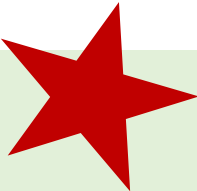




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the Apostle Catholic School

Middle School Newsletter | Dec. 13, 2024



## MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAM SCHEDULE

**Middle School Exams:** Tuesday – Thursday, Dec. 17-19  
**1st Exam:** 8:25 - 9:55am / **2nd Exam:** 10 - 11:30am / **Dismissal:** 11:30am on exam days  
**Attire:** Uniform holiday on exam days. Uniforms on Monday (12/16) and Mass uniforms on Friday (12/20).

Monday	Tuesday 9:15 - 11:30am	Location	Wednesday	Location	Thursday	Location	Friday
	Choir/Band 8:23 - 9:11am		6 SCI	Baxter Bendon	6 SS	Hoedeman Eggenberger	
	Snack/Break 9:11 - 9:45am		7 ELA	Cafeteria	7 THEO	Cafeteria	
			8 MATH	Hoedeman Eggenberger	8 SCI	Baxter Bendon	
<b>Exam Start 9:15am</b>			<b>Break 9:50 – 10am</b>				
	6 MATH	Hoedeman Eggenberger	6 THEO	Baxter Bendon	6 ELA	Cafeteria	
	7 SCI	Baxter Bendon	7 SS	Hoedeman Eggenberger	7 MATH	Hoedeman Eggenberger	
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## MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT!

Our middle schoolers will be doing an upcoming service project that requires fleece material. Right now fleece is 50% off at both Joanne's Fabric and Hobby Lobby!

We need donations of two pieces of fleece – each 1.5 yards. You can choose two patterns that coordinate or one patterned and one coordinating solid color (see examples). We need 26 sets for our project. We are also requesting 10 pairs of fabric scissors (borrowed or donated). We need these donations the week we return from Christmas break (Jan. 6-10). But remember, right now fleece is 50% off. Drop any and all donations to the office. If you have any questions, please reach out to [betsyedgerton@stthomasqr.org](mailto:betsyedgerton@stthomasqr.org).

## 6th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We learned about odes and worked in groups to write an ode to our favorite Christmas decoration! We also each wrote two lines to contribute to a class ballad about how our 2024 was. During our final exam time next week, students will assemble all our poems from this quarter into a poetry portfolio, which will serve as their final exam.

**Social Studies:** We began our project of creating our own civilizations. The students used their knowledge of the eight parts of civilizations and their creativity to complete a rough draft of their civilizations. Then, the students began to study for their exams. Their exams are next week.

**Science:** We finished up learning about the Geologic Time Scale this week by focusing on the eras and periods in Earth's history. Then we spent some time talking about different methods of studying and the techniques that best help to retain information. We then moved into reviewing for next week's exam.

**Theology:** The students finished learning about Joseph this week, and then worked on their study guide for the exam. Exams next week.

**Math 6G1:** Students took a quiz and wrapped up Chapter 3. They began to review for exams. I started to go over Exam Reviews and will continue on Monday.

- Tuesday, Dec. 17 - Math Exam

**Math 6G2:** Students took a test to wrap up Chapter 4. They began to review for exams. I started to go over Exam Reviews and will continue on Monday.

- Tuesday, Dec. 17 - Math Exam

## 7th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We wrapped up our last Hamburger Paragraph for our final Poetry Pairing Project. Students will spend our ELA exam time finishing up creating slides and notes for their presentation and need to submit a recorded screencast of their presentation by midnight on Wednesday, the day of our exam.

**Social Studies:** Students learned about the beginning of the Renaissance and European exploration, particularly the importance of the printing press and Columbus' voyages. Then, the students began to study for their exams. Their exams are next week.

**Theology:** The students finished up learning about the gospel of John and then worked on their exam study guide. Exams next week.

**Science:** We began the week by going over the methods of controlling chemical reactions, such as increasing concentration or adding a catalyst. We then reviewed study skills before moving into exam prep.

**Math 7G1:** Students learned about the first half of Chapter 5. They began to review for exams. I started to go over Exam Reviews and will continue on Monday.

- Thursday, December 19 - Math Exam

**Math 7G2:** Students learned about solving systems of equations by graphing and by substitution. Next week, they will learn about solving systems of equations by elimination and solving special systems of equations. They will also begin to review for exams.

- Monday, December 9 - Chapter 5 Quiz 1 (5.1 - 5.2)

## 8th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We wrapped up our Poet Biography project. Students worked hard to finish up their slides, create notecards, and practice their presentations. We presented some projects on Friday, and will present the rest on Monday; I will allow some students to record a screencast presentation if we are crunched for time.

**History:** The students learned about George Washington, the precedents he set during his presidency, and Alexander Hamilton's financial plan to repay the Revolutionary War debt. Then, the students began to study for their exams. Their Exams are next week.

**Science:** We started the week by taking the Chapter 4 test on genetics and heredity. Then we reviewed proper study techniques before starting to review for our exam next week.

**Math 8G1:** Students wrapped up Chapter 4. They began to review for exams. I started to go over Exam Reviews and will continue on Monday.

- Wednesday, Dec. 18 - Math Exam

**Math 8G2:** Students wrapped up Chapter 4. They began to review for exams. I started to go over Exam Reviews and will continue on Monday.

- Wednesday, Dec. 18 - Math Exam

**Theology:** The students finished learning about the prayer process and then worked on their exam study guide. Exam next week.