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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MIDDLE SCHOOL MAP Testing Schedule

Our Middle School students will be taking MAP tests on the following dates:

- Tuesday, September 22 – Reading, 9:27 - 11:45am
- Thursday, September 24 – Science, 9:27 - 10:58am
- Tuesday, September 29 – Language Usage, 9:27 - 10:58am

Please make every effort to have your student at school on these days/times.

6TH GRADE

Language Arts: We read chapters 2 and 3 in *The Giver*. While reading we looked at the characters that we have been introduced to and what kind of person they are (trait). We started using our root words from Latin and Greek by writing a short story that includes all the words we have learned so far. We also have looked at how to pluralize nouns, and that some nouns do not follow the rules, due to them being from a different language. Next week, we will read chapter 4-8 from our book, and continue looking at the development of Jonas. Students will turn in their short story using the root words. Students will also learn about the different functions of a noun.

Social Studies: We finished discussing the 5 Themes of Geography and students presented their projects. Students also received their Geography Basics Study Guide, and will have their test next Friday. Next week, we will finish the unit by talking about distortion and map projections. We will also start our Economic Basics Unit.

- Geography Basics Test - Friday, September 25

Science: We finished our introductory material by focusing on common SI measurements and how to find them. Then we started 1.1 Earth's Motion Around the Sun, looking at how Earth rotates and revolves through space. Next week, we will continue with space.

Theology: We continued to look at the different books of the Bible. Then we started connecting different stories to different themes. Next week, we will look at historical books

- Virtue Quiz Affability - September 25

Math 6G1: Students learned about prime factorization and finding the greatest common factor between numbers. Next week, students will continue to learn about GCF and about finding the least common multiple between numbers.

- Monday, September 28 - Chapter 1 Quiz 2 (1.4 - 1.6)

Math 6G2: Students learned about finding the greatest common factor and the least common multiple between numbers. Next week, students will take a quiz and prepare for the end of chapter assessments.

- Monday, September 21 - Chapter 1 Quiz 2 (1.4 - 1.6)
- Thursday, September 24 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, September 25 - Chapter 1 Test

7TH GRADE

Language Arts: We read chapter 2-4 in *The Outsiders*. We looked at how the gang interacts with each other and how they interact with the world outside their gang. We started using our root words from Latin and Greek by writing a short story that includes all the words we have learned so far. We also have looked at how to pluralize nouns and how some nouns do not follow the rules, due to them being from a different language. Next week, we will reach chapter 5-8 in *The Outsiders*, looking at Ponyboy and Johnny interacting with each other. We will continue learning about the functions of nouns and take our test on the functions of nouns on Tuesday, Sept. 29, students will be given activities to help them work on the functions.

- Nouns test – Sept. 29

Social Studies: We continued discussing the Roman Republic. We talked about the society in Rome, and the role of men, women, and slaves. We also discussed their religion and students received a Roman Republic study guide. Their test will be on Friday. Next week, we will finish discussing the Roman Republic and start discussing how Rome became an empire.

- Roman Republic Test - Friday, September 25

Theology: The students explored the different writing styles of the Evangelists, they also are comparing the Old and New Testaments stories. Next week we will start examining Matthew.

- Virtue Quiz Affability- Friday September 25

Science: We continued talking about forces this week by looking at Newton's 2nd Law, which describes the mathematical relationship between force, mass, and acceleration. We also conducted a lab, measuring the frictional forces exerted by different surfaces. We will continue with forces next week.

- Monday, October 5- Module 1 Test

Math 7G1: Students learned about subtracting integers and rational numbers. Next week, students will prepare for the Chapter 1 Test. They will also learn about multiplying and dividing integers.

- Tuesday, September 22 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, September 23 - Chapter 1 Test

Math 7G2: Students took the second quiz in chapter 1 and reviewed for the end of the chapter assessments. Next week, students will take a vocabulary quiz and a test over the material from Chapter 1. They will also learn about translations in the coordinate plane.

- Monday, September 21 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, September 23 - Chapter 1 Test

8TH GRADE

Language Arts: We finished reading the short story “The Chaser.” Students looked at the idea of literary devices and how they can be used to help enhance writing and develop the mood of a story. We started using our root words from Latin and Greek by writing a short story that includes all the words we have learned so far. We also have looked at how to pluralize nouns and how some nouns do not follow the rules, due to them being from a different language. We also went back and reviewed what a noun is, as a refresher. Next week, we will start reading the short story “The Checkout.” We will look at how the author used literary devices to help us connect to the characters. We will also finish learning about the functions of a noun, and be taking our test on nouns on Tuesday, Sept. 29. Students will start doing activities to help them deepen their understanding.

- Nouns test – Sept. 29

History: We continued discussing the Revolutionary War; we talked about women, African Americans, and Native Americans and how they impacted the war. We also discussed the turning point in the war. Next week, we will finish our conversation on the Revolutionary War. Students will receive their study guide, and their test will be the following Thursday.

- Revolutionary War Test - Thursday, October 1



Science: We focused on cycles that move matter through an ecosystem: the carbon cycle, the water cycle, and the nitrogen cycle. Next week, we will finish up with the oxygen cycle and review for the Module 1 Test on Friday.

- Friday, September 25- Module 1 Test

Math 8G1: Students took the second quiz in chapter 1. Next week, they will review for the end of the chapter assessments. Students will take a vocabulary quiz and a test over the material from Chapter 1. They will also learn about translations and reflections in the coordinate plane.

- Tuesday, September 22 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, September 23 - Chapter 1 Test

Math 8G2: Students learned about solving absolute value equations. Next week, students will learn about rewriting equations and formulas. They will also work on a study guide to prepare for the second quiz in Chapter 1.

- Monday, September 28 - Chapter 1 Quiz 2 (1.4 - 1.6)
- Thursday, October 1 - Chapter 1 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, October 2 - Chapter 1 Test

Theology: We are working on applying the Four Marks of the Church into our everyday lives. Next week, we will continue what the Mark of One means.

- Virtue Quiz Affability- September 25



FUTURE COUGARS

Fall Events at Catholic Central

OCT
1, 14, 27

FIRST LOOK | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Come with your family for an evening at CC. Tour our campus, meet Student Ambassadors, and get a first look at a school where students are called by name and invited to become more.

OCT 13
THROUGH
DEC 8

SHADOW DAYS

Spend a school day alongside a current Cougar. Attend classes, enjoy lunch, tour campus, and experience daily life in a community shaped by high expectations and relentless support.

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OPEN HOUSE | 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Explore Catholic Central with your family. Meet teachers and students, learn about academics, athletics, student life, and faith formation, and discover how the Catholic Promise and Financial Aid can help make CC more accessible.



REGISTER





EXPERIENCE WEST

Prospective families will have the opportunity to:

- **Tour campus** alongside a current West Catholic student
- **Hear from current parents** about their family's time at West Catholic
- **See the West Catholic experience** in action and learn what makes our community unique
- **Explore the enrollment process** and learn about the next steps
- **Connect with faculty and staff** who will be available to answer questions
- **Explore the menu** of the cafeteria's daily options
- **Indulge in the talents** of West Catholic's music students



Tuesday, October 27



6:30-8:30 p.m.



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