



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MAP Testing

Tuesday, April 28 (Math, 9:13 - 11:35)

Thursday, April 30 (Language Usage, 9:13 - 10:47)

Please try to avoid students missing school during these times.

6TH GRADE

Language Arts: We have learned about how myths taught about the values that the ancient Greeks held and practiced identifying themes and morals in a story. We also began doing research for our Greek mythology final project.

Social Studies: We discussed Alexander the Great. Then, we began our Ancient India unit. Next week, we will continue our Ancient India unit by discussing their religion, their social order, and the main empires in India.

Science: We have continued to look at how Earth moves in space and how that leads to seasons and the development of the calendar. Next week, we will look at what keeps Earth in orbit around the sun and what keeps our moon in orbit around us. Then we will go over the phases of the moon and what causes the different types of eclipses.

- Monday, May 11- Chapter 11 Test

Theology: We learned about Catherine of Sienna this week and her willingness to follow God. We also talked about how God is always present in our lives, and he walks with us just like he walked with the disciples to Emmaus. We also talked about life after Jericho. Next week, we will look at what happens next as the Israelites form a nation.

Math 6G1: Students wrapped up Chapter 6 with a review, quizzes and a test. They also began to learn about the area of parallelograms. Next week, they will learn about the area of triangles, trapezoids and kites.

- Friday, May 1 - Chapter 7 Quiz 1 (7.1 - 7.3)

Math 6G2: Students wrapped up Chapter 8 with a review, a quiz and a test. They also began to learn about adding integers. Next week, they will learn about subtracting, multiplying, and dividing integers as well as using integers to solve word problems.

- Tuesday, May 5 - Integer Assessment

7TH GRADE

LEADERSHIP RETREAT PREPARATION

As our 7th graders prepare to become our 2026-27 student leaders, they will have a 7th grade retreat preparation on **Thursday, April 30 from 11am-3pm**. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments at this time, as it is an important step in our leadership process.

Language Arts: Students began our discussions of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, identifying key traits and relationships of our main characters. We used the Anne Frank House website to explore the Secret Annex virtually, in preparation for our Anne Frank project. Please bring in any extra shoeboxes for 7th graders to use for our project!

Social Studies: The students continued to work on their No Taxation Without Representation Song Project. The students turned it in and presented it on Thursday. Then, we began our Beginning of the Revolutionary War unit and will continue this next week.

Theology: We continued to look at the Book of Cornithians and Paul's intentions. We also talked about how God is always present in our lives, and he walks with us just like he walked with the disciples to Emmaus. Next week we will talk about the importance of St. Maximilian Kolbe and present our findings at chapel next Friday.

Science: We finished up learning about thermal energy this week by exploring how materials respond when heated, depending on their thermal properties. We then reviewed for the test that is on Monday.

- Monday, April 27- Chapter 8 Test

Math 7G1: Students used statistical data measures to compare populations. They also did some extra practice on IXL to learn more about line graphs and box plots and how to interpret them. They also began to learn about circles, circumference and the area of circles. Next week, students will learn about the perimeter of composite figures.

- Friday, May 1 - Chapter 9 Quiz 1 (9.1 - 9.3)

Math 7G2: Students wrapped up Chapter 8 with a review, a quiz and a test. Next week, they will learn about finding square and cube roots as well as using the Pythagorean Theorem.

- Tuesday, May 5 - Chapter 9 Quiz 1 (9.1 - 9.3)

8th Grade

Language Arts: We continued to revise our Final Project essays, working with partners to go through our Revision Stations. Students also learned how to diagram phrases and appositives in a sentence.

History: We discussed the boiling points of the Civil War. These are the actions that led up to and caused the Civil War. Then, the students took an open-notes quiz on the causes. Next week, we will continue our Civil War unit, discussing the battles, generals, and other parts of the war.

Science: We have focused on the nervous and endocrine systems this week and how they work together to control the body. Next week, we will look at pregnancy and birth.

- Tuesday, May 5- Chapter 10 Test

Math 8G1: Students wrapped up Chapter 8 with a review, quizzes and a test. Next week, they will learn about finding square and cube roots as well as using the Pythagorean Theorem.

- Friday, May 1 - Chapter 9 Quiz 1 (9.1 - 9.3)

Math 8G2: Students wrapped up Chapter 7 with a review, a quiz and a test. Next week, they will learn about graphing quadratic equations.

- Tuesday, May 5 - Chapter 8 Quiz 1 (8.1 - 8.3)

Theology: We delved into the early days of the church and tied in the Four Marks of the Church to the events of the early church. We also talked about how God is always present in our lives, and he walks with us just like he walked with the disciples to Emmaus. Next we will continue to look at the beginnings of the early church.

8TH GRADE END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES/DATES

We are approaching the end of the school year, and for our 8th graders, this means a lot of graduation/end-of-the-year activities. Here is a list of a few of those activities:

- Memory book and graduation video pictures due to Jenn Ford – May 1
- Class trip to Mackinac Island – Monday, May 18 (Parents who would like to chaperone, please email Mrs. Hoedeman.)
- Anointing Mass – May 20 - at 8:15am
- 8th Grade Exams – May 26-28
- 8th Grade Last Mass – May 27
- 8th Grade Breakfast - Hosted on the students' last day of school by parents, May 29
- 8th Grade Last day of school – May 29
- Cedar Point Trip (parent-organized; not a school-sponsored field trip) – June 1
- Graduation – June 3