

SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

Middle School Newsletter | April 18, 2025

Middle School MAP Testing

The Middle School will hold MAP Testing from 9:13-10:47am on the dates listed below. Please ensure students get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast beforehand. Students should bring a water bottle. **No candy or gum is allowed.** This is a change from past testing sessions. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments during these times, if possible:

Tuesday, April 29	Language Usage
Thursday, May 1	Reading
Tuesday, May 6	Science
Thursday, May 8	Math

6th Grade Updates

ELA: We learned about ancient Greek culture and values to better understand the themes and morals we will learn in the myths that we read. On Thursday, we put those skills to the test with a Myths & Morals game, where students worked together to determine which Greek values different stories taught.

Social Studies: We started discussing ancient Greece. We particularly looked at Greek Mythology, and the students completed their Greek Mythology projects. Next week, we will continue discussing ancient Greece; particularly their democracy, Athens and Sparta, and their social ladder.

Science: We have been learning about Earth's place in space this week. First, we focused on the objects visible in space from Earth, such as the moon, stars, other planets, meteors, and comets. Then, we discussed how our planet revolves and rotates through the solar system, and we conducted a lab investigation to determine what causes the Earth to experience seasonal changes throughout the year.

- Friday, May 9- Chapter 11 Test

Theology: The students examined different stories related to the Passion of Christ and looked at different works of art about the Passion. Next week, we will look at the Israelites finally making it to the promised land.

Math 6G1: Students learned about the area of trapezoids and kites. Next week, they will learn about 3-dimensional figures.

- Tuesday, April 22 - Chapter 7 Quiz 1 (7.1 - 7.3)

Math 6G2: Students learned about the coordinate plane, graphing polygons in a coordinate plane and finding distances, and writing and graphing inequalities. Next week, students will work on the end of chapter assessments and review.

- Wednesday, April 23 - Chapter 8 Quiz 2 (8.5 - 8.7)
- Monday, April 28 - Chapter 8 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, April 29 - Chapter 8 Test

7th Grade Updates

ELA: We began reading the play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*. We analyzed the characters we meet in the first scene and looked at Anne's diary entries from the days before her family went into hiding to imagine how she might have felt. We also introduced the Jeanine Serba Scholarship opportunity; students should turn in their essay about what "family" means to them by May 9.

Social Studies: We have been discussing "no taxation without representation" and all the taxes that led to the Revolutionary War. Next week, students will be creating a song which has to include information about all the taxes, and the term no taxation without representation". This will be due Friday, April 25.

- No Taxation Without Representation Song Project - Due Friday, April 25

Theology: The students examined different stories related to the Passion of Christ and looked at different works of art about the Passion. Next week, we will look at the Apostles' lives and which Apostle they relate to.

Science: We have been learning about the properties of mechanical waves this week and about the two types: transverse and longitudinal. We will continue with this topic for the next few weeks.

- Friday, May 9- Chapter 9 Test

Math 7G1: Students learned about the circumference and area of circles and the perimeter and area of composite figures. Next week, they will learn about constructing polygons using a compass.

- Wednesday, April 23 - Chapter 9 Quiz 1 (9.1 - 9.3)

Math 7G2: This week, students began to wrap up Chapter 9. The test will be next week. Next week, they will also learn about the volume of cylinders and cones.

- Tuesday, April 22 - Chapter 9 Test

8th Grade Updates

ELA: We finished writing our last rough draft for the Final Project. Students have done some impressive work these last few weeks; let's keep up that motivation as we move towards revising and presenting our findings!

History: We have been discussing Andrew Jackson's presidency. We discussed the corrupt bargain, the Nullification Crisis, and the Bank War. Next week, we will continue to discuss Andrew Jackson's presidency. We will specifically talk about the Panic of 1837, the Trail of Tears, and the beginning of westward expansion.



Science: We began Chapter 10 this week. This chapter focuses further on the systems that regulate our body's processes, including the endocrine and nervous systems, as well as the male and female reproductive systems, and the processes of pregnancy and childbirth in the human body.

- Thursday, May 1- Chapter 10 Test

Math 8G1: Students took a quiz over the last part of Chapter 8. Next week, students will continue to wrap up Chapter 8.

- Wednesday, April 23 - Chapter 8 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, April 28 - Chapter 8 Test

Math 8G2: Students learned about graphing quadratic functions. Next week, they will take a quiz over graphing quadratic functions.

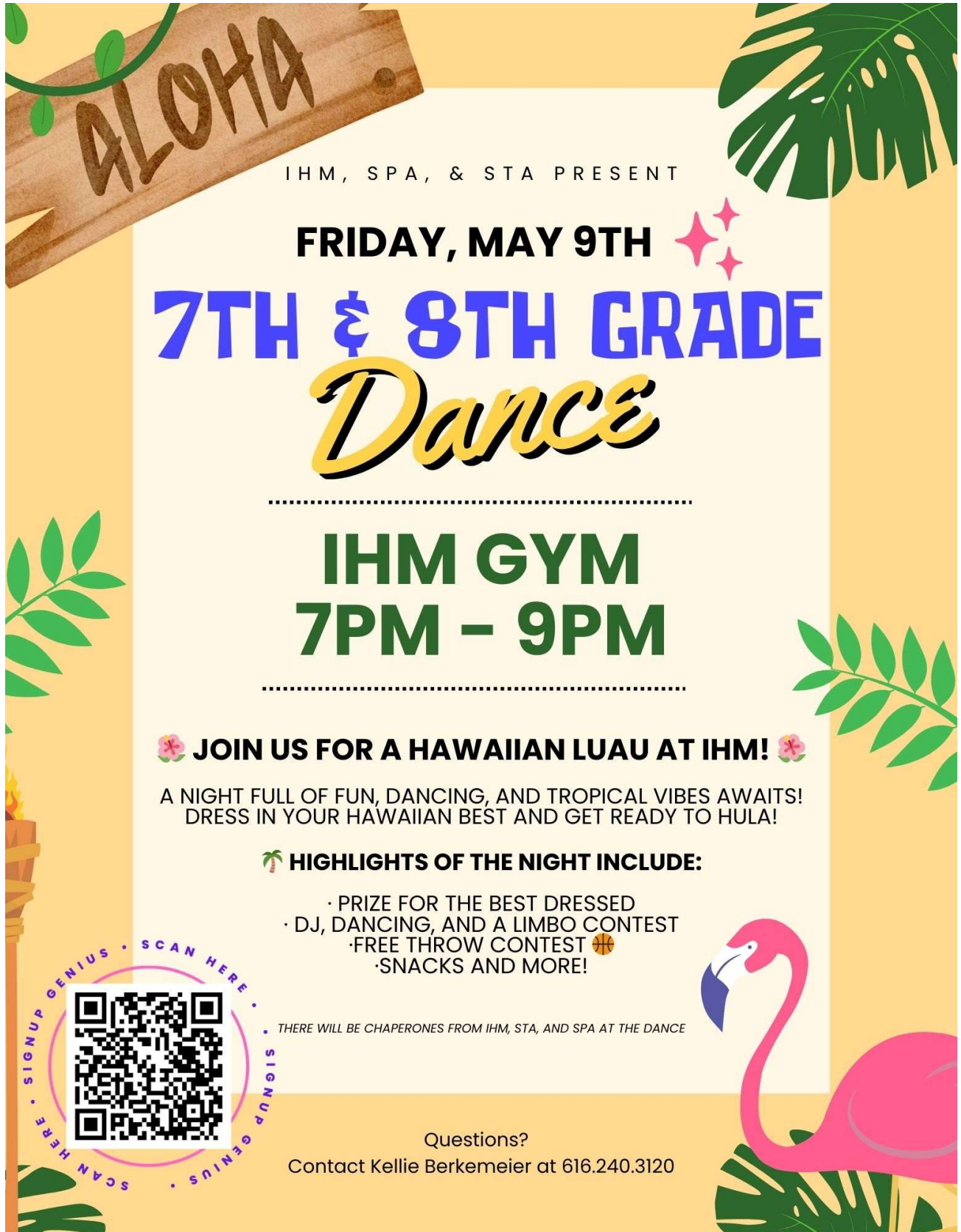
- Friday, April 25 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.3)

Theology: Students practiced for Stations of the Cross this week, they were amazing, and I am really proud of them. Next week, we will continue to learn about the prayer process and the Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit.

8th Grade Upcoming Events

Our 8th graders will be having their 8th grade Confirmation retreat on **Thursday, April 24**.

Also, they will be going on a service field trip to Lincoln Development Center on **Monday, May 12, 9-11:30am**. We will need drivers for this event! Please email Mr. Corcoran at ryan.corcoran@stthomasgr.org if you can drive that day.



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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