



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Middle School Newsletter | Oct. 24, 2025

MIDDLE SCHOOL Students in CC/WC play

The CC and WC theater departments are inviting middle school students to audition for the Catholic Central / West Catholic production of Shakespeare. The Winter play is a Shakespeare play at Aquinas on January 14-17. If any middle school student is interested, please contact Director Nathan Topie (njtopie@gmail.com) to set up an audition.

Candy/Gum in MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are noticing a lot of candy/gum in Middle School. Students are keeping these items in their lockers and visiting their lockers between classes. Please talk with your Middle School student and let them know that **this is not appropriate**. Before or after school or during lunch are the only times that students are allowed to be eating.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS Ceremony

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

PARENT / Teacher Conferences

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

Celebrating ALL SOULS and ALL Saints Days

To Celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Days, students will be decorating cookies in Mr. Soberanes Spanish Class. While they decorate cookies, clips from Disney's Coco will be playing. Learn more in this [letter from Mr. Soberanes](#). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Mr. Soberanes - juancarlossoberanes@dogrschools.org.

6TH GRADE

Language Arts: We wrapped up our Character Analysis Essays by learning about Intro and Conclusion Paragraph structure and working together to write them. We also took our test on the Noun Unit. Next week, we'll kick off our Poetry Unit and the next grammar unit on Verbs.

- Wednesday, October 29 - All late work in ELA due.

Social Studies: We finished our Economic and Government Basics unit. The students took a test. Then, we began our Origins of Civilizations unit! Next week, we will continue discussing the Origins of Civilizations. We will specifically discuss the first humans, along with the theories of where they originated, and how they first migrated.

- Test corrections and any late work - Due Tuesday, October 28
- Current Events - Due Saturday, October 25

Science: We finished up Chapter 2 this week and then reviewed and took the Chapter 2 Test on earthquakes. Next week, we will begin our Chapter 3/4 unit on Weathering, Erosion, and Deposition.

Theology: In Theology we finished up our newscast on the different genres of the Old Testament. Next week, we will continue our research on the Marian Apparitions.

Math 6G1: Students learned about dividing fractions and mixed numbers. Next week, they will take a quiz and learn about adding, subtracting and multiplying decimals.

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

Math 6G2: Students took a test. They also learned about ratios and how to use a tape diagram to solve ratio problems. Next week, they will learn about using ratio tables to solve ratio problems.

- Friday, October 31 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.3)

7TH GRADE

Language Arts: We wrapped up our work on the Serba Essay Rough Drafts by practicing peer editing and revising our work. We also finished our Noun Unit with a unit test. Next week, we'll kick off our Poetry Unit and the next grammar unit on Verbs.

- Wednesday, October 29 - All late work in ELA due.

Social Studies: We finished our Roman Empire unit. The students took a test. Then, we began our transition to the Americas. We will look at the theories of how the first people migrated to the Americas. Then, we will look at the first civilizations, such as the Olmecs and the Mayans.

- Test corrections and any late work - Due Tuesday, October 28
- Current Events - Due Saturday, October 25

Theology: We began talking about the Evangelist this week. We looked at their audiences and why they wrote them. We also started to research some of the Marian Apparitions. We will continue researching them next week.

Science: We have continued to learn about the structure of the atom this week, focusing on the different parts and how they are arranged, which will lead into the three different types of chemical bonds: ionic, covalent, and metallic.

Math 7G1: Students took a quiz and also learned about writing equivalent expressions and factoring expressions. Next week, students will take a quiz and will begin to review for the end of chapter assessments for Chapter 3.

- Wednesday, October 29 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.3 - 3.4)
- Monday, November 3 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, November 4 - Chapter 3 Test

Math 7G2: Students learned about parallel lines, transversals, and angles of triangles. Next week, they will learn about angles of polygons and how to use similar triangles to solve problems.

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

8th Grade

Language Arts: Students finished peer reviewing one another's Short Stories and revised their work. We also took our first full-unit grammar test on Nouns, Pronouns, and Adjectives. Next week, we'll kick off our Poetry Unit and the next grammar unit on Verbs.

- Wednesday, October 29 - All late work in ELA due.

History: We continued our Constitution unit. The students learned why the Bill of Rights was created and how it was a major compromise. Then, they created a booklet discussing the amendments. Next week, we will look at how the Constitution was ratified. We will also look at the powers given to the state and local governments. Lastly, the students will do a deep dive into the seven articles of the Constitution.

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Science: The class did a wonderful job on their cell projects and really enjoyed sharing them at the start of the week. After that, we reviewed the chapter material, and ended the week by taking a test on Chapter 2. Next week, we will start learning about some important cell processes, starting with photosynthesis.

Math 8G1: Students learned about parallel lines, transversals, and angles of triangles. Next week, they will learn about angles of polygons and how to use similar triangles to solve problems.

- Friday, October 31 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.3 - 3.4)

Math 8G2: Students took a test. They also learned about functions. Next week, they will learn about characteristics of functions, linear functions and function notation.

- Tuesday, November 4 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.4)

Theology: The students learned about who Jesus is in our life, and we talked about how he is always present in our lives. We also started to research some of the Marian Apparitions. We will continue researching them next week.

Looking ahead to HIGH SCHOOL

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!](#)



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8TH GRADE LEADERSHIP, VIRTUE, AND FAITH STUDY

*Building tomorrow's Catholic leaders –
one conversation at a time*



- Encourages faith formation and leadership development

☰ Father & mother led groups for 8th grade boys and girls meeting separately once or twice per month

☑ Parent leads discussion using Catholic curriculum

🕒 Meets for 25 minutes at 7:30am (with doughnuts!)

★ Provides positive father and mother role models

For more info, contact the school office or visit stthomasgr.org