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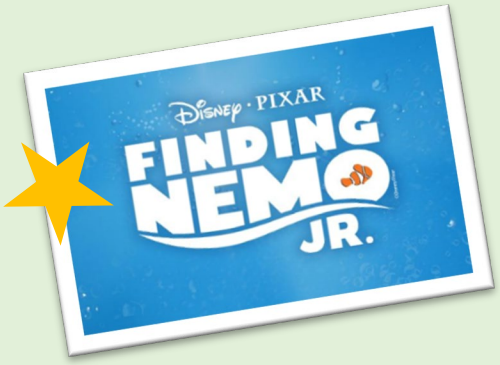
Middle School Newsletter | Oct. 23, 2026

Fall Book Fair Dates!

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.

A note from our STEAM teacher

Grades will be added this weekend, but a couple classes have missed STEAM multiple times in the last few weeks — if your child has missing work, please have them check with me. I can confirm with them if it is truly missing, or if they will finish it this coming week of classes.

6th Grade

Upcoming Vocations Awareness Day: All the 6th graders in the Diocese will gather to celebrate and promote Vocations Awareness Week. Check out this Vocations Awareness letter for more information.

Language Arts: We continue reading *The Giver*, while looking at how Jonas is starting to see the issues in his community, and thinking about things that he can do to make his community a better place. Next week, we will continue reading *The Giver.* We should complete the book next week, then we will start writing our character analysis paper.

- Character Analysis Paper due Nov. 13

Social Studies: We finished discussing the systems of government and looked at a few examples of federal and confederal systems. Next week, we will discuss citizenship. Students will understand the basics of how people become citizens in the USA and what rights and responsibilities citizens have. Students will receive a study guide for their Economic and Government Basics Test and will have the test the following Monday, November 2.

- Economic and Government Basics Test - Monday, November 2
- All late work due - Tuesday, November 3

Science: We continued looking at our universe, galaxy, and solar system this week. Next week, we will look more closely at the planets in our solar system and other small objects, like asteroids and meteors. Then we will review for Friday's test.

- Friday, October 30- Module 2 Test

Theology: We did a Bible exercise this week looking at different passages of the Bible, then creating real-life examples of these stories. Next week we will start talking about the Tower of Babel and Cain and Abel.

Math 6G1: Students prepared for and took a quiz over adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions and mixed numbers. Next week, students will learn about adding, subtracting, and multiplying decimals and dividing whole numbers.

Math 6G2: Students took a quiz and prepared for the end-of-chapter assessments. Next week, students will take a vocabulary quiz and a test over Chapter 2 material. They will also learn about ratios and using tape diagrams and ratio tables to understand ratio relationships.

- Monday, October 26 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, October 27 - Chapter 2 Test

7th Grade

Language Arts: Students continue working on their Rumble paper, making sure that they have sound arguments and a strong thesis. Students also continue practicing how to make a thesis statement. Next week, students will start the process of a debate, opening statements will start on Wednesday and the first part of the debate will end Friday.

- Rumble Final Paper Due Oct. 28

Social Studies: We read the book *Who Was Jesus?* by Ellen Morgan. Students learned who Jesus was, about his life in the Roman Empire, and how Christianity continued to expand after his death. Students also received their Roman Empire study guide. Next week, we will discuss Constantinople and the moving of the Roman Empire. The students will study, and they will take their test on Thursday. Friday, we will begin our Early North American People Unit.

- Roman Empire Test - Thursday, October 30
- All late work due- Tuesday, November 3

Theology: We did a Bible exercise this week, looked at different passages of the Bible, and created real-life examples of these stories. Next week we will continue looking at the Gospel of Mark.

Science: We finished our introduction to energy this week by exploring how potential and kinetic energy transform back and forth, and how all forms of energy transform into others, but no energy is ever destroyed, according to the law of conservation of energy. Next week, we will begin by reviewing Module 2 and taking our test on Wednesday. Then we will start Module 3: Electromagnetic Force.

- Wednesday, October 28 - Module 2 Test

Math 7G1: Students learned about algebraic expressions and how to add and subtract linear expressions. Next week, they will learn to write equivalent expressions and factor expressions.

- Monday, October 26 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.2)
- Monday, November 2 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.3 - 3.4)

Math 7G2: Students took a quiz and prepared for the end-of-chapter assessments. Next week, students will learn about parallel lines, transversals, and the angles of triangles.

- Monday, October 26 - Chapter 2 Test
- Monday, November 2 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.2)

8th Grade

Language Arts: Students continue writing their short story, working on adding detail and working on adding dialogue to their story. Next week, students will edit their paper and turn in their final draft.

- Short Story due Oct. 30

History: We continued our discussion on the Federalists and Anti-Federalists. We also held a mock debate, where students learned how to debate. Next week, we will complete a debate on the Federalists and Anti-Federalists. Then, we will continue to discuss the Constitution, particularly the Bill of Rights. The students will begin their Bill of Rights project. This will be due the following Tuesday.

- Bill of Rights Booklet Project - Due Tuesday, November 3
- All late work due- Tuesday, November 3

Science: Because the 8th-graders had such a busy week, we met only twice, and we reviewed for the Module 2 test during that time. We will take that test on Monday. Then we will begin our final ecology module, Module 3: Biodiversity in Ecosystems.

- Monday, October 26th- Module 2 Test

Math 8G1: Students took a quiz and prepared for the end-of-chapter assessments. Next week, students will learn about parallel lines, transversals, and the angles of triangles.

- Friday, October 30 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.2)

Math 8G2: Students learned about solving absolute value inequalities. Next week, students will prepare for end-of-chapter assessments.

- Wednesday, October 28 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.4 - 2.6)
- Friday, October 30 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, November 2 - Chapter 2 Test

Theology: We did a Bible exercise this week, looking at different passages of the Bible and creating real-life examples of these stories. Next week, we will continue studying the Five Precepts of the Catholic Church.

Middle School Opportunities

West Catholic Play

Tickets are still available for the final performances of West Catholic's Fall Play, Save Hamlet! Buy your tickets for the Saturday shows, which are at 2pm and 7pm.

Experience West

Prospective families are invited to join us Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 6:30pm for an inside look at life as a Falcon! At Experience West, current students will lead you on a tour of our campus, introducing you to our incredible staff and the outstanding programs that make West Catholic such a special place! Register today!

Open Spin and Winter Guard

Middle school parents! Looking for a fun, low-stress (non-tryout) activity for your kids? Check out the Saint Cecilia Color Guard flyer!