

February 13th, 2017

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- 2- 15 No early release
- 2-16 & 2-23, 8th grade to Reed College, 8:30-11:30, Drivers needed
- 2-17 noon dismissal. Conferences
- 2-24 NET retreat 7th & 8th grade
- 3-2 7th & 8th go to St. Mary's to see "The Sound of Music"
- 3-3 9 students attend the Life Saver Retreat (8th grade)
- 3-4 School Auction at Embassy Suites

**Find your homework assignments:**

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



6th Grade News

**Classroom News**

Valentine's Day party is Tuesday- if you want to hand out valentines you are welcome to, just make sure you have one for every classmate



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

**Course Updates:**

**Language Arts -**

**English:** We will be typing our rough draft for our "Co-Ed Sports Teams" argumentative essay. It will be due Thursday.

**Reading:** has begun! Each night your child is

7TH GRADE NEWS

**Classroom News**

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day for the last half hour of the day tomorrow with a little class party. Please continue helping your child stay on top of their missing work as the trimester is coming to a close in just over a month!

**Course Updates:**

**Language Arts-** They will be typing their rough draft for their argumentative essay that will be due Wednesday.

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**Social Studies -**We are continuing to explore the Middle Ages and the role of The Church. Chapter 18 test re-takes next week Feb. 20-25!

**Science -** This week, our class will continue learning about genetic

8TH GRADE NEWS

**Classroom News:**

Tuesday is Valentine's Day!) If your child has not brought in their field trip permission slip for "Sound of Music", please do so ASAP!

**Course Updates**

**Language Arts:**

**8A,B:** They will begin reading \_\_\_\_\_ by the same author, S.E. Hinton. They will then compare different texts from the same author.

In English class, we are working on the rules for capitalization and punctuation(Unit 5).

**Social Studies -** Students are continuing to create their Recipes for a Revolution; they need to work on the second part (steps). Chapter 5 test re-takes this week 2/13 & 2/14!

responsible for reading some pages and coming prepared to class with A. Literature circle roles or B. Ready to share with their group what they read.

**Social Studies** - The students are beginning to compare and contrast the three monotheistic faiths and their impact on early civilizations!

### **Science-**

This week will have us studying the fabulous fungi- from mushrooms to yeast, find out why this kingdom is essential to our lives. I will have science fair reports back to students by this Friday.

### **Math -**

The students have a quiz on the foundations of integers and rational numbers that we have been studying so far. Then, we will move onto an investigation of adding and subtracting integers.

### **Religion/Health-**

We will be learning about different Catholic Charities and where they do their work and what their missions are and when they began and who founded them and .....

We will be learning about health and our environment this week, and learning about some really harmful cover ups that have happened over the years that affected citizens around the world.

**Español:** We are working on conjugating regular present tense verbs that end in -AR. We also talked about our school

disorders and how scientists are discovering miraculous ways to treat them and detect them. We will be discussing the ethics debate on using genetic testing to screen the population.

**Math Velazquez** - We are wrapping up our study of angle relationships. We will be reviewing for our quiz on Thursday and then, will move on to exploring circles.

**Math Drenner** - We will begin a new unit this week focusing on ratio and proportion, and we will discover how this has everything to do with lines.

**Religion** - We are continuing to learn about Jesus as we focus on him as a healer. We will be spending time in the Gospels finding how he heals people's mind, body, and spirit. Students are working on an essay based on their experience with the Living Out Christ's Mission Project (this is instead of a unit test)

**Health**-Students have finished research for the health project on safety with social media. Students will start putting their projects together.

**Español:** We are working on conjugating regular present tense verbs that end in -AR. We also talked about our school schedules. It will take time, but we are getting better at using these conjugations and we will be doing more writing.

### **Science-**

We are still in need of a few driver/chaperone types for a short field trip-  $\frac{1}{2}$  the class will go Feb. 16 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Feb. 23 to Reed College to visit the Nuclear Research Reactor and take a tour. We will leave school at 8:30 and return at 11:30. E-mail me or fill out the permission slip if you would like to get involved. Thanks! This week, we will be learning about radiation, radioactive decay, and the uses of radioactive materials to generate electricity, diagnose disease and detect age.

Math 8 Accelerated: We are beginning our study of Polynomials. We will start with the basics, then move on to addition, subtraction, and multiplication.

### Math 8:

We are continuing to work on algebraic methods to solve systems of equations. Later in the week, we will work on applying these skills to solve real-life problems.

Religion: We will continue to learn about Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. On Friday, Sister Michael Francine from the Sisters of Saint Mary of Oregon will visit to talk about vocations and religious life.

Health- We have begun to discuss what a healthy relationship is and how to find one. This week we will discuss love versus infatuation.

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