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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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ROSARY WITH THE BISHOP

Our Diocesan all-school Rosary is Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 1:15pm with the Bishop. We are asking all Middle School students to bring a rosary to school that day. Please do not send in a sentimental rosary.

6TH GRADE

Language Arts: We continue reading *The Giver*, looking at how Jonas is growing as a character. Next week, we will continue reading and studying for our Noun test.

- Noun Test - October 13

Social Studies: We began our Economic Basics unit. We discussed opportunity cost, supply and demand, shortage and surplus, and the different types of economic systems. Next week, we will continue to talk about the different types of economic systems, discuss personal finances, and begin our Government Basics unit.

Science: We have finished learning about the interactions between the Sun, Moon, and Earth by continuing with Moon phases and learning about the types of eclipses this week. On Friday, we began reviewing for the Module 1 test.

- Tuesday, October 6- Module 1 Test

Theology: We had some really good discussions this week on the book of Genesis. We talked about making good choices and lessons we can learn from Adam and Eve. Next week we delve into the creation stories.

- Virtue Quiz on Patriotism- Friday, October 9

Math 6G1: Students took a quiz and prepared for the Chapter 1 Test. Next week, students will learn about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions.

Math 6G2: Students learned about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions and dividing mixed numbers. Next week, students will take a quiz and also learn about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals.

- Tuesday, October 6 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.4)

7TH GRADE

Language Arts: We finished notes on nouns and started studying for the test next week. We started a rumble, which is where students are put into groups and look at their side of the situation.

- Nouns test – Oct. 6

Social Studies: We began discussing the end of the Roman Republic and the transfer to the Roman Empire. Next week, we will discuss the beginning of the empire, the 200 years of peace, and the eventual fall of Rome. Students will start their Fall of Rome projects on Friday, and they will be due the following Tuesday.

- Fall of Rome: Emergency Plan Project - Due Wednesday, October 14

Theology: We discussed the different Gospel stories in the New Testament this week and continued to break down the Gospel of Matthew. Next week we will look at Mark.

- Virtue Quiz on Patriotism- Friday, October 9

Science: We focused on gravity this week to end our module on Forces and Motion. We also investigated Newton's Third Law by looking at types of collisions using tennis balls and completing a virtual lab on how mass and distance affect gravity. On Friday, we started to review for the test that has been moved to Tuesday.

- Tuesday, October 6- Module 1 Test

Math 7G1: Students took a quiz over multiplying and dividing integers and also learned about converting between fractions and decimals and multiplying rational numbers. Next week, students will learn about dividing rational numbers and will take a quiz and will prepare for the end of chapter assessments.

- Thursday, October 8 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.3 - 2.5)

Math 7G2: Students learned about reflections, rotations, and congruent figures. Next week, students will take a quiz and will learn about dilations and similar figures.

- Wednesday, October 7 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.4)

8TH GRADE

Language Arts: We finished our notes on nouns. We continue reading short stories, looking at word choice and why authors are using figurative language to enhance their writing.

- Nouns test – Oct. 6

History: We finished our American Revolution Unit. The students studied and took their test on Thursday. Then, we began our Constitution for the USA unit. We discussed the pros and cons of the Articles of Confederation, and next week, we will discuss the Northwest Ordinance, Shay's Rebellion, and a couple of compromises made within the Constitution.

Science: We started Module 2: Dynamic Ecosystems this week. We started by discussing ecological organization. We also learned about extinct and endangered species by researching some of the critically endangered species on Earth. Next, we will move on to the different types of relationships found between and among species in nature.

Math 8G1: Students learned about rotations in the coordinate plane and congruent figures. Next week, students will take a quiz and will learn about dilations, similar figures, and the perimeter and area of similar figures.

- Monday, October 5 - Chapter 2 Quiz 1 (2.1 - 2.4)

Math 8G2: Students took a quiz and prepared for the assessments for Chapter 1. Next week, students will learn about writing and graphing inequalities as well as solving inequalities using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Theology: We continued to look at the Four Marks of the Church and the impact they have on our everyday lives. We also looked at different scripture references for them. Next week we will wrap up the unit.

- Four Marks of the Church Test- Friday, Oct. 9