



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sports Uniform Return, Please!

From our Athletic Director: Any MS boys basketball players who still have basketball uniforms, please return them to the office ASAP! Thanks.

Chromebooks?!

If there are any extra loaner Chromebooks at home, please return these to school. Please have your students return them to the tech office and plug them in. Also, please remind students to make sure computers are charged when they bring them to school.

6th Grade Updates

ELA: We analyzed the characters we've met in Island of the Blue Dolphins, began discussing our Opinion Essay topics, and took our second and final Verb Test! Next week, we will begin our new grammar unit, finishing out the remaining parts of speech.

- Verb Test Corrections due Wed. Jan. 22

Social Studies: Students finished presenting their Civilization projects, and we started our notes on Mesopotamia. Next week, we will finish our notes on Mesopotamia and we will discuss the civilizations of Sumer and Akkad more in-depth, along with Babylonia, and Assyria.

Science: We finished up learning about energy resources this week by talking about ways to conserve energy. We then started and reviewed the study guide for the Chapter 6 test that will take place next week.

- Chapter 6 Test- Tuesday, January 21

Theology: The students finished up their Genesis Family Tree projects. The tied in Abraham to Joseph. Next week, we start to talk about the reluctant hero known as Moses.

Math 6G1: Students learned about comparing and ordering fractions, decimals, and percents. Next week, they will learn about solving percent problems.

- Monday, January 27 - Chapter 4 Quiz 2 (4.3 - 4.4)
- Wednesday, January 28 - Chapter 4 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, January 29 - Chapter 4 Test

Math 6G2: Students learned about equivalent expressions and factoring expressions. Next week, they will wrap up Chapter 5 and take the end of chapter assessments.

- Tuesday, January 21 - Chapter 5 Quiz 2 (5.3 - 5.4)
- Thursday, January 23 - Chapter 5 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, January 24 - Chapter 5 Test

7th Grade Updates

ELA: We we got to know the characters we've encountered in *The Hobbit* and practiced retelling stories in preparation for our Hobbit final project, which we will kick off soon! We also wrapped up our verb unit with our second and final Verb Test.

- Verb Test Corrections due Wed. Jan. 22

Social Studies: The students began and finished their Spanish Exploration Research Project. This project was due Friday, and we will present it on Friday and Tuesday. Next week, we will learn about New Spain, specifically what life was like there, and the beginning of the slave trade.

Theology: The students this week presented their Life of Jesus projects. They were really creative. Next week, we will begin to look at the conversion of Paul and his letters.

Science: We have focused on the characteristics and differences between acids and bases and how we use them in our everyday lives. We conducted a lab that allowed the students to experience using different indicators to identify whether solutions were acidic, basic, or neutral and what their pHs were. We will be having a test on this material next week.

- Chapter 5 Test- Wednesday, January 23

Math 7G1: Students began to wrap up Chapter 5. Next week they will take the test. They will then learn about fractions, decimals, and percents as well as the percent proportion.

- Tuesday, January 21 - Chapter 5 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, January 22 - Chapter 5 Test

Math 7G2: Students learned about two-way tables and how to choose an appropriate data display. Next week, they will wrap up Chapter 6 and will take the end of chapter assessments.

- Wednesday, January 22 - Chapter 6 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, January 23 - Chapter 6 Test

8th Grade Updates

ELA: Students did a phenomenal job leading a practice Literature Circle discussion of the short story “The Bet;” with literature circles, the students themselves prep and lead discussions of our reading. We also introduced our novel for the quarter, A Wrinkle in Time, and began researching for our Final Projects. Verb Test Corrections due Wed. Jan. 22

History: We finished up discussing George Washington’s presidency, and the start of political parties. Next week, we will finish discussing the origins of political parties, and the presidency of John Adams.

Science: We have been learning about the ways that mutations can occur in DNA, which can lead to changes in the traits of organisms. This has kicked off our final project for this chapter, in which the students will be researching and creating Google Slide presentations about different genetic conditions. We will be working on this project during classes next week and presenting it at the beginning of the following week.

- Genetic Disorder Research Project- due January 27

Math 8G1: Students learned to solve systems by elimination and all about special systems of linear equations. Next week, they will wrap up Chapter 5.

- Wednesday, January 22 - Chapter 5 Quiz 2 (5.3 - 5.4)
- Monday, January 27 - Chapter 5 Test

Math 8G2: Students learned about solving equations by graphing and graphing linear inequalities in two variables. Next week, they will learn about solving systems of linear inequalities.

- Friday, January 24 - Chapter 5 Quiz 2 (5.5 - 5.7)

Theology: The students discussed their Confirmation Saints with the class and the impact the Saints have on us. Next week, we will continue to work on Confirmation preparation by tying in the Bible to Confirmation.