



January 9th, 2017

- STAR testing will be this week and next. Students tend to test better when they are rested, hydrated and have a snack.
- 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

- 1-11 Early Release
- 1-13 7th grade hosts school mass
- 1-16 No School MLK Day
- 1-20 6th grade hosts school mass
- 01-31- Middle School Science Fair 8:30-10:15

6th Grade News

Classroom News

Remember that there is no school on Monday- MLK Jr. Day.

Course Updates:

Language Arts - English:

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).

Vocabulary test on Unit 2 will be on next Monday!

Social Studies - We are starting to do binder checks. Our new unit is Ancient Greece.

Science-

We will be reviewing what we have learned about viruses and bacteria this week. Test over Chapter 2 on Friday.

Math -

We will continue the week studying prime factorization,

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 A](#) vocabulary test on Unit 5 will be next Monday.

In English, they continue to look at irregular verbs and word choice in their writing.

Social Studies - 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, as well as the phases of mitosis and meiosis. Test over Chapter 3 Friday.

Math Velazquez - Students are moving on to solve more

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News: 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 getting ready to read *the AMAZING* novel, by S.E. Hinton. Chapters 1-5 vocabulary (novel) will be due Tuesday. The test will be next Monday on all 20 words. They have been discussing the themes, social acceptance and individuality to prepare them for the novel.

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

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-

Students will begin preparing to host the school mass for next Friday, Jan. 20th. We will be also looking at some of the specific prophecies predicting the coming of Jesus.

Español: We talked about some unexpected ways that Spanish speaking people celebrate “the Old Year” and we discussed epiphany which is important for us. We also reviewed and practiced describing people with personality adjectives. There will be a quiz next Friday about this and some new vocabulary.

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Math Drenner – We will be analyzing graphs to tell the story of what the data is telling us and uncover trends. We will also be looking at the relationship between tables, graphs and equations.

Religion –This week, we will be investigating Jesus’ childhood and public life.

Health–Students will begin researching for the health project.

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the properties and characteristics that identify them. Test Friday 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.

Math 8:
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.

Religion:

Health- This week we will discuss our final STD, herpes, and move on to healthy and positive relationships.

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