



# SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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## 6th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We worked in groups to peer edit our Opinion Essays and prepared for and took our grammar test on Thursday. Next week, we'll kick off our Greek mythology unit by learning about what a myth is and going over the major Greek gods and goddesses.

- Wednesday, April 2 - All missing ELA work due for Quarter 3

**Social Studies:** We continued our unit of Ancient Egypt. We discussed the achievements of the Egyptians and began discussing their relationship with the kingdom of Kush. Next week, we will finish up our Ancient Egypt unit and the students will take a test on Thursday. The students received their study guides on Friday.

- Ancient Egypt Test - Thursday, April 3

**Science:** We have been working to bring our chapter on weather to an end. The class turned in their Canva Severe Weather videos to start the week, and we got to premiere them towards the end of the week. We also focused on all that meteorologists do to put together our forecasts and how those predictions are displayed on weather maps.

- Tuesday, April 1- Chapter 9 Test

**Theology:** We are currently working on a Lenten reflection that connects the journey of the Israelites to the Stations of the Cross and then relating those struggles to our lives. We will finish this exercise up next week and then look at the Promised Land

**Math 6G1:** Students wrapped up Chapter 6 with end of chapter assessments. Next week, students will learn about the area of parallelograms, triangles, trapezoids and kites.

**Math 6G2:** Students learned about integers, comparing and ordering integers, and rational numbers. Next week, they will learn about absolute value and the coordinate plane.

- Thursday, April 3 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.4)

## 7th Grade Updates

**ELA:** Students worked hard to complete their very impressive Hobbit projects! We also studied for & took our grammar test. Next week, we'll be starting our unit on the play version of *The Diary of Anne Frank* by learning about World War II, about Anne herself, and about the structure of a play script.

- Wednesday, April 2 - All missing ELA work due for Quarter 3

**Social Studies:** We finished our unit on the 13 colonies. The students finished presenting their 13 Colonies project. Then, we began our unit on the French and Indian War. Next week, we will finish our French and Indian War unit. The students will have a test on Wednesday. They received their study guide on Friday.

- 13 Colonies and French and Indian War Test - Wednesday, April 3rd

**Theology:** The students are currently doing a research project about the Apostles. They are researching an individual apostle and writing a biography about them. We will continue this project next week.

**Science:** We have continued to learn about thermal energy this week. We focused on the types of heat transfer and investigated which method is best for cooking marshmallows. We then learned about thermal properties and specific heat. We will finish up the chapter by reviewing next week and taking a test on Chapter 8.

- Thursday, April 4- Chapter 8 Test

**Math 7G1:** Students learned about measures of center and variation that we then used to compare populations and learned about using random samples to compare populations. Next week, they will wrap up Chapter 8 with assessments.

- Tuesday, April 1 - Chapter 8 Quiz 2 (8.3 - 8.4)
- Thursday, April 3 - Chapter 8 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, April 4 - Chapter 8 Test

**Math 7G2:** Students learned about the Pythagorean Theorem and finding cube roots. Next week, they will learn about rational and irrational numbers as well as the converse of the Pythagorean Theorem.

## 8th Grade Updates

**ELA:** After much research and outlining, students officially started writing their Final Project essays! We also studied for and took our grammar test on Thursday. Next week, students will continue working on their writing, hoping to have two rough drafts written by the time we return from Spring Break.

- Wednesday, April 2 - All missing ELA work due for Quarter 3

**History:** We continued our discussion about Monroe's Presidency. We discussed important court cases such as *McCullough V. Maryland* and *Gibbons v. Ogden*. We continued our conversation on sectionalism. We also discussed the economics following the War of 1812 and the plan to fix it. We will finish our unit on Monroe next week. We will discuss how Florida became apart of the United States and Monroe's Doctrine. The students will have a Monroe Presidency Quiz on Thursday. They received their study guides on Friday.

- Monroe's Presidency Quiz - Thursday, April 4

**Science:** We focused on the skeletal and muscular systems to start the week, and experienced how these systems work together by looking closely at the structures of a chicken wing through dissection. We closed out the chapter learning about the structures and functions of the integumentary system. The test on this chapter will be next Tuesday, as we started to review on Friday.

- Tuesday, April 1- Chapter 9 Test

**Math 8G1:** Students reviewed zero and negative exponents and learned about rational numbers and exponents. Next week, they will learn about estimating quantities, scientific notation and performing operations with scientific notation.

**Math 8G2:** Students learned about factoring special products and factoring polynomials completely. Next week, they will 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 learned about the Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit, and began practicing for Stations of the Cross which will be presented on Holy Thursday. Next week, we will continue to talk about the Fruits and Gifts and practice for living Stations.

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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