



January 5, 2024

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful break, with enriching family time and an exciting New Years celebration. Thanks again for your generous gifts. We are so grateful for our HRS community! We are also excited to get back into the groove of trimester two. Remember to check Alma frequently, and communicate with teachers about missing work, or any questions you might have.

[Homeroom Updates:](#)

- **GO HUSKIES!!!** Support the Huskies as they take on Michigan in the National Championship. Wear any gold, purple or Husky gear. If you don't have Husky gear, wear the colors of your favorite sports team. Go Huskies!
- **Ugg Slippers:** We love seeing all the cool new shoes students got over the break but unfortunately we are seeing shoes without a heel strap. Just a reminder, the family handbook states that all shoes must have a heel strap.
- **Catholic Schools Week:** CSW is from January 28th - February 3rd. Each day of CSW has a special theme that we are looking forward to, including the staff vs. 8th grade volleyball game. There will also be a book fair during this time. Be sure to stop by to check out the new books.
- **HRS Auction:** FAMILY DONATION DUE DATE FEBRUARY 16! Must be entered through one of the links below, but do not bring the donation to school until instructed to do so. Remember all families are required to contribute a minimum of \$225 to the auction in the form of cash or tangible items.
- Don't hesitate to reach out to the family procurement duo of Giulia Canali (Olson) and Jun Ren (Gangon) with your ideas and questions. Looking forward to hearing all your ideas!
- **auction-procurement@holyrosaryws.org**

Curriculum Updates:

Math (Mrs. H): Monday: *6.5 Discount and Markup
Tuesday: *6.6 Simple and Compound Interest
Wednesday: *ALEKS Review
Thursday: *Chapter Review (Day 1)
Friday: *TBD

Math (Mrs. C): We have begun Chapter 5, Integers and the Coordinate Plane. In this chapter students will learn about negative numbers, absolute value, and how to plot integers on a coordinate plane.

Math (Mr. W): Hello, and happy weekend! Next week, we will finish chapter four and begin chapter five: Integers and the Coordinate Plane.
Monday and Tuesday: chapter four test.
Wednesday: 5.1 Integers and Graphing
Thursday: 5.2 Absolute Value
Friday: 5.3 Compare and Order Integers

ELA: We have been busy learning new vocabulary words and working on Word of the Year one pagers. Students have picked one word to help remind them of what their goals are for 2024. Next week we will spend Monday-Wednesday working on our iPhone apps. Students should come to class on Monday ready to write about their 4 apps. Information for this book report was handed out on Tuesday and the directions are also in Google Classroom. These apps are due on Friday, 1/12. Vocabulary practice for unit 3 is due on Thursday, 1/11, with the test on Friday, 1/12.

Social Studies: Next week we will continue to learn about Lesson 11, The Geography of Egypt, Kush and Canaan. Students have completed the vocabulary, they have learned about three environmental factors: Water, Vegetations and Topography that are important when looking for a location to settle. We also did an experiential exercise. In this activity, students learned about three important environmental factors that affected settlement in ancient Egypt, Kush, and Canaan. Students used their bodies to create a “map” of the physical geography of these areas. Then they used this “map” to determine the best place for humans to settle, considering the environmental factors of these areas. Next, students will use the information they learned in this activity to complete a Reading Notes slideshow. Students should know these maps and all the physical features of these two maps. The test will be on Thursday January 11th. A study guide on Google Classroom.

Pyramid Project

On Tuesday (12/12), students will receive the rubric and handout for the Pyramid Project. The rubric will have all the details for this project. The Pyramid Project is due on January 26, 2024.

Science: Students are learning how vascular plants transport water, minerals, and sugar to cells via xylem and phloem tubes. Students will also discover what role leaves play in the transport of water to cells. Students will be able to classify leaves based on vein patterns, shape, and margin (leaf edge).

Religion: In the next two weeks 6th graders will have an in depth study of the Luminous Mysteries. They will read Scripture passages, watch video clips of each mystery, pray, and make a booklet.

Calendar Updates:

- Jan 8th - Husky Free Dress
- Jan 12th - 8th Grade Pizza
- Jan 15th - No School, Martin Luther King Jr Day (No BASE)
- Jan 17th - Parents Club Meeting 7pm
- Jan 24th - Noon Dismissal
- Jan 28th- Feb 3rd - Catholic Schools Week
- Feb 9th - No School, Teacher-in-Service

We hope you have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs. Chiodo and Mr. Williams