



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On **April 2 at 10am**, our 8th grade leaders will be performing a living Stations of the Cross in the Church. Parents are welcomed to attend this performance. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in at the school office. Thanks.

MESSAGE FROM Ms. TRENshaw

Hello Middle School Parents! I have completed filling out the grades as I currently have them – students have until Friday, March 27 to get it turned in. The 7th Graders are slightly behind the other classes so they will be finishing things up during class time next week. If you have any questions, feel free to email me (jessicatrenshaw@stthomasgr.org).

6TH GRADE

Language Arts: We presented the first round of our Debates this week; students did a great job using specific examples and evidence to support strong claims! Then, we talked about how to form a strong rebuttal, and teams worked together to begin writing a rebuttal against their opponent. We also prepared for next week's Sentences Test.

- Wednesday, March 25 - Sentences Test

Social Studies: We finished our Ancient Egypt unit and began our unit on Ancient Greece. We particularly discussed Greek Mythology. The students then began their Greek Mythology Project, which they will present next week. Next week, we will also continue talking about Ancient Greece, discussing the geography, the Trojan War, and the different types of governments in Ancient Greek city-states.

- Greek Mythology Project - Due Tuesday, March 24
- Current Event Extra Credit - Due Friday, March 27

Science: We learned about the different types of precipitation this week and how they form under different conditions as they fall through the sky. We then focused on the different types of storms and how to stay safe. Next week, we will look at how to create and read weather forecasts, then review for the 3/30 test.

- Monday, March 30 - Chapter 9 Test

Theology: The students continued their journey in the desert. We talked about the Ten Commandments and the Golden Snake. The students are now working on a choose-your-own-adventure story for their time in the desert. Next week, we will finish up our time in the desert.

- Virtue Quiz Generosity March 27

Math 6G1: We reviewed for a quiz and prepared for the end of Chapter 5 assessments. Next week, students will take the Chapter 5 Test. They will also learn about writing equations in one variable as well as solving equations with addition and subtraction.

- Monday, March 23 - Chapter 5 Test

Math 6G2: Students prepared for and completed the assessments for Chapter 7. Next week, students will learn about comparing and ordering integers, rational numbers, and absolute value.

- Monday, March 30 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.4)

7TH GRADE

Language Arts: Students studied for our Sentences Test, and continued to work on our *Hobbit* projects, focusing on clearly conveying themes and conflict in a visual medium. Next week, we'll continue working and wrap up our discussions of the novel.

- Wednesday, March 25 - Sentences Test

Social Studies: We finished discussing the Southern Colonies. We talked about the prevalence of slavery, then we recapped and summarized what we discussed between the New England, Middle, and Southern colonies. The students also started their 13 Colonies Brochure Project. Next week, the students will finish up their project and present it. Then, we will begin discussing the French and Indian War.

- 13 Colonies Brochure Project - Due Tuesday, March 24
- Current Event Extra Credit - Due Friday, March 27

Theology: The students delved into Paul's letter to the Romans. We looked at why he wrote it and how to give advice. Next week, we will look at the letters to the Corinthians.

- Virtue Quiz Generosity March 27

Science: We have continued to look at energy this week. We learned about the types of energy and how energy can be transferred and transformed as it moves between objects, but due to the law of conservation of energy, it is never destroyed. Next week, we will start the week with an activity on energy transformations and transfers before we review for the test on Friday, 3/27.

- Friday, March 27 - Chapter 7 Test

Math 7G1: Students took a quiz and learned about compound events. Next week, students will prepare for the assessments at the end of Chapter 7.

- Wednesday, March 25 - Chapter 7 Quiz 2 (7.3)
- Friday, March 27 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, March 30 - Chapter 7 Test

Math 7G2: Students learned about and reviewed exponents. They also learned about the product of powers property. Next week, students will learn about the quotient of powers property as well as zero and negative exponents.

- Friday, March 27 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.4)

8TH GRADE

Language Arts: Students completed a final, individual assessment of *A Wrinkle in Time* to show their personal comprehension and analysis of the text. They also began drafting the first essay for their Final Project and prepared for next week's Sentences Test.

- Wednesday, March 25 - Sentences Test

History: We finished discussing Monroe's presidency. We discussed Latin American countries gaining independence, then how Florida became a state, and the Monroe Doctrine. Students received a study guide for their War of 1812 and Monroe Presidency Test on Tuesday. Next week, students will take their test. Then, we will begin discussing Andrew Jackson and westward expansion.

- War of 1812 and Monroe Test - Tuesday, March 24
- Current Event Extra Credit - Due Friday, March 27

Science: We have begun to learn about the human body this week. We first looked at the organization of the body, from cells to tissues to organs to organ systems. Then we began to discuss how the organ systems interact. Next week, we will specifically examine how the body maintains homeostasis and look more closely at the structures and functions of the skeletal system.

Math 8G1: Students began to review for the end of Chapter 7 assessments. They will take the Chapter 7 test next week. They will also learn about exponents, the product and quotient of powers properties, and zero and negative exponents.

- Monday, March 23 - Chapter 7 Test

Math 8G2: Students learned about adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing polynomials as well as special products of polynomials. Next week, students will learn about solving polynomials in factored form and factoring polynomials in the form x^2+bx+c .

- Thursday, March 26 - Chapter 7 Quiz 1 (7.1 - 7.4)

Theology: We worked on living Stations of the Cross. We would love to see you on April 2 at 10am. The 8th graders are practicing well and are gaining an understanding of the Stations. We are also tying Gifts of the Spirit to the Stations. Next, we will continue our Lenten journey with the Stations and understanding true sacrifice.

- Virtue Quiz Generosity March 27