



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

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Middle School MAP Testing

Due to technical issues with NWEA this past Tuesday, students will be completing their Science MAP Test this coming **Tuesday, May 13, from 9:13-10:47am**. As usual, students should get a good sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and come to school with a charged Chromebook, a water bottle, and a snack (no candy or gum). Please try to avoid scheduling appointments during these times, if possible.

6th Grade Updates

ELA: We compared the Creation Stories of Greek Mythology with those in the book of Genesis, comparing the goodness and mercy of our God with the slothfulness and vindictiveness of Zeus. We also began outlining our Greek Mythology Final Projects.

- Wednesday, May 14 - Sentences Quiz

Social Studies: The students continued to learn about Ancient India. We discussed Hinduism, Buddhism, and the major empires. Next week, we will discuss one of the most influential rulers by looking at documents. The students then will use these documents to write an essay, explaining their view on him. Then, we will begin our Ancient China unit.

- Asoka Essay: Ruthless Conqueror or Enlightened Ruler, Due Friday, May 16

Science: We completed Chapter 11 this week by focusing on the properties of our moon. After reviewing, we took the test on Friday. Next week, we will begin our final chapter of new material, learning about the rest of our solar system. This material will not have its own test but will be included on the final exam at the end of the year.

Theology: We examined the Israelites' entry into the Promised Land and the capture of Jericho. We also discussed Stranger Danger and then had a great "surprise" lesson with the announcement of a new Pope. Next week, we will examine the Israelites' finally becoming a nation and the rise of Saul.

Math 6G1: Students learned about the surface area of prisms and the surface area of pyramids. Next week, they will learn about the volume of rectangular prisms.

- Friday, May 16 - Chapter 7 Quiz 2 (7.4 - 7.7)
- Tuesday, May 20 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, May 21 - Chapter 7 Test

Math 6G2: Students learned about multiplying and dividing integers. Next week, students will learn about topics related to statistics, such as mean and the measures of center.

- Friday, May 16 - Chapter 9 Quiz 1 (9.1 - 9.3)

7th Grade Updates

ELA: We continued working on our Anne Frank dioramas/posters; we will wrap these up next week and move onto the written portion of students' final projects. We also prepared for our grammar quiz next week.

- Wednesday, May 14 - Sentences Quiz

Social Studies: The students went on their Field Trip around Grand Rapids. We also started our Unit on the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Next week, we will continue to discuss the beginning of the Revolutionary War. We talk about the first battles, and the drafting of the Declaration of Independence.

Theology: We had a great field trip that started off the week. The 7th graders were amazing, and it was a fun day. We talked about being safe with strangers, we MAP tested, and talked about the conversion of Saul. Next week, we will have a quiz on Paul's conversion and learn about his journeys.

- Paul Quiz-Wednesday May, 14

Science: We have not had the opportunity to meet very much this week due to MAP Testing and the class field trip. We reviewed for the Chapter 9 Test and took the test on Friday. Next week, we will begin learning about the electromagnetic spectrum, focusing on waves that are not mechanical.

Math 7G1: Students wrapped up Chapter 9 with a vocabulary quiz and a test. Next week, they will learn the surface area of prisms, cylinders, and pyramids.

- Friday, May 16 - Chapter 10 Quiz 1 (10.1 - 10.3)

Math 7G2: Students prepared for a quiz over the volume of spheres and the surface area and volume of similar solids. Next week, they will wrap up Chapter 10 with a vocabulary quiz and a test.

- Tuesday, May 13 - Chapter 10 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, May 14 - Chapter 10 Test

8th Grade Updates

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

ELA: We wrapped up our revisions to the written portion of the ELA Final Project and introduced the presentation. Students reviewed how to make and present an engaging slideshow presentation and began work on slides.

- Wednesday, May 14 - Sentences Quiz

History: We discussed the boiling points that led to the Civil War. Next week, we will begin discussing the Civil War. We will talk in-depth about soldiers' lives, the battles, and women's lives during the Civil War.

Science: We have been focusing on ecology this week, learning about the different levels of organization and the different types of ecological interactions that are possible between species. Next week, we will explore how energy moves through an ecosystem.

Math 8G1: Students learned about finding cube roots and the distance formula. Next week, students will learn about rational numbers.

- Wednesday, May 14 - Chapter 9 Quiz 1 (9.1 - 9.3)

Math 8G2: Students prepared for the Chapter 8 Test. Next week, they will learn about the properties of radicals, solving quadratic equations by graphing, using square roots, completing the square, and using the quadratic formula.

Theology: We learned about be safe with strangers this week, and took a more in depth of the importance of the Fruits and Gifts. We also had a surprise lesson from the Cardinals. Habemus Papam! Next week, we will look at the history of the Church.

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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