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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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6TH GRADE

Language Arts: We started our first week of Greek and Latin root words. We also looked at how to analyze character's actions and look at character growth in the short story "The Selfish Giant." We will be starting our first novel study *The Giver* next week.

Social Studies: We continued to discuss the basics of geography. We talked about grids, hemispheres, latitude and longitude, and the importance of a map key/legend. Next week, we will discuss the 5 themes of geography, and students will begin their first Social Studies project. We will also take a moment out of our schedule to discuss the importance of 9/11 and the events that occurred on that day.

- 5 Themes of Geography Project - Due Wednesday, September 17

Science: We have spent the last two weeks getting introduced to middle school science. We have gotten used to classroom procedures and learned about lab safety and lab equipment. Next week, we will focus on the skills used in the process of science.

Theology: We discussed the importance of taking up our cross. We also learned how to pray for adoration. We finished the week by starting to delve into the Bible. Next week we start learning and memorizing the Books of the Bible.

Math 6G1: Over the last two weeks, we have spent time organizing math materials into binders. Last week, students worked on an activity that helped with problem solving and an activity that helped them get acquainted with their calculator. This week, students logged into their online textbook, made sure they could get into IXL, and got class codes for Google Classroom. We also started learning new material, taking notes and completing homework assignments. Next week, students will learn about the order of operations and properties of operations.

Math 6G2: Over the last two weeks, we have spent time organizing math materials into binders. Last week, students worked on an activity that helped with problem solving and an activity that helped them get acquainted with their calculator. This week, students logged into their online textbook, made sure they could get into IXL, and got class codes for Google Classroom. We also started learning new material, taking notes and completing homework assignments. Next week, students will take their first quiz and also learn about prime factorization.

- Thursday, September 10 - Chapter 1 Quiz 1 (1.1 - 1.3)

7TH GRADE

Language Arts: We started our first week of Latin and Greek root words. We also learned what ethos, pathos, and logos are, and how they are used for writing, advertisement, and debates. We will continue learning about ethos, pathos, and logos next week while starting our novel study of *The Outside*.

Social Studies: We started discussing the Roman Republic. We talked about the importance of Rome's geography, the Roman forum, their government and how it compares to the U.S.'s. Next week, we will continue discussing Rome's government, talk about the Roman army, and we will also take a moment out of our schedule to discuss the importance of 9/11 and the events that occurred on that day.

Theology: We started to talk about the importance of listening to Jesus, we also learned how to pray properly in Adoration. Next week we will start talking about Divine Revelation.

Science: Once we finished going through classroom procedures, we have been reviewing the processes involved in conducting sound scientific investigations by experimenting with different ways to alter the flight time of paper helicopters. Next week, we will begin our physical science materials, learning about force and motion.

Math 7G1: Over the last two weeks, we have spent time organizing math materials into binders. Last week, students worked on an activity that helped with problem solving and an activity that helped them get acquainted with their calculator. This week, students logged into their online textbook, made sure they could get into IXL, and got class codes for Google Classroom. We also started learning new material, taking notes and completing homework assignments. Next week, students will take their first quiz and also learn about subtracting integers.

- Thursday, September 10 - Chapter 1 Quiz 1 (1.1 - 1.3)

Math 7G2: Over the last two weeks, we have spent time organizing math materials into binders. Last week, students worked on an activity that helped with problem solving and an activity that helped them get acquainted with their calculator. This week, students logged into their online textbook, made sure they could get into IXL, and got class codes for Google Classroom. We also started learning new material, taking notes and completing homework assignments. Next week, students will take their first quiz and also learn about solving equations with variables on both sides and rewriting equations and formulas.

- Wednesday, September 9 - Chapter 1 Quiz 1 (1.1 - 1.2)



The 8th grade retreat is Sept. 17-18 at Camp Blodgett. Look for an email soon with more details about packing, schedule, and writing a letter to your 8th grader.

Language Arts: We started our first week of Latin and Greek root words. We also started our short story unit this week. The first short story we read was "The Monkey Paw", while students were reading the story, they looked at the parts of the story, such as theme, plot, and point of view. We will continue working on short stories in this quarter.

History: We started discussing the Revolutionary War. We talked about the early heroes, Washington crossing the Delaware, the New England plan, and Valley Forge. Next week, we will continue discussing Valley Forge and students will write an essay using the documents we discussed in class, to decide if they would stay at Valley Forge or quit. We will also take a moment out of our schedule to discuss the importance of 9/11 and the events that occurred on that day.

- Valley Forge Essay - Would you have quit? - Due Monday, September 14

Science: After reviewing classroom procedures and science basics, we moved into the first topic in our textbook: how energy first enters an ecosystem through photosynthesis. We then learned how organisms access that energy, using cellular respiration. Next week, we will move into how energy and matter move through the ecosystem.

Math 8G1: Over the last two weeks, we have spent time organizing math materials into binders. Last week, students worked on an activity that helped with problem solving and an activity that helped them get acquainted with their calculator. This week, students logged into their online textbook, made sure they could get into IXL, and got class codes for Google Classroom. We also started learning new material, taking notes and completing homework assignments. Next week, students will take their first quiz and also learn about solving equations with variables on both sides and rewriting equations and formulas.

- Wednesday, September 9 - Chapter 1 Quiz 1 (1.1 - 1.2)

Math 8G2: Over the last two weeks, we have spent time organizing math materials into binders. Last week, students worked on an activity that helped with problem solving and an activity that helped them get acquainted with their calculator. This week, students logged into their online textbook, made sure they could get into IXL, and got class codes for Google Classroom. We also started learning new material, taking notes and completing homework assignments. Next week, students will take their first quiz and also learn about solving equations with variables on both sides.

- Thursday, September 10 - Chapter 1 Quiz 1 (1.1 - 1.3)

Theology: We discussed how to listen to Jesus in silence; we also relearned how to pray in Adoration. At the end of the week we did a deep dive into the Bible. Next week we will start learning about the early days of the Church.