



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Spelling Bee Registration

Spelling Bee registration is open! If your child is interested in participating, please [register for the 2025-26 Spelling Bee](#) by Oct. 22. This is a hard deadline; no students will be accepted after Oct. 22.

Middle School Awards Ceremony

Mark your calendars...the next Middle School Awards Ceremony is Nov. 5 at 2:45pm.

6th Grade

Language Arts: Students discussed the climax of *The Giver*, when Jonas learns what “release” means and chooses to leave his community. We discussed the morals and values that his community holds, and the Catholic values that they lack. We also continued working on our Character Analysis Essay.

Social Studies: We discussed different forms of government and different systems that these governments run under. Next week, we will finish our government unit by discussing the branches of the U.S. Government, the United Nations, and the importance of citizenship. Students will receive their study guides for their Economic and Government Basics Test.

- Economic and Government Basics Test - Wednesday, Oct. 22

Science: We began Chapter 2 this week, which builds on plate tectonics and how it leads to changes on the Earth’s surface, as well as earthquakes. We will learn about how earthquakes are measured and located next week.

Theology: We had a good week, discussing the Wisdom books, and began to talk about the prophetic books. Next week we will dive deeper into the prophetic books.

Math 6G1: Students took the Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz and Test. They also learned about adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. Next week, they will learn about multiplying and dividing fractions.

Math 6G2: Students learned about adding, subtracting, and multiplying decimals, and dividing whole numbers. Next week they will learn about dividing decimals and prepare for a quiz.

- Thursday, October 16 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.5 - 2.8)

7th Grade

Language Arts: We wrapped up our discussions of *The Outsiders* by mapping out the plot of the whole novel, discussing the narrative point of view, and analyzing the title of the work, and who “the outsiders” really are.

Social Studies: We discussed the fall of the Pax Romana and the fall of the Roman Empire. We also talked about how the Romans felt about Christianity. Next week, Miss Lozinsky will be teaching. She will be discussing Jesus in the Roman Empire by reading and teaching the book *Who Was Jesus?* by Ellen Morgan. Students will also receive their Roman Empire Study Guide.

- Roman Empire Test - Wednesday, Oct. 22

Theology: Good discussions this week about the mystery of the Trinity, as well as who Jesus is in our lives. We also discussed the Paschal Mystery. Next week we will review for the test on chapters 1 and 2 which is on Thursday.

- Thursday October 16- Chapter 1 and 2 Test

Science: We finished Chapter 2 on the states of matter this week. The test will be on Monday. We will then begin Chapter 3: Atoms, Bonding, and the Periodic Table. We will focus on atomic structure and how it leads to the different types of bonds in compounds.

Math 7G1: Students took a quiz and then reviewed Chapter 2. They took the end of chapter assessments and then learned about algebraic expressions. Next week, they will learn about adding and subtracting linear expressions.

Math 7G2: Students learned about dilations, similar figures, and the perimeters and areas of similar figures. Next week, students will take a quiz and start to review for the assessments at the end of the chapter.

- Tuesday, October 14 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.5 - 2.7)
- Thursday, October 16 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz

8th Grade

Language Arts: We learned the last of our literary devices this week with Edgar Allan Poe's "Tell-Tale Heart." Students worked together to determine what makes a literary device strong or effective. We also continued our grammar unit on Nouns, Pronouns, and Adjectives by learning new content and reviewing our old noun lessons in preparation for the test in two weeks.

History: We continued our Constitution unit. We discussed the Great Compromise, the 3/5th's Compromise, and documents and people that the framers based their ideas around. Next week, we will continue our Constitution unit. We will be talking about Federalists vs. Anti-Federalists and having a mock debate!

Science: The class applied what they learned about microscopes last week to experience what different scientists observed hundreds of years ago, which led to the development of the cell theory. We then began to focus on the functions of the various organelles within the cell. Next week, we will learn about the compounds that make up our cells and how materials move in and out of the cell.

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

Math 8G1: Students learned about the perimeters and areas of similar figures. Next week, students will take the Chapter 2 Test and will learn about parallel lines and transversals.

- Monday, October 13 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, October 15 - Chapter 2 Test

Math 8G2: Students learned about solving multi-step inequalities and solving compound inequalities. Next week, students will learn about solving absolute value inequalities.

- Thursday, October 16 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.4 - 2.6)

Theology: We talked about Stinking Thinking this week, and how stinking thinking can lead us down bad paths. We looked at how every decision we make leads us in so many directions. Next week, we will review for the vocab quiz on chapters 1 and 2 which will be on Thursday.

- Thursday, October 16- Vocab Quiz

Looking ahead to HIGH SCHOOL

CC Info Night

Please join us at Catholic Central on Tuesday, October 14, or Wednesday, October 22 for a First Look at Catholic Central. Use this link to sign up: <https://www.grcatholiccentral.org/admissions/explore#schedule-visit>

Catholic Central Application: Opening Wednesday 10/8

As of this Wednesday, our application for the 2026-27 school year will be open. Use this link to fill out the application form: <https://www.grcatholiccentral.org/admissions/application-process>

Experience West Open House | Oct. 28, 2025 | 6-8:30pm

Take a campus tour with one of our students, hear from the experience of current parents, see what's happening at West Catholic, and learn about the next steps of the admissions process. Staff members are on hand to answer questions, and light refreshments are provided. [Register now!](#)