



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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BLESSED CONFIRMATION!

Congrats to our 8th grade leaders, who were confirmed this week.

6th Grade Updates

ELA: We finished up the rough drafts of our Opinion Essays this week and prepared for our upcoming second Parts of Speech test. Next week, students will revise their essays and take a grammar test—and have a fun Read-In day on Wednesday!

- Wednesday, March 26 - Read-In (Students may bring pillows/blankets, and a snack/drink to share.)
- Thursday, March 27 - Parts of Speech Test

Social Studies: Students finished their Pharaohs of Egypt Brochure project. Then, we reviewed what we learned in this section of the Unit. We also discussed the Pyramids. Next week, we will continue our Egypt unit. The students will make Papyrus paper and they will learn how to write their names in Hieroglyphics, learning the importance of both in ancient Egypt. Students will also learn about the importance of Math and Science to the Egyptians. Then, we will discuss the relationship between ancient Kush and Egypt.

Science: We have continued to learn about weather this week. We have been focusing on the use of Canva to make video presentations about severe storm types. Next week, we will learn about how forecasts are made and about reading weather maps before we begin reviewing for the Chapter 9 test.

- Tuesday, April 1- Chapter 9 Test

Theology: The students talked about the Israelites journey into the desert and then worked on a lenten project inspired by Fr. Jim's homily last week at mass. Next week, we look at the Promised Land.

- Virtue Quiz Generosity Thursday March 27th

Math 6G1: Students learned about solving equations using multiplication and division as well as writing equations in two variables. Next week, students will wrap up Chapter 6 with end of chapter assessments.

- Tuesday, March 25 - Chapter 6 Quiz 2 (6.3 - 6.4)
- Thursday, March 27 - Chapter 6 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, March 28 - Chapter 6 Test

Math 6G2: Students wrapped up Chapter 7. Next week, they will learn about integers, comparing and ordering integers, rational numbers, and absolute value.

- Monday, March 24 - Chapter 7 Test
- Wednesday, April 2 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.4)

7th Grade Updates

ELA: We worked on creating a schedule for our group's work on our *Hobbit* project, and really got underway on the creative portion of the project. We also prepared for next week's Parts of Speech test.

- Wednesday, March 26 - Read-In (Students may bring pillows/blankets, and a snack/drink to share.)
- Thursday, March 27 - Parts of Speech Test

Social Studies: We finished our unit on the Southern Colonies and the students started their 13 Colonies project. This is due Monday. Next week, the students will begin learning about the French and Indian War. The students will complete a booklet as we go throughout the unit.

- 13 Colonies project - Due Monday, March 24

Theology: The students are learning about the miracles of Jesus and then worked on a lenten project inspired by Fr. Jim's homily last week at mass. Next week we will finish learning about the miracles and then start to look at the life of the apostles.

- Virtue Quiz Generosity March 27th

Science: We began the week by reviewing for and then taking the Chapter 7 test on energy. Then we started into the next chapter, focusing specifically on thermal energy. Next week, we will learn about the different methods of heat transfer.

Math 7G1: Students learned about samples and populations and how to use samples to describe populations. Next week, they will learn about comparing populations and using random samples to compare populations.

- Monday, March 24 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.2)
- Monday, March 31 - Chapter 8 Quiz 2 (8.3 - 8.4)

Math 7G2: Students began to prepare for the end of the chapter assessments. Next week, they will learn about the Pythagorean Theorem and finding cube roots.

- Friday, March 28 - Chapter 9 Quiz 1 (9.1 - 9.3)

8th Grade Updates

ELA: We finished outlining our Final Project essays and cited our sources. We also prepared for the Parts of Speech test next Thursday. Next week, we will start writing our first essay!

- Wednesday, March 26 - Read-In (Students may bring pillows/blankets and a snack/drink to share.)
- Thursday, March 27 - Parts of Speech Test

History: We finished our unit over the War of 1812. The students complete a debate, arguing whether or not the War of 1812 was a mistake. Then, we started our unit on James Monroe's presidency. We will continue our unit next week, discussing important Supreme Court cases and the expansion of the United States, finishing with the Monroe Doctrine.

Science: We have continued to learn about the human body this week. We focused on how all of the body systems must work together to maintain homeostasis. We then learned about the skeletal system. Next week, we will look at the muscular and integumentary systems.

- Tuesday, April 1- Chapter 9 Test

Math 8G1: Students learned about exponents, the product of powers property, the quotient of powers property, as well as zero and negative exponents. Next week, they will learn about rational numbers and exponents as well as estimating quantities. Next week, they will review zero and negative exponents and learn about rational numbers.

- Thursday, March 27 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.4)

Math 8G2: Students learned about factoring polynomials. Next week, they will factor polynomials completely and begin to wrap up Chapter 7.

- Monday, March 31 - Chapter 7 Quiz 2 (7.5 - 7.8)
- Wednesday, April 2 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, April 3 - Chapter 7 Test

Theology: The students this week learned about the spirit with their Decision Point lesson. Confirmation was beautiful this week; it was a wonderful night. The students also worked on a lenten project inspired by Fr. Jim's homily last week at mass. We will finish learning about the spirit next week.

- Virtue Quiz on Generosity - March 27

ALOHA

IHM, SPA, & STA PRESENT

FRIDAY, MAY 9TH

7TH & 8TH GRADE
Dance

IHM GYM
7PM - 9PM

JOIN US FOR A HAWAIIAN LUAU AT IHM!

A NIGHT FULL OF FUN, DANCING, AND TROPICAL VIBES AWAITS!
DRESS IN YOUR HAWAIIAN BEST AND GET READY TO HULA!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NIGHT INCLUDE:

- PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRESSED
- DJ, DANCING, AND A LIMBO CONTEST
- FREE THROW CONTEST 🏀
- SNACKS AND MORE!

THERE WILL BE CHAPERONES FROM IHM, STA, AND SPA AT THE DANCE



Questions?

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