and dividing decimals. Next week, they will finish up Chapter 2. They will prepare for the end of chapter assessments.

- Thursday, November 7 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.5 - 2.8)
- Monday, November 11 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, November 12 - Chapter 2 Test

Math 6G2: Students learned about graphing ratio relationships. Next week, they will learn about rates, unit rates, and converting measures.

- Friday, November 8 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.4 - 3.6)
- Tuesday, November 12 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, November 13 - Chapter 3 Test

7th Grade Updates

ELA: We started our poetry unit by learning the elements of poetry and comparing a poem to a podcast episode to analyze the similar themes and moods. Next week, we will continue to learn about poetry and verbs and introduce our poetry project.

Social Studies: We started discussing the first civilizations in North and South America. We talked about the Olmecs and the Mayans. Next week, we will be discussing the Aztecs and the Incas. However, to start the week we will do an extremely non-partisan mock election, so the students can learn the process and importance of the Presidential Election.

Theology: We reviewed the Gospel of Mark, and then began to look at the Gospel of Luke. We discussed how Luke presents Jesus in his Gospel as the Savior for us all. Next week we will continue to look at the first half of Luke's Gospel.

- Test on Luke's Gospel and Virtue Quiz on Thursday November 7

Science: Chapter 3 covers atoms and the ways that they bond with one another. We are approaching this chapter very slowly and carefully to give students the best opportunity to grasp the material. This week, we have learned about the parts of an atom, the organization of the periodic table, and how valence electrons cause bonding. Next week we will move into the types of bonding.

- Chapter 3 Test- November 19

Math 7G1: Students learned about solving equations using addition and subtraction. Next week, they will learn about solving equations using multiplication and division as well as solving two-step equations.

- Tuesday, November 12 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.3)

Math 7G2: Students learned about graphing linear relationships and the slope of a line. Next week, they will learn about graphing proportional relationships and graphing linear equations in slope intercept form.

- Thursday, November 7 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.3)

8th Grade Updates

ELA: We learned the basics of poetry and began our Poet Biography Project, which will serve as the 8th graders' exam. We also opened our verb unit.

History: We learned about the Federalists and Anti-Federalists. We also practiced debating, and completed a debate in which the students were placed as either a Federalist or an Anti-Federalist and they had to make their case! Next week we will be discussing how the ratification process for the Constitution, and the students will be starting a Bill of Rights Project, due Friday. However, to start the week we will do an extremely non-partisan mock election, so the students can learn the process and importance of the Presidential Election.

- Bill of Rights Project - Due Friday, Nov. 8

Science: We have spent this week focusing on the process of photosynthesis and how almost every living organism depends either directly or indirectly on the energy plants take in from the sun. Next week, we will move into the reverse process that all organisms use to extract energy: cellular respiration.

- Chapter 3 Test- November 13

Math 8G1: Students learned about angles of polygons and using similar triangles to solve problems. Next week, they will begin to wrap up Chapter 3.

- Wednesday, November 6 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.3 - 3.4)
- Friday, November 8 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, November 11 - Chapter 3 Test

Math 8G2: Students learned about graphing linear equations in standard form. Next week they will learn about graphing linear equations in slope-intercept form, transformations of linear functions, and graphing absolute value functions.

- Tuesday, November 12 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.5 - 3.8)
- Thursday, November 14 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz 2
- Monday, November 18 - Chapter 3 Test

Theology: We reviewed Decision Point Chapters 1 and 2. We had a test on them last week. This week, we will delve into Chapter 3.

- Virtue Quiz Thursday November 7

Notes from Catholic Central for 8th Graders

As we get into Admissions season at CC, we have some upcoming events and opportunities for those considering Catholic Central.

Class of 2029 Application is LIVE! All families with a current 8th grader are encouraged to apply for the 2025-2026 CC school year. Check out our [online application and instructions](#).

November 10 Open House: Catholic Central's annual Open House is Sunday, Nov. 10, from 1pm - 4pm. Attendance is optional, but encouraged, as families will get to meet the staff, faculty, and current students. Please [register for Open House](#).

8th Grade Fall Shadow Days: Limited to 8th Graders only, please use the [CC Shadow form](#) to request a Shadow Day at Catholic Central. It is one of the best ways to experience a day in the life of a CC student!