



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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MIDDLE SCHOOL REMINDERS

Middle school choir concert – Sunday, May 18!

Our **Middle School Choir concert is Sunday, May 18 at 6pm**. Students should arrive at 5:50pm in their Sunday best. All choir members are expected to attend.

Field Day / Uniform holiday note!

Field Day is Monday, May 19. Please be mindful of uniform holiday dress code. On a uniform holiday, including field day, students need to wear shorts/skirts that are an appropriate length. If students come to school out of uniform code, they will call home for a change of clothes.

Lunch Account Balances!

We have many families that have a negative balance in their students' lunch accounts. We need all families to check and submit funds to cover what they owe. Please add enough funds to cover your balance and for hot lunches for the rest of the year. Check out these [IC Instructions for adding funds to lunch accounts](#). As a school, we have a negative balance of nearly \$3,000. We need to take care of this ASAP.

Fall sports registration is open – June 15 deadline!

Registration for GRACEAC fall sports is OPEN until June 15 at midnight. After June 15, there will be a late fee for any registrations. [Register your child ASAP](#) for flag football, boys soccer, volleyball, cross country or sideline cheer to avoid the late fees! Questions? Contact Athletic Director Jeremiah Sluggett in the office.

6th Grade Updates

ELA: Students worked in groups to outline and write their stories for the Greek Mythology Final Project; students have been working hard, collaborating well, and writing very creatively! We also took our final grammar test of the year!

Social Studies: Students wrote their opinion essays, and we began our final unit of the year on Ancient China. Next week, we will discuss Ancient China. We will particularly discuss its major dynasties, its religions, and its major accomplishments.

Science: We started Chapter 12 this week, focusing on our solar system outside of the Earth and our moon. We looked at the different models of the universe that existed over time, leading us to the current model. Next week, we will look more closely at the planets and the smaller objects in the solar system.

Theology: We learned about life after taking over Jericho this week. We discussed what type of Jeremiah needed to be and the responsibilities that the Israelites had. We also had a really good discussion about Respect this as well. Next week, we will talk about the early days of King Saul.

7th Grade Updates

ELA: Students finished their amazing dioramas and posters of the Franks' Secret Annex as we finished our reading of the play. We also kicked off our character analysis essay to identify Anne's most prominent virtues and took the last grammar test of the year!

Social Studies: This week, we discussed the start of the Revolutionary War. We discussed Lexington and Concord, the Battle of Bunker Hill, the Siege of Boston, and the book Common Sense. Next week, we will discuss the Declaration of Independence, and students will make their own personal Declaration of Independence.

- Personal Declaration of Independence - Due Saturday, May 24

Theology: The students learned about the life of Paul this week. We looked at his missionary spots, and learned some facts about them. We also took a deeper look at the virtue of Respect. Next week we will continue to look at Paul, and dive into the book of Revelation.

Science: We began Chapter 10 this week, learning about electromagnetic waves. We ended the week focusing on the different parts of the electromagnetic spectrum and their applications. Next week, we will examine wireless communication and the differences between digital and analog signals.

8th Grade Updates

ELA: Students worked hard to create the rough drafts of our Final Project slideshows. Students also took the last grammar test of their middle school careers—crazy!

History: We learned about the Civil War. We particularly discussed the Election of 1800, the North vs. the South, the important generals and women, and the first battles. Next week, we will discuss the important

battles, the medicine, and the weapons. We will also discuss the end of the Civil War. Then, students will begin their Civil War Final Project.

- Civil War Final Project - Due Tuesday, May 27 (during exam period)

Science: We continued in our unit on ecology by focusing on the movement of energy through ecosystems. We examined the different trophic roles one can play in an ecosystem. We discussed the structure of the energy pyramid, which illustrates that there is less energy available at higher trophic levels, as energy is lost as heat during each level. Next week, we focus on preparing for our final exam.

- Life Science Final Exam- Tuesday, May 27

Math 8G1 and 8G2: 8th graders will receive their exam study guides next week!

Theology: The students learned about Church History this week and we also delved into the Four Marks of the Church. We also had a really good in depth discussion about the virtue of Respect. Next week we will continue to look at Church History.

8TH GRADE FIESTA – MAY 19

¡Hola! We're working on our unit on latino foods, and it's time for the 8th Grade Fiesta! We will have the fiesta in the Math and Spanish classrooms on **Monday, May 19** during recess and lunch. Each student is responsible for bringing (and potentially preparing) at least one item. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL FOODS MUST BE PREPARED AT HOME BEFORE SCHOOL.** Please make sure that you also send a labeled serving utensil with any food items. Also important - students must be able to take their utensils/pot home that same day when school dismisses.

View your child's [8th Grade Fiesta Sign-Up](#). If they are preparing a food that needs to be kept warm, I will have power strips available for crockpots and instant pots (please label the pot as well). Please let me know if you have any questions, please email me at rebeccalee@dogrschools.org



¡Gracias!
Para servirles,
Señora Lee