



January 3rd, 2017

- Please make sure your child(ren) have earbuds or headphones to stay at school for their iPads.
- Students should make sure they have pencils and pens!
- Bundle! It is so cold.....

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- 1-5 1:30 & 7 pm Christmas Program
Please have students to their homerooms by 6:30
- 1-6 8th grade hosts school mass
1-13 7th grade hosts school mass
1-16 No School MLK Day
01-31- Middle School Science Fair 8:30-10:15

6th Grade News

Classroom News

Welcome back! Happy New Year to everyone.....

Our make-up Christmas party and Advent Angel gift exchange will be held Friday- please be ready to exchange that day.

Course Updates:

Language Arts -

English: We are currently looking at picture books and how the authors use specific word choice to make their writing "pop!" They will create a "What If" poem focusing on word choice in their writing.

Reading: Next week, they will close read multiple articles on "Should Girls Play on Boys' Sports Teams?" They will learn how to pull out and gather relevant information, and the result will be a class-wide debate through a Socratic Seminar

([CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.6.1](#)).

Spelling test on Unit 2 will be on Monday!

Social Studies - Finally after the snow the 6th graders will be sharing their "Build Your Own Civilization"! We are starting to do binder

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

Happy New Year! Thank you for helping your child participate in advent angels and in our kinder buddy gifts - my joy will be shared this week as we exchange gifts.

Course Updates:

Language Arts- The students will be close reading multiple articles on the topic, Teens and Technology. The final result will be a class-wide debate through a Socratic Seminar focusing on the standard [CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.7.1](#) Spelling test on Unit 5 Monday.

In English, they will be looking at irregular verbs and word choice in their writing.

Social Studies - Finally after all the snow the 7th graders will be turning in their Ancient China Travel Brochures! We are starting to do binder checks. Our new unit is Imperial Japan.

Science - We will be reviewing what we have learned about meiosis and how it affects the traits that an organism exhibits. Can 2 black mice produce a brown mouse? How could that be? We will find the

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News: Happy New Year! Make sure you are completing high school applications online and getting Mrs. Velazquez and myself the recommendation forms via online.

Course Updates

Language Arts:

8A,B: We are finishing up an informational essay about why they enjoy CTK. Winners will be chosen to speak at Mass one Sunday. Spelling test on Unit 3 will be Monday.

Social Studies - This week the focus is what motivated the American Revolution. Students will participate in a Townhall Simulation with Loyalists, Patriots, and Neutral Colonists. The goal is to be able to create a "Recipe for a Revolution" project. We are starting to do binder checks.

Science-

We continue to learn about the different types of elements in the periodic table- metals, metalloids and nonmetals- and the properties and characteristics that identify

checks. Our new unit is Ancient Greece.

Science-

We will be refreshing our memory about viruses and bacteria and how they are alike and different. How has medicine evolved, as have other sciences, in how we treat viral and bacterial infections? How has this changed the way we live?

Math -

We will continue the week studying prime factorization, least common multiple, greatest common factor, and their applications. Expect a final application problem/project coming up in the next week or so.

Religion/Health-

We will be finishing "The Nativity Story" this week during Religion/Health classes. The Epiphany of the Lord is this Sunday, Jan. 8th. What is the Epiphany and why is it celebrated?

Español: We had another short week due to snow last week. We were able to practice more talking about expressing what we like or don't like and nouns for different people "brother" "neighbor(s)" etc. We will spend some time learning about the Virgen de Guadalupe this week.

answer to those and other questions this week. Test over Chapter 3 next Friday.

Math Velazquez - Students are moving on to solve more complicated equations including basic rational equations, learning tricks to solve equations with fractions and decimals, and solving formulas for a given variable. Expect a unit test coming in a week or so.

Math Drenner - We will be learning more about the coordinate plane this week and how it is used in a variety of ways. We will also be analyzing graphs to tell the story of what the data is telling us and uncover trends.

Religion -This week, we will be investigating Jesus' childhood and public life.

Health-There is no health this week due to the Christmas Concert.

Español: This week we only had a couple days of class due to the snow cancellations. We talked about how to express what different people liked or didn't like. We will have a quiz this week. We will spend some time learning about the Virgen de Guadalupe this week.

them. We will become test subjects on Thursday for data gathering scientists.... We will also be learning about the beginning of the universe and how scientists believe that all elements were formed. Test next Thursday over Chapter 3.

Math 8 Accelerated: We are wrapping up our Systems of Equations unit by learning about systems of inequalities and applying our understanding to solve application problems. Expect a unit test coming in the next week or so.

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Religion:

Health- We are talking about how personal choices can result in negative consequences. These discussions incorporate STDs. Next week we will discuss our final STD and move on to healthy and positive relationships.

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