



# SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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## Dave & Buster's Family Fun Night!

Join us for a fun family evening at **Dave and Buster's** on **Thursday, February 27 from 4-7pm.**

Along with delicious food and drink, they offer arcade games, tabletop, air hockey, ping pong, billiards and more! Whatever you can dream, you can play at D&B!

Between now and the Feb. 27, [purchase a power card for \\$20](#) so you're ready to play when you arrive OR dine in and play during our winter break! Either way, Dave and Buster's will donate 50% back to our preschool building fundraising. Remember to mention Saint Thomas when you purchase.

## 6th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We practiced using descriptive language and text evidence to discuss Karana's emotional experience of our novel so far. We also studied for our grammar test and started working on the body paragraphs of our Opinion Essay.

- Friday, February 21 - Parts of Speech Recap Test

**Social Studies:** The students worked on their Leaders of Persian Government Project and presented them on Wednesday and Thursday. Then, we discussed the Phoenicians and the cultural impact they had on the early world. Students received their study guides for their First Empires Test. Next week, the students will have two study guide days and will take their First Empires Test on Friday.

- First Empires Test - Friday, February 21

**Science:** We have been continuing to learn about the atmosphere this week by focusing on the greenhouse effect and the ways that heat is transferred. Next week, we will learn about how the differences in heat in areas leads to local and global winds.

- Chapter 8 Test- February 25

**Theology:** The students worked on their Ten Plagues projects this week. They were given choices to explain the Plagues and their creativity as really come out. They are fantastic. Next week, we will present the projects and discuss Moses and the journey into the desert.

**Math 6G1:** Students learned about writing equivalent expressions by using the Distributive Property. Next week, they will learn about factoring expressions.

- Wednesday, February 26 - Chapter 5 Quiz 2 (5.3 - 5.4)

**Math 6G2:** Students wrapped up Chapter 6 and will take the test next week. Next week, they will take the vocabulary quiz and the test for Chapter 6. They will also learn about the area of parallelograms.

- Wednesday, February 19 - Chapter 6 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, February 20 - Chapter 6 Test

## 7th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We used Mirkwood to see how Bilbo has grown and changed throughout *The Hobbit* and spotted some key traits of our dwarves as well. We also reviewed for our grammar test and continued the writing portion of our *Hobbit* project.

- Friday, February 21 - Parts of Speech Recap Test

**Social Studies:** We discussed Early Jamestown, and why it was so hard for the Colonists to survive. The students wrote essays, using the documents we discussed throughout the week. These essays are due Friday. We finished the week by discussing the importance of Bacon's rebellion. Students also received their Early Colonies study guide for their test next week. Next week, students will be given Wednesday and Thursday to study in class and will take their test on Friday.

- Jamestown - Why Did So Many Colonists Die? - Due Friday, February 14
- First Colonies Test - Friday, February 21

**Theology:** The students this week learned about the second half of the Acts of the Apostles. They discovered that the Spirit of Jesus called the Apostles to continue to his mission throughout the ends of the Earth. Next week, we will finish reviewing the Acts and begin to look at Paul's letters.

**Science:** We have continued to learn about forces this week by finishing up with Newton's Laws and then learning about how to calculate momentum. Next week, we will finish up with free fall and circular motion before beginning to review for the test.

- Chapter 6 Test- February 24

**Math 7G1:** Students learned about simple interest and began to review for the end of chapter assessments. Next week, they will take the vocabulary quiz and the test for Chapter 6. They will also learn about probability.

- Wednesday, February 19 - Chapter 6 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, February 20 - Chapter 6 Test

**Math 7G2:** Students began to wrap up Chapter 7. Next week, they will take the test for Chapter 7 and will also learn about exponents.

- Thursday, February 20 - Chapter 7 Test

## 8th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We reviewed the first half of *A Wrinkle in Time* in our lit circles, with some great discussions of character growth and theories about what's going to happen next. We also reviewed for our grammar test and wrapped up research for our Final Project.

- Friday, February 21 - Parts of Speech Recap Test

**History:** Students took their First Presidencies Test, and we began looking more in-depth into the actions of Thomas Jefferson. Specifically, we discussed the Louisiana Purchase and Lewis and Clark. Next week, the students will pick a side of whether Lewis and Clark were respectful to Native Americans. Then, they will debate with each other. We will finish the week by discussing Pike Expedition, and the Embargo and Non-Intercourse Act.

**Science:** We have continued to learn about plants this week by focusing on classification and then moving into the structure and function of plant parts such as roots, stems, and leaves. Next week, we will focus on plant reproduction and the structure of flowers.

**Math 8G1:** Students learned about choosing appropriate data displays. They also began to wrap up and review for the end of chapter assessments. Next week, they will take the Chapter 6 vocabulary quiz and the test. They will also learn about relations and functions.

- Wednesday, February 19 - Chapter 6 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, February 20 - Chapter 6 Test

**Math 8G2:** Students learned about radicals and rational exponents, exponential functions like exponential growth and decay. Next week, they will learn about solving exponential equations.

- Thursday, February 20 - Chapter 6 Quiz 1 (6.1 - 6.4)

**Theology:** The students finished learning about relationships. We discussed the importance of good decision making with friends and being more Christlike in our ways. Next week, the students will start a project to explain the Bible and Relationships.