

March 13th, 2017

CALENDAR REMINDERS



- Please be sure to check Powerschool this week and sign the progress report form that came home last week.
- Please make sure your child is in uniform- if they are cold, they should be wearing a uniform sweatshirt.
- 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 still cold.....

- 3-16 6th to vocations rally @ St. Anthony's
- 3-17 Last day of Winter trimester
- 3-23 6th & 7th go to OMSI
- 3-24 8th grade to Cathedral Mass
- 3-24 Noon dismissal, begin Spring Break

Find your homework assignments:

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

6th Grade News

Classroom News

Last week of the term! 6th grade will be taking over safety patrol duty for the Spring term beginning Monday, March 13. I will post the schedule in the next few days on Edmodo.

We still need a few drivers for our field trip this Thursday to the Vocations Rally at St. Anthony's. Please contact me if you can drive.

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

Course Updates:

Language Arts -

Students will learn how to write a narrative essay. They will look at stories given to them and then create their own using dialogue(after review of dialogue in a story) and an outline provided. **Vocab test on Ch. 3 words Tuesday.**

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

This is the last week of Trimester 2!

Course Updates:

Language Arts- Students will continue to understand the rules of capitalization and punctuation (Unit 5). **Vocab test on Unit 6 words Tuesday.**

Social Studies -On Wednesday the Current Events Recap is due. We will continue to explore the Crusades and the 100 Years War.

Science - After a mega-quiz on Tuesday, we will trade in our text for **Human Biology and Health**, begin looking at the different organ systems that are our bodies. Chapter 1 has us investigating bones, muscles and skin. Mark your calendar for our annual OMSI field trip- we need

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

Note: Last week of Trimester 2 grades. Check Powerschool for grades!

Please be on the lookout for Mrs. Farrow's field trip permission slip for the 8th grade annual Mass to Cathedral on March 24th. We need drivers!

Course Updates

Language Arts:

8A- Socratic Seminar Monday. (Classwide debate)
8B- Socratic Seminar Tuesday. (Classwide debate)
Vocab test on Unit 6 words Tuesday.

Both classes will be pulling evidence out of their articles and creating a claim on whether or not cell phones hinder our daily communication.
English: Both classes will be writing a final argumentative

Social Studies - On Wednesday the Second Trimester Current Events Recap is due. We are continuing to explore the geography in India and compare/contrasting Hinduism and Buddhism.

Science-

We will be learning about different classifications of plants and how their life cycles look. Photosynthesis quiz on Wednesday.

Mark your calendar for our annual OMSI field trip- we need chaperone/drivers for March 23rd. Let Mrs. Drenner know if you are interested.

Math -

We will be learning about graphing and naming points in the coordinate plane. The students will also continue working on their Integer Operations Group Project inside and outside of class (this is instead of a final test), which is due this Friday - March 17th!

Religion/Health-

We will be preparing for the vocations rally this week- and we are still in need of some people to drive! Please contact me if you are available.

In health, we have been working with Mrs. Borne on recognizing bullying and its different forms. How can we stop others from bullying? How can we prevent it?

Español: We are going to start learning about some irregular verbs in the present tense "ir"

chaperone/drivers for March 23rd. Let Mrs. Drenner know if you are interested.

Math Velazquez - Students will continue investigating surface area and volume of prisms, pyramids, cylinders, cones, and spheres and applying these formulas to solve real-life problems. The students are working on a final group project for our Geometry unit.

Math Drenner -

Happy pi day on Tuesday! We will be learning about the relationships between area, perimeter and volume of geometric figures.

Religion - We are going to focus on Luke's Gospel and his concern for the marginalized. This week, we will focus on poverty. We will also be working on class community building through our Restorative Practice Circles. Ask your children to tell you more about this :)

Health-We are learning about the different systems of the body. This week is the nervous system.

Español: We are going to start learning about some irregular verbs in the present tense "ir" (to go), "estar" (to be - temporary or location) and "ser" (to be - permanent). These add some complexity to what we have learned but they are key verbs that partly fit the pattern we have been learning. We will be using these skills to write dialogues that students will videotape.

essay on the essential question: Do Cell Phones Hinder Our Daily Communication? (Outline provided).

Social Studies -This week students are reviewing and reflecting on the U.S. Constitution.

Science-

A new text- with some reviewing of key atomic concepts, and we will be learning about what attracts certain elements to each other. How can we predict what will happen when we mix elements?

Math 8 Accelerated: We are continuing to learn how to factor this week! Expect a unit test next week.

Math 8:

We are diving into a new unit on exponent properties and scientific notation. This week, we will continue investigating exponent laws and will practice applying them. They will have a quiz on the exponent properties this Thursday. Then, we will apply our exponent knowledge to scientific notation.

Religion: Our focus until Easter will be prayer. We will look at different kinds of prayer, finding what works for each of us when it comes to prayer, and really focus on prayer as a conversation with God rather than reciting prayers that we already know. 8th grade will be going to Mass at the Cathedral next

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Friday morning. Permission slips will be sent home this week.

Health- The class has been working together in groups on peer pressure topics (tobacco, hard drugs, alcohol, and prescription drugs). They will present this Tuesday to the class.

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