



## January 18th, 2017

STAR and Aimsweb 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

1-20 6th grade hosts school mass  
01-31- Middle School Science Fair  
8:30-10:15

#### **Find your homework assignments:**

Mrs. Ballou- Edmodo  
Mrs. Velazquez- Edmodo  
Ms. O'Dell- Edmodo  
Mrs. Drenner- Powerschool

### 6th Grade News

#### **Classroom News**

Long time, no see! We left on a Tuesday and are coming back on a Wednesday, so we are just adjusted by a week....

Find assignments on Powerschool for Mrs. Drenner's classes.....

#### **Course Updates:**

##### **Language Arts - English:**

**Reading:** This week, they will continue to 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](#)).

**Social Studies -** We are starting to do binder checks. Start seeing homework around Egyptian Pharaohs!

##### **Science-**

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

##### **Math -**

### 7TH GRADE NEWS

#### **Classroom News**

Your kiddos are being troopers as they brave the cold and rain during traffic duty! Thank you for supporting them. Also, I've been proud to witness an increase in dedication and service to the class community among the 7th graders in the new year, which is so fantastic to see!

#### **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](#)

**Please look for their Unit 5 Spelling test to come home for you to sign. Some students are not studying, and this might need to be a more consistent method to helping them achieve better grades.**

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

**Social Studies -** We are starting to do binder checks. Start hearing conversations about comparing and contrasting

### 8TH GRADE NEWS

**Classroom News:** Welcome back after this cold and snowy winter. I know I am glad to see your smiling children! Please remind them of the importance of keeping up with their homework. I know mid way through 8th grade year can be a challenge.... :) [Please see the above information to homework locations!](#)

#### **Course Updates**

##### **Language Arts:**

**8A,B:** We are currently reading [Outsiderz](#) novel, by S.E. Hinton. [A character quiz will be given on Friday to help them further in the novel.](#) [Chapters 1-5 vocabulary \(novel\) test will be on Monday](#)

**Social Studies -** We are starting to do binder checks. Students are going to evaluate the motives behind the Declaration of Independence. Next week a Chapter 5 quiz.

##### **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

We are wrapping up our number theory unit with an essay instead of a test (I email and posted on edmodo over break). Next, we will study Integers where we will start by extending the number-line to the left beyond zero and understand the meaning of opposites and integers in the real-world.

### **Religion/Health-**

Students will begin preparing to host the school mass for 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.

Feudal Japan and life at CTK or on a sports team!

**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** – We are wrapping up our Algebraic Reasoning unit by rearranging formulas. This has been challenging for the students, but they are persevering. Our unit test will be next Wednesday.

**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** – No religion class this week due to snow days, late start, and STAR testing.

**Health**–Students will begin researching for the health project.

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Math 8 Accelerated: We are wrapping up our Systems of Equations unit by applying our understanding to solve application problems. Students will also start reviewing this Friday for the unit test next Monday.

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Religion:

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

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