

Somewhere in the Middle May 8th, 2017



Middle School Game Night was a blast! Thanks, Mrs. Ballou!

- 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!
- Lots of 8th grade events coming up- please watch your e-mails :)

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- 5-11 Spring Music Program
- 5-25 8th to Salem for SS
- 5-31 MS to LaSalle Physics Fair
- 6-5 last day for 8th to hand in missing work
- 6-9 8th Baccalaureate Mass & Service Awards
- 6-9 6th/7th all missing work due
- 6-12 Last day for 8th grade
- 6-21 Last day of school

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

Great time at Middle School Game Night! Spring concert is Thursday- have your kiddos here by 6:30- Thanks!

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

Course Updates:

Language Arts -

Speeches: Poetry (and figurative language) will continue for the rest of the month. The students will be creating their own figurative language booklets as we learn about each type of language.

Social Studies -This week we are starting the journey to Ancient Greece. The students will explore both the geography and the creation of the first city-states.

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

Don't forget, the Spring Concert is this Thursday at 7. Students need to be there at 6:30.

If you have any pictures of the 7th grade class that you can share for the yearbook, that would be greatly appreciated! Please go to community.lifetouch.com and enter our school's code: TUHAEZ to upload the pictures.

Course Updates:

Language Arts-

The students will begin knowing and putting into use figurative language terms for poetry. They will be reading short stories and poems with these terms.

Social Studies - The students will continue to explore the Protestant Reformation and it's impact on Europe.

Science - This week, we learn about

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

Baby pics were due today. If you have not gotten them to me by this week, the bulletin board is going up without your child's picture. :(Get them in ASAP~! See email regarding important Graduation dates.

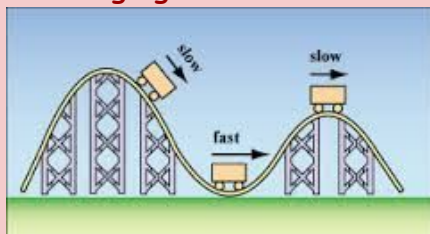
Course Updates

Language Arts:

8A,B: Poetry has already begun, and they will be creating their own poetry books as an 8th grade project/tradition. I will also be working closely with Mrs. O'Dell for their Congressional Hearings and making sure they are organized in their research.

Social Studies - Students will continue preparations for Capitol Day May 25. The presentations will begin on

Science- We began a new unit on motion last week and learned how to tell if an object was in motion and how to calculate speed. This week, we will focus on acceleration, which is how we describe when an object is speeding up, slowing down or changing direction.



Math -

Students have a quiz on solving one-step equations tomorrow. Then, we will apply our knowledge to solve word problems and will be working on a partner activity to investigate how variables are related in equations with two variables.

Religion/Health-

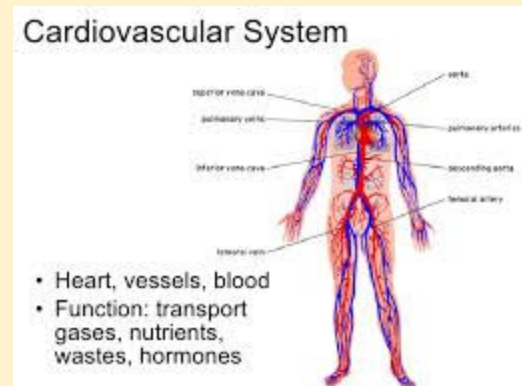
Great job preparing and hosting the mass on May 5th! Many people complimented you as a class- I am so proud...

We will continue learning about some modern day saints and how they lived their lives, as well as seeing saintliness in those around us.

We will begin our unit on the reproductive system on May 16.

Español: We discussed Cinco de Mayo which celebrates a Mexican victory over France. France ended up taking over Mexico partly because the US was fighting their Civil War. We are also working on how to order food in a restaurant.

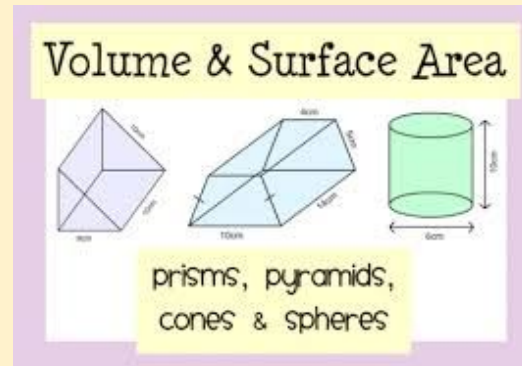
the cardiovascular system- how our bodies get oxygen rich blood to all parts of our bodies. Arteries, capillaries and veins, oh my!



Math Velazquez - We are wrapping up our unit focusing on Exponents, Roots, and Scientific Notation and are preparing for a unit test on Thursday. Next, we will do some work with Polynomials.

Math Drenner -

This week, we will be seeing in 3-D! We will be classifying 3 dimensional figures and finding their volumes and surface areas. When will we need to use this stuff?

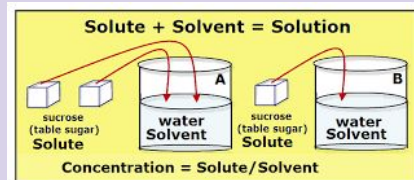


Religion - This week, we will be wrapping up our group work on the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, will be continue our work on classroom community, and will

May 17 for all students.

Science-

We will begin studying Chapter 3 in our text-Acids, Bases and Solutions. This week will focus on solutions- what types there are and how concentration of solutions affect solubility. What is solubility anyway?.....



Math 8 Accelerated:

Students will continue graphing Quadratics and will create and interpret graphs to solve problems.

Math 8:

Students are focusing on applications of the Pythagorean Theorem, including the distance formula and its converse. We will have a quiz on Friday.

Religion: We are finishing up our studies of the history of the Catholic Church. The next two weeks we will focus on Catholic Social Teaching, the influence of the Church on the World Wars, and Vatican II. Students are working on a poster that describes one of the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching (due Friday).

Health-Presentations on what alcohol can do to the body will be on Tuesday. The rest of the month will be questions they have on high school and peer pressure.

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Counselor Note: There have been some questions about a show on Netflix that is called 13 Reasons Why. Some of our students have watched it, and I want parents to understand the content is very mature and deserves some informative education around it.

<http://tgo.co/2pE9tlo>
<https://www.facebook.com/lifeteen/videos/10154881365317034/>

Here are a couple other good articles/videos that have been posted as discussion on the Archdiocese Youth Minister Facebook:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngD3PtPt3ac&app=desktop>

<https://www.jedfoundation.org/13-reasons-why-talking-points/>

I am always available for support and questions.

- Mrs. Borne

work on an assessment of our learning of Jesus' Passion, resurrection and ascension.

Health-No health this week because of the choir recital!

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