



# SAINT THOMAS

## the Apostle Catholic School

Middle School Newsletter | May 2, 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, May 6	Science
Thursday, May 8	Math

### 6th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We learned about the common structures and themes of Greek myths, and began researching for our Greek Mythology final project.

- Wed. May 14 - Grammar Quiz

**Social Studies:** We finished our unit on Ancient Greece, and started discussing Ancient India. The students learned about the Greek philosophers, as well as the wars that led to the downfall of Athens and all of Greece. Next week, we will continue discussing Ancient India, specifically the religions such as Hinduism and Buddhism. We will also learn about the empires and major rulers that existed in Ancient India, and will begin an essay on one of these rulers.

- Asoka Essay: Ruthless Conqueror or Enlightened Ruler - Due Tuesday, May 13

**Science:** We have continued to focus on Earth's place in space and its interactions with the sun and moon. We will finish this chapter next week by learning more about our moon. Then we will review for the test at the end of the week.

- Friday, May 9 - Chapter 11 Test

**Theology:** We continued to look at the Israelites journeying into the promised land. We read about the leadership qualities God has for Joshua and we talked about real life examples of self-control. Next week we continue looking at the fall of Jericho, and starting a new life in the promised land.

**Math 6G1:** Students learned about 3 dimensional figures and the surface area of prisms. Next week, students will learn about the surface area of pyramids.

**Math 6G2:** Students learned about adding, subtracting and multiplying integers. Next week, students will learn about dividing integers. They will also look at an introduction to statistics, including mean and the measures of center.

## 7th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We compared characters' responses to a break-in in *The Diary of Anne Frank* and learned about the Jewish feast of Hanukkah. We also began our in-class work on the Anne Frank final project, which students should also expect to work on at home.

- Wed. May 14 - Grammar Quiz

**Social Studies:** The students took their MAP tests, and finished up their No Taxation without Representation Song Projects. They presented these on Friday. Next week, we will begin discussing the start of the Revolutionary War and how the Declaration of Independence came about.

**Theology:** We discussed the characteristics of the Apostles this week. We looked at each characteristic and how they related to the students. The students then examined which Apostle they are most like. Next week we will look at the conversion of Paul, and start to discuss the book of Revelation.

**Science:** We have finished up Chapter 9 about the properties of waves this week. Due to the field trip on Monday and MAP Testing, we will only meet twice next week, so we will review on Wednesday and take the test next Friday.

- Friday, May 9 - Chapter 10 Test

**Math 7G1:** Students prepared for a quiz about constructing polygons and finding unknown angle measures.

- Thursday, May 8 - Chapter 9 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, May 9 - Chapter 9 Test

**Math 7G2:** Students learned about volumes of spheres and the surface areas and volumes of similar solids. Next week they will prepare for a quiz over those concepts.

- Friday, May 9 - Chapter 10 Quiz 2 (10.3 - 10.4)

## 8th Grade Updates

**ELA:** We continued working on completing rough drafts and revising our final draft essay for the Final Project. We are nearing the end of the writing portion of the Final Project and will soon begin creating our slideshow presentations.

- Wed. May 14 - Grammar Quiz

**History:** We finished up discussing Andrew Jackson and Westward Expansion. Students began their essays arguing whether Andrew Jackson was a good president or not. Next week, we will be creating a booklet on the events/boiling points that led up to the civil war.

- Andrew Jackson Essay - Due Sunday, May 4 @ 11:59pm

**Science:** We finished up Chapter 10 this week by taking the test on Thursday. Then we started our last unit of new material, learning about what makes up ecosystems and how living things interact. This new material will not have its own test, but will be included on the final exam at the end of the year.

**Math 8G1:** Students learned about finding square roots and the Pythagorean Theorem. Next week, students will learn about finding cube roots.

**Math 8G2:** Students learned about graphing quadratic functions, using intercept form, and comparing linear, exponential and quadratic functions. Next week, students will prepare for the end of chapter assessments.

- Tuesday, May 6 - Chapter 8 Quiz 2 (8.4 - 8.6)
- Thursday, May 8 - Chapter 8 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, May 9 - Chapter 8 Test

**Theology:** The students reviewed for the ACRE test this week. The ACRE test is a religious academic assessment used by Catholic schools and parishes to evaluate the faith knowledge and attitudes of students in grades 5, 8, 9, and 11. We also had a great discussion about self-control this week. Next week, we will explore the Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit.



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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