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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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BOOK FAIR

Book Fair is next week! Students should bring cash or credit card to purchase books.

They will attend on the following dates:

- 8th Grade - During study hall on Tue. 10/21
- 7th Grade - During study hall on Wed. 10/22
- 6th Grade - During study hall on Thu. 10/23

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 for the next Middle School Awards Ceremony on Nov. 5 at 2:45pm.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Fall Conferences are Nov. 13 (evening) and 14 (daytime). Nov. 14 is a half day. Even though this is a half day, middle school students are expected to attend school.

6TH GRADE

Language Arts: Students discussed the theme of *The Giver* and worked on our last body paragraphs for our Character Analysis essays. We also prepared for the test on our Noun, Pronoun, and Adjective grammar unit.

- Noun, Pronoun, and Adjective Test on Wed. 10/22

Social Studies: We finished our Government Basics Unit. We discussed how the United States is a federal system of government, how the United Nations is a confederation, and the importance of citizenship and being an active citizen. The students received a study guide on Thursday and will have their Economic and Government Basics Test on Wednesday, October 22. Next week, we will review for the test and begin our Origins of Civilization Unit.

- Economic and Government Basics Test - Wednesday, October 22

Science: We finished up Chapter 2 this week, learning about earthquakes. We learned how seismographs work and how past earthquake data is used to predict where future earthquakes are likely to happen. Study guides were available this week, and we will begin working on them in class on Monday for the test next Wednesday.

- Wednesday, October 22- Chapter 2 Test

Theology: The students are learning the different bible genres and doing newscasts in class to explain them. They are pretty creative. Next week, we will start discussing the stories of creation.

- Virtue Quiz Sincerity October 24

Math 6G1: Students learned about multiplying and dividing fractions. Next week, they will learn about dividing fractions and mixed numbers. There is NO IXL for the week of October 20.

- Monday, October 27 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.4)

Math 6G2: Students learned dividing decimals. They prepared for a quiz. Next week, students will review for the Chapter 2 Test. They will also learn about ratios and how to use a tape diagram to solve ratio problems. There is NO IXL for the week of October 20.

- Tuesday, October 21 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, October 22 - Chapter 2 Test

7TH GRADE

Language Arts: We discussed the overall theme of *The Outsiders* and began editing our Serbs Essay final drafts. We also prepared for next week's grammar test.

- Noun, Pronoun, Adjective Test on Wed. 10/22

Social Studies: The students read the book "Who Was Jesus?", which was taught by Ms. Lozinsky. They learned about Jesus' life and how it related to the Roman Empire. Students also received their Roman Empire study guide on Thursday. Next week, I will be back teaching, and we will finish up discussing Jesus and his life during the Roman Empire. We will then have 2 review days, and the students will take their Roman Empire test on Thursday, October 23rd. We will also begin our Early North American People unit.

- Roman Empire Test - Thursday, October 23rd.

Theology: We reviewed for our test which was on Thursday. Next week, we will start discussing the importance of Scripture in the New Testament.

- Virtue Quiz Sincerity October 24

Science: We started the week by taking the Chapter 2 test on the different states of matter. Those tests will be handed back on Monday, with corrected tests due on Wednesday. The class was given their list of elements from the Periodic Table that they are expected to memorize by the time we take the test in a few weeks. We then started Chapter 3: Atoms, Bonding, and the Periodic Table.

- Monday, November 10- Chapter 3 Test: Part 1 (Atomic Symbols)
- Tuesday, November 10- Chapter 3 Test: Part 2

Math 7G1: Students learned about algebraic expressions as well as adding and subtracting linear expressions. Next week, they will prepare for a quiz and learn about writing equivalent expressions and factoring expressions. There is NO IXL for the week of October 20.

- Wednesday, October 22 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.2)

Math 7G2: Students prepared for the end of the chapter assessments for Chapter 2. Next week, they will take the test and learn about parallel lines, transversals, and angles of triangles. There is NO IXL for the week of October 20.

- Monday, October 20 - Chapter 2 Test
- Monday, October 27 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.2)

8th Grade

Language Arts: We peer edited the rough drafts of our Short Stories and prepared for our grammar test next week.

- Noun, Pronoun, Adjective Test on Tue. 10/21

History: We continued our Constitution unit. Students learned the difference between a Federalist and an Anti-Federalist. Then, they were given a side and had to debate the other side. Next week, we will review what has been learned so far, discuss the importance of adding the Bill of Rights, start and finish a Bill of Rights Booklet Project, and discuss the eventual ratification of the Constitution.

- Bill of Rights Booklet Project - Due Friday, October 24th

Science: We have continued to learn about the cell this week. We covered the major compounds that make up most organisms and then went over how materials enter and leave the cell, through either passive or active transport. Please note that the cell project presentations are scheduled for Monday.

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

Math 8G1: Students took the test for Chapter 2. Next week, they will learn about parallel lines, transversals, and angles of triangles. They will also prepare for a quiz. There is NO IXL for the week of October 20.

- Friday, October 24 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.2)

Math 8G2: Students learned about solving absolute value inequalities and prepared for a quiz. Next week, students prepare for the end of chapter assessments for Chapter 2. They will also learn about functions and their characteristics. There is NO IXL for the week of October 20.

- Tuesday, October 21 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, October 22 - Chapter 2 Test

Theology: We reviewed for our test that was on Thursday. Next week, we will find out who Jesus is and gain a better understanding of why Jesus gives us second chances.

- Virtue Quiz Sincerity October 24

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

Our application for the 2026-27 school year is 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!](#)