



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MIDDLE SCHOOL Announcements

2026-27 Enrollment: Enrollment for the 2026-27 school year is open! You should have received an email from Finalsite Enrollment with information about enrolling. **Current families will have until Feb. 15** before we open enrollment to new families. By completing enrollment, you can save a spot for your child for next year. If you have any questions, please contact our Admissions Director Cammi Lawrence (clawrence@stthomasgr.org).

GRACEAC Spring Sports: Registration for GRACEAC spring sports is open. The available sports are: boys baseball, boys and girls lacrosse, girls softball, girls soccer, girls and boys tennis and girls and boys track & field. If your child is interested, please register using the GRACEAC Spring Sports Sign Up. **The deadline to sign up is Feb. 15.** After that, there will be a late fee.

6TH GRADE

Language Arts: We talked about Karana's emotions and choices in *Island of the Blue Dolphins* as she adjusts to her life on the island. We also wrapped up brainstorming and outlining our debate essays; I was very impressed with our group work and leadership!

- Wednesday 2/18 - Sentences Quiz

Social Studies: We continued our Judaism unit. We discussed the history of Judaism and their beliefs. Then, we started our Egyptian unit. Next week, we will discuss the importance of the Nile River and the difference between social classes in Egypt.

Science: We have continued with the atmosphere this week. We spent time learning about how energy reaches the Earth from the sun and how our atmosphere is involved in a delicate balance between gaining and losing energy to maintain the right conditions for life. We will move on to how heat moves through the atmosphere and how this leads to both large-scale and local winds.

- Thursday, February 26- Chapter 8 Test

Theology: The students this week are beginning to investigate the Ten Plagues. They are working on this in groups. Each group is asked to investigate the plague in groups and answer questions about what happened and the state of mind of the Pharaoh. Next week, we will continue to work on the Ten Plagues project.

Math 6G1: Students learned about how to solve percent problems. Next week, students will wrap up Chapter 4 with assessments.

- Wednesday, February 18 - Chapter 4 Quiz 2 (4.3-4.4)
- Monday, February 23 - Chapter 4 Test

Math 6G2: Students learned about writing equations in two variables and took a quiz. Next week, students will finish with Chapter 6 assessments.

- Thursday, February 19 - Chapter 6 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, February 20 - Chapter 6 Test

7TH GRADE

Language Arts: We discussed Bilbo's exponential character growth in the forest of Mirkwood; according to the 7th graders, our hobbit friend now has "aura." We also used what we've learned in our sentences unit so far to write clear, grammatical sentences summarizing the events of *The Hobbit* so far.

- Wednesday 2/18 - Sentences Quiz

Social Studies: We continued our discussion on the colonization of the Americas. We discussed the French, the Dutch, and the English. Next week, we will continue our discussion of the English. We will particularly discuss Jamestown and the conditions the colonists dealt with. The students will receive their Study Guide for their European Colonization test. They will also write an essay on the conditions of Jamestown.

- Jamestown Essay - Due Saturday, February 21st
- European Colonization Test - Wednesday, February 25th

Theology: The students started to work on the Acts of the Apostles Museum. Students are recreating some of the most important stories in Acts of the Apostles. They are doing shoebox dioramas to display them. Remind them to bring in their supplies for the project next week. They will continue working on them next week.

Science: We have focused on the forces of friction and gravity this week. We conducted a lab to determine which type of friction requires the most force to overcome. We also used a lab simulation to explore the factors that affect the strength of gravity. Next week, we will look at Newton's Laws of Motion.

Math 7G1: Students learned about how fractions, decimals and percentages relate to one another, the percent proportion and the percent equation. Next week, students will prepare for a quiz over this material.

- Friday, February 20 - Chapter 6 Quiz 1 (6.1 - 6.3)

Math 7G2: Students learned about choosing a data display. Next week, students will wrap up Chapter 6 with assessments.

- Thursday, February 19 - Chapter 6 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, February 20 - Chapter 6 Test

8th Grade

Language Arts: Students continued discussing *A Wrinkle in Time*; we had lots of great leadership and many connections made to our Catholic faith and to *Stranger Things*. We also finished up taking notes on our final project topics; next week, we'll start organizing our notes into essay outlines!

History: We finished our unit on Jefferson's Presidency. We discussed impressment, the Embargo Act, and the main causes of the War of 1812. The students received their Adams and Jefferson Presidencies Study Guides, and will have a test next Friday.

- Adams and Jefferson Test - Friday, February 20th

Science: We began learning about plants this week by discussing the characteristics shared by all plants, as well as the myriad adaptations that specific species have developed to suit particular conditions. Next week, we will look more at the differences between vascular and nonvascular plants.

Math 8G1: Students learned about two-way tables. Next week, students will learn about choosing data displays and will prepare for a quiz.

- Monday, February 23 - Chapter 6 Quiz 2 (6.3 - 6.4)

Math 8G2: Students wrapped up Chapter 5 and will take the test on Wednesday. Next week, students will learn about properties of exponents and radicals and rational exponents.

- Wednesday, February 18 - Chapter 5 Test

Theology: We learned about the importance of the Eucharist this week and how it centers our lives. We tied the virtue of moderation and the Eucharist together. Next week, we will gain knowledge as we learn about the Holy Spirit