



October 3, 2016

CALENDAR REMINDERS

School pictures will be on Thursday this week. Friday will be Pink and Denim Day in awareness and support of people with breast cancer. Please make sure your child(ren) have earbuds or headphones to stay at school for their iPads. Please be sure to check Powerschool or Edmodo for your homework posts.

- 10/5- Early Release
- 10/6- Picture day
- 10/7- Mass by 8th grade  
Pink and Denim Day
- 10/13- Jog-a-thon Day  
Noon dismissal
- 10/14- No School- Archdiocesan  
Inservice day

6th Grade News

Classroom News

I cannot remember a more perfect week at outdoor school. A wonderful experience was had by all. Thank you for all of the hard work it took to make it happen.

**Course Updates:**

**Language Arts** - This week we will focus on characterization by using our thumb prints to create a unique character. This will then tie into our first novel, *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry. In English, we will look at run on sentences, fragments and what complex sentences are. The students will also begin using the app, noredink.com to assess their grammar. The next trait, organization, will be addressed in their writing.

**Social Studies** –

The 6th graders will be reviewing life as an early hominid. The first quiz is scheduled for Thursday. Students will receive a study guide and directions on how to study on Monday.

**Science-** We will be wrapping up our outdoor school activities this week. I hope your student

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

Don't forget to send in your students' picture forms by Thursday morning! We only have 2 more weeks before the jog-a-thon, so remind your students to continue fundraising.

**Course Updates:**

**Language Arts- In Literature class this past week, we have focused on theme, conflict and plot. We will begin reading a couple of short stories. The final story will accompany a Common Core standards assessment on analyzing the development of theme. In English, we will begin looking at run ons, fragments, and the use of complex sentences in their writing. The trait of organization will be incorporated with the last trait of ideas focusing on hooks, transitions, a clear intro and a complete conclusion.**

**Social Studies** –

The 7th graders will be tying together faith, ethnicity and early African history to take their first quiz on Thursday. The students will receive a

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

8th grade sweatshirts should be here soon! You'll be the first to know when they arrive!!

Course Updates

Language Arts - 8A,8B: They have been working on Chapter Two and Three in *Call of the Wild*. In their library classes, they are researching in small groups the Yukon Territory and other information relating to the novel. Vocabulary and spelling continues to be assigned. In English, we will be looking at run on sentences and how to use subordinate conjunctions to correct run ons. The students will also begin using the app, noredink.com to assess their grammar.

Social Studies - Thursday is the big day to share learning from the first unit. Students will share through their iPads their understandings of who the Cado, Cahokia, and/or Aztecs were before European contact.

Science - We will be learning about the different types of energy associated with matter. Just like the

shared the details of their week with you. We will also begin a month-long home-based project called Living Wise- more information to come. We plan on dissecting squid next week on Thursday, Oct. 13, beginning at 10:30. If you want to come and help, we would love to have your company.

**Math** - The students will continue their study of Fractions as we investigate multiplying mixed numbers and division of whole numbers and fractions this week. On Tuesday, students will have the opportunity to finish/check their quizzes they took before camp, so they will need to review Monday night.

**Religion/Health-** We will be introduced to our new religion books this week and begin reading about the Old Testament. We will begin a 2 week unit on hygiene and why it is important to our health.

**Español:**  
We only had one class last week because students were traveling to Outdoor School. This week they will write a bit about what they would do if they went back next year.

study guide on Monday and more directions on best ways to prepare.

**Science - We will be looking into the cell in its environment this week. What is osmosis? What is diffusion? The importance of water to cells is crucial for all of their functions. "Hydration is key to success"- Mr. English. Test over chapter 1 Monday.**

**Math Velazquez -** We will wrap up our work with rational numbers at the beginning of the week and then expand our study to the Real number system. We will be doing an activity to ensure students understand how the entire number system is set up. Students will have a quiz on Rational Number operations this Friday. "I Can Statements" will be posted on Edmodo today.

**Math Drenner -** We will be reviewing properties of integers this week. What are examples of negative numbers in our daily lives? How do we operate over them? How are they related to each other?

**Religion -** We are starting the week with a quiz on what we have learned so far about revelation, sacred scripture, and sacred tradition. Next, we will focus on the Gospels and on preparing for the prayer service we will be leading next Monday.

**Health-**Students took a personality test over the past week and they will be applying what they have learned about who they are to their goals.

**Español:** We practiced the simple future and we prepared for a survey

law of conservation of mass, the law of conservation of energy applies, and says that energy is neither created nor destroyed, but transformed.

**Math 8 Accelerated:**  
We are continuing to study linear equations this week as we work more with word problems and other forms. Students will be taking a quiz on Slope-Intercept form on Thursday. "I Can Statements" will be posted on Edmodo today.

**Math 8:**  
We are continuing our study of linear equations as we practice graphing lines in slope-intercept form and applying these skills to solve word problems. We will also be investigating horizontal and vertical lines and their slopes and equations.

**Religion (Farrow)-** We will continue talking about the Early Church and preparing for our Mass on 10/7. This will be Mrs. Farrow's last week at CTK before she goes on maternity leave. Mr. George will be covering for her in her absence.

**Health -** Last week we talked about violence and ways we can avoid it. The students will create a powerpoint in class about a situation from a news article and discuss the violence and how it could have been resolved. (Last week we were unable to complete this due to a mishap with the ipads).

**Español:** Last week we read about the end truce in the Colombian war that was just announced. We also did more practice discussing the future.

students will do with each other  
asking what they will do this week.