

February 2, 2024

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

What an awesome Catholic Schools Week! This past week was a great time to connect with our greater community, and to celebrate what makes our school so amazing. It was a great reminder how much our families, students, and staff contribute to our success. Congratulations to the teachers for winning a VERY close volleyball game today. It was hard fought against the 8th graders.

Homeroom Updates:

Mid-Trimester Reports: Coming out on Thursday, February 8th via email.

Valentine's Day: We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 13th due to Ash Wednesday landing on the 14th. Please do not bring Valentines in for the whole class. We will be celebrating with both classes in the school hall during lunch. The class parents have a few fun activities planned.

Beanie Drive: Sorry for the delay in communication, for Catholic Schools week, 6th grade will be collecting beanies for the homeless. Please bring in a new or like new beanie to donate to St. Vincent de Paul. We'd love to deliver them on Valentine's Day so please bring them in by 2/13.

Curriculum Updates:

Math (Mrs. H):

Monday: *8.1 Rational Coefficients Tuesday: *8.2 2-Step Equations Wednesday: *8.3 Writing Equations Thursday: *8.4 More with 2-Step Equations Friday: *No school. Teacher inservice

Math (Mrs. C): Students will learn to simplify expressions on Monday and spend Tuesday and Wednesday reviewing Chapter 6. Plan for the Chapter 6 test to be on Thursday, February 8, 2024.

Math (Mr. W):

Hello HRS families. Next week, we will begin chapter six: Expressions Monday: 6.1 Powers and Exponents Tuesday: 6.2 Numerical Expressions Wednesday: 6.3 Algebra: Variables and expressions Thursday: 6.4 Algebra: Write Expressions Friday: Mid-Chapter Check Have a nice weekend!

ELA: Students should have read chapter 12 by Monday morning, 2/5. We will read chapter 13 in class on Monday, on Tuesday we will have a fun activity for The Giver, and on Wednesday we will review chapters 7-13. Students must have ALL questions answered for chapter 7-13 to take part in the class discussion on Wednesday 2/7. There will be a comprehension test on Thursday, 2/8. Be sure to look at the new vocabulary in Google Classroom for this test.

Social Studies: Next week we will continue learning about Lesson 12, The Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs. Students will become tourists and board a felucca to see several ancient Egyptian monuments. They will learn about the 4 pharaohs who built them. Everyone did a wonderful job on their pyramids! Students may take their projects home now! The lesson 12 test will be on February 15th. A study guide will be on Google Classroom one week before the test.

Science: Students will be introduced to the fundamental ideas in chemistry. Chemistry is the study of the structure of matter and the changes that take place in it. Students will make mixtures and solutions with different solid materials and water. They will separate mixtures and solutions using screens, filters, and evaporation.

Religion: Students will learn about God's saving action through Moses in the Exodus story. They will recognize that Moses in the Old Testament prefigures Jesus and God's saving action in the New Testament.

Calendar Updates:

- Feb 3rd Catholic Schools Week Closing Mass
- Feb 9th No School, Teacher-in-Service
- Feb 15th Incoming Kindergarten Testing
- Feb 16th Noon Dismissal
- Feb 19th No School, Presidents' Day
- Feb 23rd 8th Grade Pizza Lunch
- Feb 24th Crab Feed
- April 25-26th 6th Grade Camp

Have a wonderful weekend!

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