



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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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!

It's T-I-M-E for our annual STA All School Spelling B-E-E! If your child is interested in participating in this year's event, 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.

6TH GRADE

Language Arts: We continued reading *The Giver*. In the story, we looked at Jonas and his development as a character, and how he is starting to question the world around him. We also started on our noun study guide. Next week, we will continue reading our book and start our writing prompt on character development.

- Noun Test - October 13

Social Studies: We continued our Economic Basics unit. We discussed different economic systems, personal finances, and budgeting. Next week, we will start our Government Basics unit. We will discuss the three main systems and different forms of government. Students will have a Forms of Government Mini-Project due Tuesday.

- Forms of Government Mini Project - Due Tuesday, October 13

Science: After a final review on Monday, the students took their first science test on Tuesday on the Sun-Earth-Moon system. The tests were returned on Friday, and test corrections will be due back on Tuesday, October 13. We reviewed the expectations for test corrections, which are always available in the class syllabus. We also started learning about the formation of our solar system, galaxy, and universe, and the role of gravity in that formation.

Theology: We looked the Book of Genesis as a whole this week, we looked at what it's purpose was, and the messages we can get from it. We also started to talk about the different creation stories. Today we took our virtue quiz on Patriotism. Next week, we will talk about the Fall of Man.

Math 6G1: Students learned about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. Next week, students will learn about dividing mixed numbers.

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

Math 6G2: Students learned about adding, subtracting and multiplying decimals and dividing whole numbers. Next week, students will learn about dividing decimals and will begin to prepare for a quiz.

- Monday, October 19 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.5 - 2.8)
- Wednesday, October 21 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz

7TH GRADE

Language Arts: Students should finish reading *The Outsiders*. Students were placed into groups, where the students are working on a persuasive essay on if the Socs or the Greasers are good people. Students are either a Soc or a Greaser and, working in small groups, they are writing an essay. Students were introduced to writing an introductory and conclusion paragraph. Next week, students will start writing their rumble papers with their group and preparing for the debate.

- Rumble Paper - Oct. 26

Social Studies: We discussed the Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire. We also discussed Pax Romana and all the innovations/achievements Rome had in this time. Students started their Fall of Rome - Emergency Plan Project. Next week, we will continue discussing the Fall of Rome and students will finish their projects, due Wednesday. We will also talk about the rise of Christianity in Rome.

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

Theology: We discussed how the Gospels portray Jesus and what messages we can get from them. We had our virtue quiz on Patriotism today. Next week, we will discuss and explore the Gospel of Mark

Science: We finished reviewing and took the Module 1 Test to start the week. Then we moved into Module 2: Mechanical Energy. We started by learning about kinetic energy and how to calculate it. Next week, we will move to potential energy. We handed back tests on Friday, so test corrections are due by the end of the day Tuesday, October 13, stapled to the back of the original test.

Math 7G1: Students learned about dividing rational numbers. They took a quiz and began to prepare for the Chapter 2 Test. Next week, students will take the vocabulary quiz and the test for Chapter 2.

- Monday, October 12 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Tuesday, October 13 - Chapter 2 Test

Math 7G2: Students learned about dilations and similar figures. Next week, students will learn about perimeter and area of similar figures and will prepare for the quiz over the second half of Chapter 2.

- Monday, October 19 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.5 - 2.7)
- Wednesday, October 21 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, October 22 - Chapter 2 Test

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