



# SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GRACEAC Spring sports registration is open!

Registration is open for Spring GRACEAC sports, which includes: boys baseball, boys & girls lacrosse, girls soccer, girls softball, boys & girls tennis, boys & girls track and field. Sign up at [www.graceac.com](http://www.graceac.com).

### MS Awards Ceremony

We will be holding our Middle School Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 2:40pm in the Church. Please sign in at the back of Church if you will be attending.



## 6th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We discussed key plot events in *Island of the Blue Dolphins* and started brainstorming ideas for our Opinion Essay.

**Social Studies:** We finished discussing Ancient Sumerians, and their way of life. Next week, we will discuss the Babylonian Empire, the Assyrian Empire, and the Persian Empire. We will also discuss Hammurabi's Code.

**Science:** We took the Chapter 6 test on Energy Resources. We will next be moving into learning about our atmosphere, the body of gases that blankets Earth.

**Theology:** We began to talk about the life of Moses and how he was a reluctant leader. Next week, we will continue to talk about Moses and his gained confidence.

**Math 6G1:** Students learned about solving percent problems. Next week, they will wrap up Chapter 4.

- Wednesday, January 29 - Chapter 4 Quiz 2 (4.3 - 4.4)
- Friday, January 31 - Chapter 4 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, February 3 - Chapter 4 Test

**Math 6G2:** Students began to wrap up Chapter 5 with a quiz and a review. Next week, they will take a vocabulary quiz and the test. They will then learn about writing equations in one variable and solving equations using addition and subtraction.

- Monday, January 27 - Chapter 5 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, January 28 - Chapter 5 Test

## 7th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We discussed the beginning of the rising action of *The Hobbit*, and we introduced the final project for *The Hobbit*.

**Social Studies:** We finished our Spanish Exploration Presentations and continued our discussion of what life was like in New Spain. Next week, we will discuss the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, along with the beginning of French, Dutch, and English Colonies.

**Theology:** We finished our life of Jesus presentations yesterday. Next week, we start looking at the conversion of St. Paul and the impact of his letters.

**Science:** We reviewed and then took our Chapter 5 test on Acids and Bases. We will next be moving into the second half of the year, where we will be focusing on physics. Chapter 6 is an introduction to forces.

**Math 7G1:** Students wrapped up Chapter 5. Next week, they will learn about fractions, decimals, and percents as well as the percent proportion and the percent equation.

- Monday, February 3 - Chapter 6 Quiz 1 (6.1 - 6.3)

**Math 7G2:** Students began to wrap up Chapter 6. Next week, they will take the test. They will then learn about relations, representations of functions and linear functions.

- Monday, January 27 - Chapter 6 Test
- Tuesday, February 4 - Chapter 7 Quiz 1 (7.1 - 7.3)

## 8th Grade Updates

**ELA:** Students we began our official Literature Circle discussions of *A Wrinkle in Time* with modified small-group discussions since our schedule was disrupted by snow days. Students also took time to continue doing research for the Final Project.

**History:** We finished discussing the first political parties and began discussing John Adams' presidency. Next week, we will continue and finish discussing John Adams' presidency. Students will complete a small campaign poster project, covering the election of 1800. They will start it on Thursday, and it will be due at the end of class on Friday.

- Election of 1800 Campaign Poster Project - Due Friday, January 31

**Science:** We went through the guidelines and began work on our Genetic Disorder Research Project. The students picked disorders to research and are putting together Google Slide decks to present to the class at the end of next week.

**Math 8G1:** Students prepared for and took the Chapter 5 Quiz 2. Next week, they will wrap up Chapter 5 with a review and the test. They will also learn about scatter plots.  
Thursday, January 30 - Chapter 5 Test

**Math 8G2:** Students learned about solving systems of linear inequalities. Next week, they will wrap up Chapter 5.

- Wednesday, January 29 - Chapter 5 Quiz 2 (5.5 - 5.7)
- Monday, February 3 - Chapter 5 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, February 4 - Chapter 5 Test

**Theology:** For Confirmation prep, we began chapter 5 of Decision Point. We talked about the importance of the Bible and its impact. Next week, we discuss how to read the Bible.