



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MAP Testing

Here is our Fall 2025 MAP Testing schedule:

- Tuesday, September 16 (Reading, 9:13 - 11:35am)
- Thursday, September 18 (Science, 9:13 - 10:47am)
- Tuesday, September 23 (Math, 9:13 - 11:35am)
- Thursday, September 25 (Language Usage, 9:13 - 10:47am)

Please try to avoid students missing school during these times.

6TH GRADE

Language Arts: Students worked together to analyze our text and make predictions about Jonas' new life as the Receiver of Memory in *The Giver*. We also kicked off our Character Analysis Essay writing unit, focusing on Jonas' growth throughout our novel.

- Wednesday, September 24 - Nouns Quiz

Social Studies: We finished up our Geography unit. We discussed the distortion of maps, GIS versus GPS, and the students turned in their 5 Themes of Geography Projects. They received their first study guide on Wednesday. Lastly, we also discussed 9/11. Next week, students will have their first test on Monday. We will discuss the constitution on Wednesday. Then, we will start our Economics unit on Friday.

- Geography Basics Test - Monday, 9/15

Science: We finished up our introduction to science this week and have moved into our Earth Science material. We have begun by learning about Alfred Wegener and his theory of continental drift. This will lead us into plate tectonics over the next few weeks.

Theology: We started the week by learning more about where the different books of the Bible are, as we read different passages while we completed a Bible Scavenger Hunt. We then talked about the importance of faith as we discussed September 11. We had our first virtue quiz on Circumspection today. Next week, we will delve into the different genres of the Bible.

Math 6G1: Students learned about the properties of operations and prepared for their first quiz. They also learned about prime factorization. Next week, they will learn more about prime factorization, greatest common factor, and least common multiple.

- Wednesday, September 24 - Chapter 1 Quiz 2(1.4 - 1.6)
- Friday, September 26 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, September 29 - Chapter 1 Test

Math 6G2: Students learned about the greatest common factor and least common multiple between numbers. They took a quiz, and next week they will prepare for the end of chapter assessments.

- Wednesday, September 17 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, September 19 - Chapter 1 Test

7TH GRADE

Language Arts: We discussed stereotypes in *The Outsiders* and took a closer look at Bob's death, the inciting incident in the novel. We also began our first writing project, the Jeanine Serba Scholarship Essay. Information can be found on Canvas.

- Wednesday, September 24 - Nouns Quiz

Social Studies: We finished our Roman Republic unit. We discussed the different cultures that influenced them, how people lived in the Roman society, and the religion they believed in. We also discussed 9/11. The students received their study guide for their Roman Republic test. Next week, students will take their test on Monday. We will discuss the constitution on Wednesday. Then, we will start our Roman Empire unit on Friday.

- Roman Republic Test - Monday, 9/15

Theology: The students this week began to learn about what a church is, and the different images there are for it. We then talked about the importance of faith as we discussed September 11. We had our first virtue quiz today on Circumspection. Next week, we will delve deeper into the images of the Church and what can we learn from them.

Science: Continuing in our introduction to matter, we have focused on the ways that we measure matter this week. We reviewed the concepts of mass and volume, and then spent time using those measurements to calculate the density of materials. We did a lab this week, calculating and comparing the densities of different candies. We then began to discuss the difference between chemical and physical changes.

- Friday, September 19- Chapter 1 Test

Math 7G1: Students learned about subtracting rational numbers and began to wrap up the first chapter. Next week, they will take the vocabulary quiz and the test for Chapter 1. They will also learn about multiplying and dividing integers.

- Monday, September 15 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, September 16 - Chapter 1 Test

Math 7G2: Students began to wrap up the first chapter. Next week, they will take the Chapter 1 Test, do some MAP testing, and learn about translations.

- Monday, September 15 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, September 17 - Chapter 1 Test

8TH GRADE

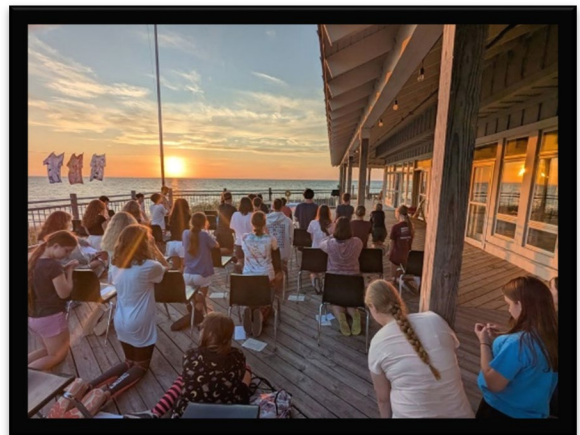
Language Arts: Students had some fun practicing writing with the literary devices we saw in “Checkouts.” We also introduced the Short Story writing project for first quarter, which will further build on our skills with literary devices. We’ll be moving on to our next short story, “The Chaser,” next week.

- Wednesday, September 24 - Nouns Quiz

History: We continued our discussion on the Revolutionary War. Students turned in their Valley Forge essays on Monday. We discussed foreign aid, women, and African Americans in the Revolutionary War. Next week, we will talk about Native Americans in the Revolutionary War. We will also discuss the war shifting to the south, major players like Benedict Arnold, and the British having to surrender at Yorktown. On Wednesday, we will discuss the Constitution for Constitution Day!

Science: We have continued our introduction to what it means to be alive this week by focusing on how and why organisms are classified. We then looked more closely at the highest classification levels, the three domains, and the six kingdoms within. Next week, we will talk about how the development of the theory of evolution has affected how organisms are classified. We will finish up Chapter 1 next week and review for the Chapter 1 test.

- Wednesday, September 24- Chapter 1 Test



Math 8G1: Students took a quiz over the second half of Chapter 1. Next week, they will take the assessments for Chapter 1 and will learn about translations and reflections.

- Tuesday, September 16 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, September 17 - Chapter 1 Test

Math 8G2: Students learned about solving absolute value equations and rewriting equations and formulas. Next week they will take a quiz over the second half of Chapter 1 and will start the review for Chapter 1.

- Wednesday, September 17 - Chapter 1 Quiz 2 (1.4 - 1.6)
- Monday, September 22 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, September 24 - Chapter 1 Test

Theology: We continued our lesson about how life is choices. Next week we continue talking about decision making and not using “stinky thinking” when making choices.



8th Grade Confirmation

Please make sure you complete your 8th grader's [Registration for Confirmation](#) (Sponsor/ Parent & Child Meetings begin in October; Confirmation takes place in March 2026)