



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Middle School Newsletter | Oct. 16, 2026

Upcoming MIDDLE SCHOOL events!

- Oct. 20 – Middle School to attend the West Catholic performance at Aquinas
- Oct. 21 – 8th Grade NET Retreat at St. Thomas
- Oct. 22 – 6th Grade NET Retreat at St. Thomas
- Oct. 22 – 8th Grade Red Glasses Fieldtrip

FALL BOOK FAIR Dates!

- Friday, October 23, from 8am-12noon
- Tuesday, October 27, from 10:30am-4pm
- Wednesday, October 28, from 9:30am-4pm
- Thursday, October 29, from 8am-12:45pm

Spelling Bee Sign Up!

If your child is interested in participating in this year's Spelling Bee, please use our [STA Spelling Bee Sign Up](#) by **Monday, Oct. 26**. This is a hard deadline. No entries will be accepted after Oct. 26. Classroom spelling bees will happen before Thanksgiving and the final bee will be after Christmas break.

Musical auditions!

All 3rd–8th grade students are invited to audition for our upcoming *Finding Nemo* musical. Audition practice sheets and music will be available in the school office and at the audition. Auditions will be in the Music Room on **Wednesday, October 28 from 3:30-5pm**. Rehearsals will be in the lower level on Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30-5pm. The performances will be April 13-15.



6TH GRADE

Language Arts: We took our noun test. We continue reading *The Giver*, looking at how Jonas is starting to learn about what pain is. Next week, students will continue reading *The Giver* and start looking at the traits of Jonas and how his traits have developed over the book.

Social Studies: We studied different forms of government. The students got a particular government, took notes on it, and presented it to the class. Then, we discussed the different types of governmental systems. Next week, we will finish discussing the systems. Then, we will discuss the United States government, its branches, and the United Nations.

Science: We have focused on the role of gravity in the formation of the universe. We conducted a virtual lab, testing the roles that mass and distance play in the force of gravity between any two objects in the solar system. Next week, we will continue to look specifically at the different objects found in our solar system, such as the 8 planets, their moons, dwarf planets, and asteroids.

Theology: We had a really good discussion about Monday's Gospel and tied it to the last few weeks. We also did service with the sixth graders this week. Next week we will look at the stories of creation.

Math 6G1: Students learned about dividing fractions and mixed numbers. Next week, students will prepare for and take a quiz.

- Wednesday, October 21 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.4)

Math 6G2: Students learned about dividing decimals and began to prepare for a quiz. Next week, students will take a quiz and prepare for the end of chapter assessments.

- Monday, October 19 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.5 - 2.8)
- Monday, October 26 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, October 27 - Chapter 2 Test



7TH GRADE

Language Arts: Students learned about pronouns and how they are used for a place for a noun. We continue working on our debate. Next week, students will continue working on their debate, students should now be on their Google Docs writing out their essay and preparing to edit their paper.

- Rumble Paper - Oct. 26

Social Studies: We finished our projects on the Fall of Rome. Students turned them into Google Classroom on Wednesday. Then, we discussed Christianity in Rome. Next week, we will continue to discuss Christianity in Rome by reading the book "Who Was Jesus."



Theology: We had a really good discussion about Monday's Gospel, and tied it to the last few weeks. We also looked at the structure of Mark's Gospel. Next we will continue to look at Mark's Gospel.

Science: We have been focusing on potential energy this week, the energy objects store because of their position relative to another object or the arrangement of particles within them. We'll continue with that next week, looking at how energy transfers between types and how it must follow the Law of Conservation of Energy.

Math 7G1: Students took a test over rational numbers. Next week, students will learn about algebraic expressions and about adding and subtracting linear expressions.

- Monday, October 26 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.2)

Math 7G2: Students learned about finding the perimeter and area of similar figures. They began to prepare for a quiz. Next week, they will take the quiz and prepare for the assessments at the end of Chapter 2.

- Monday, October 19 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.5 - 2.7)
- Thursday, October 22 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, October 26 - Chapter 2 Test

8TH GRADE

Language Arts: We learned about pronouns and how they are used for a place for a noun. We started working on our short story, by working on the outline. Next week, students will be starting their rough draft for their short story.

- Short story - Oct. 30

History: We continued to discuss the compromises made throughout the creation of the Constitution. We discussed other ideas and thinkers that influenced the Constitution. Then we discussed Federalists v. Anti-Federalists. We will continue to discuss this next week and have a debate over their ideas.

Science: We came to the end of Module 2 this week, focusing on relationships between organisms in ecosystems and how these interactions, as well as outside factors, can cause an ecosystem to change over time. We will prepare for the test on the 26th next week.

- Monday, October 26 - Module 2 Test

Math 8G1: Students began to prepare for and also take a quiz. Next week, they will prepare for the assessments at the end of Chapter 2.

- Tuesday, October 20 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, October 22 - Chapter 2 Test

Math 8G2: Students took a quiz and also learned about solving multi-step inequalities and compound inequalities. Next week, students will learn about solving absolute value inequalities.

Theology: We had a really good discussion about Monday's Gospel, and tied it to the last few weeks. We also began to look at the 5 Precepts of the Church. We will continue to look at the 5 Precepts next week.

