Saint Thomas the Apostle
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Middle School Newsletter | Nov. 6, 2026

Parent teacher conferences

Our parent teacher conferences will be Thursday, Nov. 12, 4-8pm and Friday, Nov. 13 from 12-3pm. Please use our STA Conference Sign Up to reserve a time to talk with your student's teachers. We expect all parents to sign up for fall conferences. Sign up ASAP.

Middle School Awards Ceremony

Save the date – Nov. 11! We will have our next Middle School Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 2:45pm in the Church. Join us!

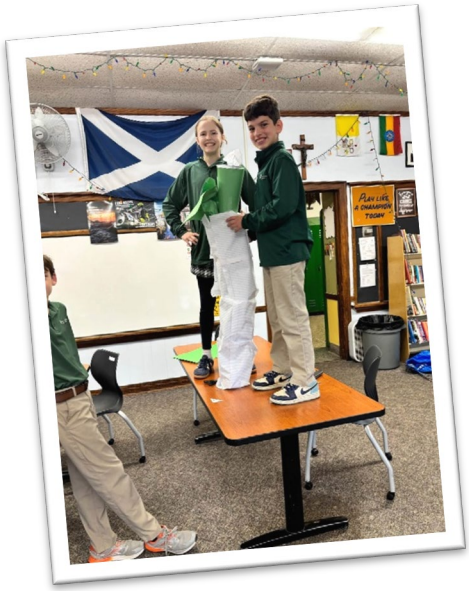
Middle school schedule for Friday, Nov. 13

Middle school students will have a special schedule for the half day during parent teacher conferences on Friday, Nov. 13. Please see the Middle school conference day schedule and lesson plan for next Friday.

6th Grade

Language Arts: We learned about how to write an introduction and conclusion paragraph for a character analysis paper. We also learned and practiced writing thesis statements, using the idea of TOE (topic, opinion, evidence.) Next week, we will start our character analysis of Jonas in our book. We will start learning about poetry.

Social Studies: Students took their Economic Basics and Government Test. Then, we began our Origins of Civilizations unit. We also discussed the Midterm Election. Next week, we will continue our Origins of Civilizations unit by talking about archeologists and anthropologists, stone age people, and early human migration.



Science: We have been focusing on the water cycle this week. We have been learning how water moves through the states of matter by gaining and losing thermal energy, which allows it to evaporate, condense as clouds, and then fall again as precipitation. This week, we focused on evaporation and condensation. Next week, we will talk more about the water as it falls and collects on Earth's surface.



Theology: We started to look at how people get in the way of God's plan. We looked at Cain and Abel and recreated the Tower of Babel. We also took our Virtue Quiz on Moderation. Next week we look at Noah's Ark and begin to talk about Abraham.

Math 6G1: Students learned to divide decimals. Students also prepared to take a quiz over the second half of Chapter 2. Next week, students will take the quiz and prepare for the vocabulary quiz and the Chapter 2 Test.



- Monday, November 9 - Chapter 2 Quiz 2 (2.5 - 2.8)
- Wednesday, November 11 - Chapter 2 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, November 12 - Chapter 2 Test

Math 6G2: Students took a quiz and also learned about graphing ratio relationships. Next week, students will learn about rates, unit rates and converting measures.

- Tuesday, November 17 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.4 - 3.6)

7th Grade

Language Arts: We started our poetry unit, learning about rhyme, rhythm, and figurative language. We also filled out our study guide for adjectives and pronouns. Next week, we will start looking at different types of poems, and writing poems in different forms.

- Adjective and Pronoun Test- Nov. 13

Social Studies: We discussed the Mayans. We talked about their way of life, religion, and the major advancements they made. Then, students completed a DBQ. We also discussed the Midterm Election. Next week, we will complete a project on the fall of the Mayans, and begin discussing the Incas.

- Fall of the Mayans Detective Project - Due Wednesday, November 11

Theology: We discussed the Gospel of Mark this week. We looked at specific Gospel stories and showed how following Jesus is not easy. The students are now presenting their findings from the Gospels as mini in class documentary. We also took our Virtue Quiz on Moderation. Next week, we will delve into the Gospel of Luke.

Science: We started Module 3: Electromagnetic Forces on Monday. We started by learning about magnets and how they work. We then moved on to static electricity. Next week, we will learn about currents and simple circuits.

Math 7G1: Students took a quiz and prepared for the assessments at the end of Chapter 3. Next week, they will take the Chapter 3 Test and also learn about solving equations using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

- Monday, November 9 - Chapter 3 Test

Math 7G2: Students learned about angles of polygons and using similar triangles to solve problems. Next week, students will take a quiz and review for the Chapter 3 Test.

- Tuesday, November 10 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.3 - 3.4)
- Thursday, November 12 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, November 16 - Chapter 3 Test

8TH Grade

Language Arts: We started our poetry unit, learning about rhyme, rhythm, and figurative language, then put into small groups looking at different poems, and working on finding the rhyme scheme of poems, figurative language, and message of the poem. Next week, we will continue to learn about different types of poems and start writing poems.

- Adjective and Pronoun Test - Nov. 11

History: We continued our Constitution Unit, discussed states and local government, discussed the Midterm Election, and students completed a deep dive into the Constitution. Next week, we will discuss the seven articles a bit more, compare the federal government to the states, and discuss citizenship. Students will also receive their study guides, and we will have our first review day on Thursday.

- Constitution for the USA Test - Tuesday, November 17

Science: We have continued to focus on the importance of biodiversity within ecosystems. This week, we researched the threats humans pose to the world's biodiversity and then wrote essays deciding which threats were most urgent. We then discussed ways to mitigate some of the damage that has been done and what changes can be made to help reduce further damage. Next week we weill review for the Module 3 Test, which will be next week.

- Module 3 Test: Wednesday, November 11

Math 8G1: Students learned angles of polygons and using similar triangles to solve problems. Next week, students will take the quiz that covers the second half of Chapter 3 and review and prepare for the Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz and Test.

- Monday, November 9 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.3 - 3.4)
- Wednesday, November 11 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, November 12 - Chapter 3 Test

Math 8G2: Students learned about functions, the characteristics of functions, linear functions, and function notation. Next week, students prepare for and take a quiz over the first half of Chapter 3. They will also learn about graphing linear equations in standard form.

- Wednesday, November 11 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.4)

Theology: We looked at the Five Precepts of the Church this week. Then we created court cases in which the students had to defend the Precepts of the Church. We took our Virtue Quiz on Moderation today. Next week we will start to talk about the 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching.