



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL Award Ceremony

Mark your calendars! The next Middle School Award Ceremony is June 5 at 2:45pm in the Church. This will be the last and final award ceremony of the year.

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

**Language Arts:** Students worked to write and edit the scripts for their Greek Mythology Podcast Projects, and studied for our Sentence Mechanics Test. Next week, we'll take our tests and work on our podcast recordings.

- Tuesday, May 26 - Sentence Mechanics Test

**Social Studies:** We focused on finishing our Ancient China unit. We discussed the Great Wall of China and the Silk Road. The students also took their U.S. State geography quiz, and they received their final exam study guide. Next week, we will begin preparing for our final exam.

**Science:** We focused on our solar system this week. We learned how it formed and what it consists of. Then we looked more closely at the sun and the inner and outer planets. We will finish chapter 12 by looking at the smaller objects in the solar system before we begin preparing for the upcoming final exam.

**Theology:** We discussed the Israelites' discussion to want a King, and the ramifications that it had. We also looked at the qualities that make a great leader. Next week we will review for the exam.

**Math 6G1:** Students learned about rational numbers, absolute value, the coordinate plane, and writing and graphing inequalities. Next week, students will begin to review for exams.

**Math 6G2:** Students learned about stem-and-leaf plots, histograms, box-and-whisker plots, and the shapes of distributions and choosing the appropriate measures for comparing data. Next week, students will begin to review for exams.

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

**Language Arts:** We learned about D-Day and discussed the ending of The Diary of Anne Frank. We also worked on the introductions and conclusions of our Anne Frank Character Analysis Essays, and studied for next week's Sentence Mechanics Test.

- Tuesday, May 26 - Sentence Mechanics Test

**Social Studies:** We finished our unit on the Founding Fathers and Mothers. We went on our 7th grade field trip around Grand Rapids! Then, the students began their Final Exam project. The students will be asked to gather all the materials from the year, and build an in-depth timeline explaining how we went from early European colonization to the beginning of the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

**Theology:** We discussed the journeys of Paul and the symbolism of Revelation. As well as reviewing the amazing field trip we took on Wednesday. Next week, we will review for the exam.

**Science:** After taking the test on waves and the electromagnetic spectrum on Monday, we moved on to our last new material of the year: magnetism. We will finish this up next week before we begin preparing for the upcoming final exam.

**Math 7G1:** Students learned about finding the volume of prisms and pyramids as well as identifying the cross section of 3D figures. Next week, students will begin reviewing for exams.

**Math 7G2:** Students learned about finding the volume of cylinders, cones and spheres as well as the surface area and volume of similar solids. Next week, students will begin reviewing for exams.

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**Language Arts:** The students continued to do research for their final exam project. Students presented on Friday, and students will be expected to be done and present next Thursday.

**Science:** We started the week on Mackinac Island! The kids were great, the weather held out, and I believe everyone enjoyed themselves. When we got back to the classroom, we finished our ecology unit by discussing how energy moves through an ecosystem. Then we began preparing for next week's exam.

- Wednesday, May 27- Final Exam (Chapters 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12.1)

**Math 8G1:** Students reviewed for exams. Next week, they will take the math exam on Tuesday.

**Math 8G2:** Students reviewed for exams. Next week, they will take the math exam on Tuesday.

**Theology:** We discussed the importance of our Catholic faith in real life situations. We also discussed the DBQ for Tuesday.

- Exam on Tuesday.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exam Schedule – Dismissal at 11:30am on exam days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 26</b>	<b>Location</b>
8:20 - 9:11am	Math 8:25 - 9:55am	Ministry Center
9:13 - 9:59am		
10:01 - 10:47am	Theology 10:00 - 11:30am	Ministry Center
10:49 - 11:30am		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Wednesday, May 27</b>	<b>Location</b>
8:20 - 9:11am	MASS	
9:13 - 9:59am	ELA 9:05 - 9:55am	Ministry Center
10:01 - 10:47am	Science 10:00 - 11:30am	Ministry Center
10:49 - 11:30am		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Thursday, May 28</b>	<b>Location</b>
8:20 - 9:11am	Social Studies 8:25 - 9:55am	Ministry Center
9:13 - 9:59am		
10:01 - 10:47am	Graduation Practice	Church
10:49 - 11:35am		

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES/DATES

We are approaching the end of the school year, and for our 8<sup>th</sup> 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
- Anointing Mass – May 20 - at 8:15am
- 8th Grade Exams – May 26-28
- 8<sup>th</sup> 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