



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Middle School Newsletter | Oct. 3, 2025**

## 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.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**Language Arts:** Students looked back at how Jonas has grown throughout *The Giver* so far, in preparation for our discussions of the story's climax in the next two weeks. We also wrote our second body paragraph of our Character Analysis Essays about Jonas and continued our grammar unit on Nouns, Pronouns, and Adjectives.

**Social Studies:** We finished our economics unit. We discussed different types of economic systems and discussed personal finances. We particularly talked about how to save and budget. Then, we started our government unit, which we will continue next week. Next week, students will study different forms of Government and create a slideshow discussing a specific form of government. Lastly, we will also discuss the difference between a unitary, confederal, and federal government.

- Forms of Government Slides - Due Wednesday, October 8

**Science:** We began the week by reviewing for the Chapter 1 test that we took on Wednesday. Those tests will be returned next week, and test corrections will be available two days after that. We ended the week by moving into Chapter 2, which builds on Chapter 1, but focuses on earthquakes.

**Theology:** We began discussing the Wisdom Books in the Bible. We talked about what their purpose is and tied them into the virtue of Loyalty. Next week, we talk about the prophetic books and look at the message behind them.

- Virtue Quiz Loyalty- Friday, October 10

**Math 6G1:** Students took a quiz and reviewed Chapter 1. Next week, they will take the Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz and Test. They will also learn about adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions.

- Monday, October 6 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, October 7 - Chapter 1 Test

**Math 6G2:** Students learned about dividing fractions and mixed numbers. Next week, they will take a quiz and learn about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals.

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

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**Language Arts:** We discussed the climax of *The Outsiders*, focusing on our characters' emotional responses to struggle and on the negative impacts of stereotyping. We also wrapped up the rough drafts of our Serba Scholarship Essays and continued on in our grammar unit on Nouns, Pronouns, and Adjectives.

**Social Studies:** We talked about the fall of the Roman Republic and the beginning of the Roman Empire. We specifically discuss Julius Caesar, Augustus Caesar, and Pax Romana. Next week, we will discuss why the Roman Empire ended or fell. We will look at primary sources that discuss the issues that Rome had. Then, we will begin discussing Christianity in Rome.

**Theology:** We had a good week discussing who Jesus is, and then we looked at different Bible stories to reinforce the different images of Jesus. Next week we look at the scriptures and their importance.

- Virtue Quiz Loyalty- Friday, October 10

**Science:** We have been talking about the states of matter and the factors that cause materials to transition between these different states. At the end of the week, we began to focus specifically on the gas laws that have been established to explain the relationship between temperature, volume, and pressure in gases.

- Monday, October 13- Chapter 2 Test

**Math 7G1:** Students learned about multiplying and dividing rational numbers. Next week, they take a quiz and then review Chapter 2. The end of chapter assessments will take place toward the end of next week.

- Monday, October 6 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.3 - 2.5)
- Wednesday, October 8 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, October 9 - Chapter 2 Test

**Math 7G2:** Students learned rotations and congruent figures. Next week, students will take a quiz and learn about dilations, similar figures, and the perimeters and areas of similar figures.

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

## 7<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:genevieveboyle@stthomasgr.org).

## 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade

**Language Arts:** We learned about mood in literature through our reading of "Tell-Tale Heart." Students identified tools that authors use to create mood and created mood themselves with our Mood Mad Libs activity! We also wrapped up rough drafts of our Short Stories and continued our grammar unit on Nouns, Pronouns, and Adjectives.

**History:** We began our Constitution unit. We began by discussing why the Articles of Confederation failed, as well as the positive aspects it introduced. We discussed the Northwest Ordinance, Shay's rebellion, which officially caused the revision of the A.O.C, and the Constitutional Convention. Next week, the students will learn about the Great Compromise, the Three-Fifths Compromise, and the ideas that formed the Constitution.

**Science:** We spent this week focusing on how the invention of the microscope led to the development of the Cell Theory, explaining the relationship between cells and living things. We then focused on identifying the microscope parts and learned how to use them. We also spent a class period exploring the use of microscopes and examining various prepared slides. Next week, we will continue to practice microscope use and then look at the organelles that make up plant and animal cells.

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

**Math 8G1:** Students learned about dilations and similar figures. Next week, students will learn about the perimeters and areas of similar figures.

- Tuesday, October 9 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.5 - 2.7)

**Math 8G2:** Students learned about writing and graphing inequalities as well as solving inequalities using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Next week, students will take a quiz and learn about solving multi-step inequalities and solving compound inequalities.

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

**Theology:** We talked this week about the importance of choices, and then looked at the impact of sacraments on us. Next week, we will continue to look at the sacraments and our decision making.

- Virtue Quiz Loyalty- Friday, October 10