



# SAINT THOMAS

## the Apostle Catholic School

Middle School Newsletter | April 25, 2025

### Middle School MAP Testing

The Middle School will hold MAP Testing from 9:13-10:47am on the following dates. 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 modern-day Greek culture in order to identify key Greek values that we will encounter in the myths that we read in the coming weeks and introduced our Greek mythology project, which will serve as the students' ELA final exam. We also had our last grammar lesson before our review and quiz of the first portion of the Sentences unit.

**Social Studies:** We continued our unit on Ancient Greece. The students learned about the different types of Governments that the city-states had, along with the two most famous city-states of Athens and Sparta, and finally about the Persian War. Next week, we will finish our unit on Ancient Greece and begin discussing Ancient India.

**Science:** We have continued to focus on how the Earth moves in space this week and how the yearly seasons we experience are due to our tilted axis as we revolve around the sun. We then learned about the forces that keep us in orbit. Next week, we will learn about the moon and how it affects the Earth through its phases, tides, and eclipses.

- Friday, May 9 - Chapter 11 Test

**Theology:** We learned about the Papal burial and conclave processes. The students learned about the traditions, and we had a class conclave. Next week, we will discuss the journey into the Promised Land.

- Thursday, May 1 - Virtue Quiz Self Control

**Math 6G1:** Students learned about 3 dimensional figures. We created many prisms and pyramids to help identify faces, edges and vertices. Next week they will learn about finding the surface area of prisms.

**Math 6G2:** Students took a quiz and began wrapping up Chapter 8. Next week, students will take the Chapter 8 Test. We will then take some time to cover operations with integers.

- Monday, April 28 - Chapter 8 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, April 29 - Chapter 8 Test

## 7th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We learned what life was like for Jewish people in the Netherlands during World War II and discussed the beginning of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. We also began work on our Anne Frank posters/dioramas (student's choice).

- Friday, May 9 - Jeanine Serba Scholarship Essay due

**Social Studies:** We finished our unit on "no taxation without representation." Students started making their songs. The due date has been extended until next Wednesday, which is when the students will perform their songs about no taxation without representation. Then, we will begin discussing the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

- No Taxation Without Representation Song Project - Due Wednesday, April 30

**Theology:** We learned about the Papal burial and conclave processes. The students learned about the traditions, and we had a class conclave. Next week, we will talk about the role of the Apostles. We will also identify characteristics that the apostles have in common with the students.

- Thursday, May 1 - Virtue Quiz Self Control

**Science:** We continued with mechanical waves this week, focusing on specific wave properties such as amplitude, wavelength, and frequency. We will learn about the ways waves interact next week. We will miss a few classes over the next few weeks for MAP Testing, but we will finish the chapter and review around testing periods.

- Friday, May 9- Chapter 9 Test

**Math 7G1:** Students learned about constructing polygons with a protractor and finding unknown angle measures.

- Thursday, May 1 - Chapter 9 Quiz 2 (9.4 - 9.5)
- Tuesday, May 6 - Chapter 9 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, May 8 - Chapter 9 Test

**Math 7G2:** Students learned about volumes of cylinders and cones. Next week they will learn about volumes of spheres and the surface areas and volumes of similar solids.

- Tuesday, April 29 - Chapter 10 Quiz 1 (10.1 - 10.2)

## 8th Grade Updates

**Reminder:** Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders should wear their Sunday best for our May Crowning on May 1 at 8am.

**ELA:** Some students began revisions of their Final Project essays this week—though some students have yet to turn in Rough Drafts; let's get those in soon! We also continued our Sentences unit, learning about different sentence structures.

**History:** This week the students finished discussing Jackson's presidency. We specifically discussed the Panic of 1837, and the Trail of Tears. Next week, we will dive deeper into westward expansion with topics such as manifest destiny, the Oregon Trail, the California Gold Rush, and the Mexican-American War.

**Science:** We focused on the endocrine system and the differences between the male and female reproductive systems, and started into prenatal development, pregnancy, and birth this week. We will finish that up and review for the test on Thursday.

- Thursday, May 1- Chapter 10 Test

**Math 8G1:** Students wrapped up Chapter 8. Next week, they will take the test. They will also learn about finding square roots and the Pythagorean Theorem.

- Monday, April 28 - Chapter 8 Test

**Math 8G2:** Students prepared for a quiz, which they took Friday. Next week they will learn about graphing quadratic functions, using intercept form, and comparing linear, exponential and quadratic functions.

- Monday, May 5 - Chapter 8 Quiz 2 (8.4 - 8.6)
- Wednesday, May 7 - Chapter 8 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, May 8 - Chapter 8 Test

**Theology:** We learned about the Papal burial and conclave processes. The students learned about the traditions, and we had a class conclave. Next week we will discuss the importance of prayer and delve deeper into the Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit.

- Thursday, May 1 - Virtue Quiz Self Control

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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