



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Mass Attire on Wednesdays

Please remember that students should arrive at school ready for Mass on Wednesdays. This means wearing a white shirt and the Middle School tie, which is navy, gold, and green striped, for the gentlemen. If you have not yet purchased a tie or need a replacement, you can find them in-store or online at My Aplus Uniforms.

6TH GRADE

Language Arts: We discussed the importance of pain and choice and debated the morality of Jonas' community in their desire to remove these things. We also took our first grammar quiz of the year and worked on our Jonas Character Analysis essay.

- Quiz Corrections are due Wednesday, Oct. 1

Social Studies: We continued our Economics Unit. We discussed opportunity cost, demand and supply, and shortages, surplus, and equilibrium prices. Next week, we will finish our economic unit by discussing personal finances and budgeting. Then, we will start our Government Unit. We will talk about limited versus unlimited government and begin discussing the different forms of government.

Science: We have combined the evidence gathered from the theory of continental drift and seafloor spreading into the theory of Plate Tectonics. We will have our first test on Chapter 1 next week, after reviewing the material.

- Wednesday, October 1- Chapter 1 Test

Theology: The students learned and explored the laws of the Old Testament. We discussed Moral, Religious, and Daily Life laws and their impact on us. Next week, we will begin discussing the Wisdom Books and their role in our lives.

Math 6G1: Students learned more about least common multiple and worked on a study guide for a quiz. Next week, we will go over the study guide and review for the quiz. They will also review all of Chapter 1 and take a vocabulary quiz.

- Tuesday, September 30 - Chapter 1 Quiz 2 (1.4 - 1.6)
- Thursday, October 1 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, October 6 - Chapter 1 Test

Math 6G2: Students learned about adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions and mixed numbers. Next week, they will learn about dividing fractions and mixed numbers and will get a study guide for a quiz.

- Monday, October 6 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.4)

7TH GRADE

Language Arts: We discussed Ponyboy's growth by zeroing in on some key conversations he's had in *The Outsiders*. (As a heads up: the chapters we're reading this week are very emotional and intense.) We also took our first grammar quiz of the year and worked on our rough drafts for the Serba Scholarship Essay.

- Quiz Corrections are due Wednesday, Oct. 1

Social Studies: We finished discussing the Punic Wars and began discussing how Rome changed from a Republic to an Empire. Next week, we will talk about Julius Caesar, Augustus Caesar, the rise of the Roman Empire, and Pax Romana.

Theology: The students discussed who we are and what makes us special to God. Next week, we will look at who Jesus is and the many influences he has in our lives.

Science: We began Chapter 2 this week, which focuses on the states of matter and how materials transition between them.

- Friday, October 10- Chapter 2 Test

Math 7G1: The students took a quiz and learned about converting between fractions and decimals. Next week, they will learn about multiplying and dividing rational numbers.

- Monday, October 6 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.3 - 2.5)

Math 7G2: Students learned about reflections and rotations. Next week, students will learn about congruent figures. They will also prepare for a quiz.

- Thursday, October 2 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.4)

7TH GRADE PARENT GATHERING!

7th Grade Parents: A favorite Saint Thomas tradition is parent class parties! We would be so grateful if you would be willing to host a parent gathering for your child's class! You select the date, time and venue. It can be in your home, if you prefer, and it can also be BYOB/potluck style, so everyone contributes to making it happen! This is a great opportunity to reconnect or meet new parents in a fun and relaxed setting outside school.

*Consider using the new preschool as a free, convenient venue for your class party!
If interested, please contact Genevieve Boyle at genevieveboyle@stthomasgr.org.

8TH GRADE

Language Arts: We we learned about and practiced using the literary devices in our short story “The Chaser” and started reading our final short story of the unit: “Tell-Tale Heart” by Edgar Allan Poe. It’s a creepy one! We also took our first grammar quiz of the year, and students worked on their Short Story Rough Drafts.

- Quiz Corrections are due Wednesday, Oct. 1

History: We finish our Revolutionary War unit. The students got their study guides on Monday and took their test on Friday. Next week, we will start our Constitution Unit. We will talk about the Articles of Confederation and why they failed, the Northwest Ordinance, and the Great Compromise.

Science: We reviewed and took our Chapter 1 test this week. Tests will be returned at the beginning of next week, and then students will have the opportunity to complete test corrections. We then started Chapter 2: Introduction to Cells. Part of this chapter is the students’ at-home cell project. We reviewed the directions in class, and the acknowledgement slip is due back next week. The project will be due October 20.

- Monday, October 20 - Cell Project Due
- Friday, October 24 - Chapter 2 Test

Math 8G1: Students learned about rotations and congruent figures. Next week, students take a quiz and will also learn about dilations and similar figures.

- Tuesday, September 30 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.4)

Math 8G2: Students took the vocabulary quiz and the test for Chapter 1. Next week, students will learn about writing and graphing inequalities as well as solving inequalities using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

- Wednesday, October 8 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.3)

Theology: The students this week learned about how to think like God wants us to think, and looked at the people in their lives that affect their decision making. Next week, we look at our quest for happiness.