



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!

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6th Grade Updates

ELA: We discussed Karana's companions in *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, and how her friendships reveal how her character has grown and changed throughout the book. We also took our Parts of Speech test. Next week, we'll wrap up our reading of *Island of the Blue Dolphins*.

Social Studies: The students studied for their First Empire Test and took their test on Friday. Next week, we will begin discussing the origins of Judaism and how it began to spread around the world.

Science: We spent the short week learning about how the unequal heating of the Earth's surface causes winds, both locally and globally. We then began to review for the Chapter 8 test on the atmosphere that we will be taking next week. After the test, we will start Chapter 9, learning about the weather.

- Chapter 8 Test- February 25

Theology: The students finished up their Ten Plagues presentations this week. The students showed real creativity as we saw skits, sang songs, and even had a children's book read to us. The work brought out their creativity. Next week, we will start examining Moses and the journey into the desert.

- Virtue Quiz Perseverance February 27

Math 6G1: Students learned about writing equivalent expressions by using the Distributive Property and factoring expressions. Next week, they will begin to wrap up Chapter 5.

- Wednesday, February 26 - Chapter 5 Quiz 2 (5.3 - 5.4)
- Friday, February 28 - Chapter 5 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, March 3 - Chapter 5 Test

Math 6G2: Students took the Chapter 6 Test and learned about the area of parallelograms. Next week, they will learn about the area of triangles, trapezoids and kites.

- Friday, February 28 - Chapter 7 Quiz 1 (7.1 - 7.3)

7th Grade Updates

ELA: We looked at past events and at foreshadowing in our current chapters in order to see how Bilbo has grown throughout *The Hobbit*, and to predict how he might handle the challenges coming up in his adventure. We also took our Parts of Speech test.

Social Studies: We studied for our First Colonies Quest, which the students took on Friday. Next week, we will begin discussing the New England Colonies, specifically Plymouth and Puritan New England.

Theology: The students are working on comic strips that tie in the 4 Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. The students will finish the comic strips next week

- Virtue Quiz Perseverance February 27

Science: We finished up Chapter 6 by learning about the forces that keep satellites in orbit in space. We then reviewed for the test that we will take on Monday. Next week, we will start Chapter 7: Energy.

- Chapter 6 Test- February 24

Math 7G1: Students took the Chapter 6 Test and learned about probability. Next week, they will learn about experimental and theoretical probability as well as compound events.

- Thursday, February 27 - Chapter 7 Quiz 1 (7.1 - 7.2)

Math 7G2: Students took the Chapter 7 Test and learned about exponents. Next week, they will learn about properties of exponents that deal with the product and quotient of powers as well as zero and negative exponents.

- Monday, March 3 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.4)

8th Grade Updates

ELA: We students continued to lead great, in-depth discussions of *A Wrinkle in Time* as we reach the climax of our story and approach the end. We also took our Parts of Speech notes. Students should have all research for their final project done by this Friday; we'll start outlining our essays next week!

History: We finished discussing Lewis and Clark, and the students debated whether they were respectful to the Native Americans or not. We also discussed Pike's expedition. Next week, we will discuss British impressment and the causes of the War of 1812. The students will also do research on specific battles and then re-enact them. This will be due Tuesday, March 4.

- War of 1812 Battle Re-enactment due Tuesday, March 4

Science: We continued to learn about plants this week by learning about the different reproductive strategies in the plant kingdom. Next week, we will end the chapter by becoming familiar with the ways that plants respond to their environments and the ways that plants are essential to our lives.

Math 8G1: Students took the Chapter 6 Test and learned about relations and functions. Next week, they will learn about representations of functions and linear functions.

- Friday, February 28 - Chapter 7 Quiz 1 (7.1 - 7.3)

Math 8G2: Students learned about solving exponential equations. Next week, they will learn about geometric sequences.

- Thursday, February 27 - Chapter 6 Quiz 2 (6.5 - 6.6)
- Monday, March 3 - Chapter 6 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, March 4 - Chapter 6 Test

Theology: The students are working on a project using the vocabulary words from Chapters 5 and 6 in Decision Point. Their creative sides are really shining. The projects are due next Wednesday.

- Virtue Quiz – Perseverance, February 27