



# SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Parent teacher conferences next week

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.

FYI, fall conferences are mandatory, while spring ones are optional.

Friday, Nov. 15 is a half day. Because MS teachers will be in conferences that morning, Mr. Corcoran will be teaching a special Corcoran's Character Class after Chapel and before Mass.

Dismissal is at 11am. Students need to wear Mass attire that day.

### Middle school Advent Confession schedule

Every year, we schedule confessions for our middle schoolers around the seasons of Advent and Lent. Here is our 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. 6, 6B

Dec. 13, 6E

Dec. 19, 7B

Dec. 20, 7W

## 6th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We learned about the elements of poetry and about literary devices common in poetry. We also introduced our Poetry Project, which will serve as our first semester exam.

**Social Studies:** We completed an extremely non-partisan mock election, so the students can learn the process and importance of the Presidential Election and their right to vote! We also started our unit on the Origins of Civilizations. Next week, we will continue to discuss early humans, how they hunted, how they migrated, and the type of art they created.

**Science:** We have continued to learn about the changes that occur to the earth's surfaces, especially through the processes of erosion. We also learned about different types of mass movement events, such as landslides, mudflows, slumps, and creeps. Next week, we will focus on the land features that develop due to the deposition of sediment.

- Chapter 3,4 Test - November 19

**Theology:** The students this week learned about how Abraham was called by God. We also talked about how much Abraham loved God because he was willing to sacrifice his only son. Next week we talk about the early life of Isaac, and how he eventually answers God's call.

**Math 6G1:** Students prepared for the end of Chapter 2 assessments. Next week they will take the Chapter 2 Test. They will also learn about ratios and using tape diagrams to solve ratio problems.

- Monday, November 11 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, November 12 - Chapter 2 Test

**Math 6G2:** Students learned about rates, unit rates, and converting measures in the US customary and metric systems. Next week they will wrap up Chapter 3 with a quiz, a vocabulary quiz, and the test.

- Monday, November 11 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.4 - 3.6)
- Wednesday, November 13 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, November 14 - Chapter 3 Test

## 7th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We continued our poetry unit by comparing two poems by Robert Frost to paintings and songs. Students also began our Poetry Pairing Project, which will serve as our first semester exam.

**Social Studies:** We completed an extremely non-partisan mock election, so the students can learn the process and importance of the Presidential Election and their right to vote! We also finished discussing the Mayans and the Aztecs. Next week, we will discuss the Incas and the many different early regions and cultures in North America.

**Theology:** We began to dissect the Gospel of Luke. We examined how Luke spells out how Jesus is here to save us all. We took a test on the first half of the Gospel on Thursday. Next week, we will look at the second half of the Gospel.

**Science:** We have continued to learn about atoms and bonding this week. We learned about how atoms become ions and how compounds are formed due to the attraction between their opposite charges. Next week, we will learn about the other two types of bonds: covalent and metallic.

- Chapter 3 Test- November 19

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

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

**Math 7G2:** Students learned about parallel and perpendicular lines and graphing proportional relationships. Next week they will learn about graphing linear equations in slope-intercept and standard form. They will also learn about writing equations in slope intercept and point slope form.

## 8th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We analyzed a poem by Langston Hughes and began working on our Poet Biography project by learning how to evaluate and cite credible sources. This project will serve as our first semester exam.

**History:** We completed an extremely non-partisan mock election, so the students can learn the process and importance of the Presidential Election and their right to vote! Then, we started our Bill of Rights project. The students research one of the first 10 amendments and create a poster or slideshow about it. This is due by Monday, November 10. Next week, we will present our Bill of Rights projects and do a deep dive into the Constitution and its different sections.

- Bill of Rights Project - due Monday, November 10

**Science:** We have continued to learn about cellular processes by learning how cells get energy from the foods they need through cellular respiration or fermentation. Then we explored the different stages of the cell cycle that ultimately lead to cell division. We will continue to review this process next week and then begin our Chapter 3 review.

- Chapter 3 Test - November 13

**Math 8G1:** Students prepared for the Chapter 3 assessment. They will take the test on Monday. Next week they will learn about graphing linear relationships, the slope of lines, and parallel and perpendicular lines.

- Monday, November 11 - Chapter 3 Test

**Math 8G2:** Students learned about graphing linear equations in slope-intercept form, transformations of linear functions, and graphing absolute value functions. Next week, they will begin to prepare for the end of Chapter 3.

- Wednesday, November 13 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.5 - 3.8)
- Monday, November 18 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz 2
- Tuesday, November 19 - Chapter 3 Test

**Theology:** Students learned about who Jesus is as we continued to Confirmation prep. We also talked about Jesus' grace for us. Next week, we will continue to learn about God's grace and his love for us.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students for earning 1st Quarter Honors and High Honors:

### Honors

#### 6th Grade

Margaret K  
Claire V  
Connor Y  
Noelle B  
Rilyn D  
Lucy H  
Ruthie S

#### 7th Grade

Sophie V  
Alexis B  
Morgan K

#### 8th Grade

Tom B  
Madison D  
Seamus D  
Blake F  
Luke W  
Mariana T

### High Honors

#### 6th Grade

Francis C  
Sarah H  
Eva L  
Eliza S  
Eleanor V  
Thomas W  
Cameron M  
Gloria P  
Caleb P  
LuLu R  
Martin V

#### 7th Grade

Mari B  
Rebekah H  
Molly H  
Corinne J  
Eliza L  
Ceci P  
James P  
Claire R  
Emma S  
Barrett T  
Oliver V  
Alaina A  
Georgia B  
Hailey B  
Lincoln L  
Mia P  
Nolan R  
Eden R  
John S  
Maddy W

#### 8th Grade

Caroline B  
Sylvia B  
James B  
Sophia D  
James H  
Ella J  
Isaac M  
Eden M  
Allie B  
Chloe E  
Kieran G  
Claire H  
Charles I  
Harper K  
Dominic L  
Vivian M  
Emily S  
John Y

