

## Somewhere in the Middle September 11th, 2017



We will never forget

**Welcome to a new school year! It has been a great start. We have switched to Google Classroom to post homework this year. See you at Back to School Night on Thursday :)**

### CALENDAR REMINDERS

- 9-13 7th & 8th Catholic high schools visit
- 9-14 Back to School Night
- 9-15 Mass by 8th grade
- 9-18 School pictures

#### Find your homework assignments:

- Mrs. Ballou- Google Classroom
- Mrs. Velazquez- Google Classroom
- Ms. O'Dell- Google Classroom
- Mrs. Drenner Google Classroom
- Mrs. Farrow- Google Classroom
- Spanish- TBA

### 6th Grade News

#### Classroom News

Just a few more weeks until outdoor school.... Please have your paperwork returned by Wednesday. Thanks!  
See you at Back to School Night on Thursday.

Science- We are preparing for outdoor school by preparing mini reports using our ecoglossary. Reports are due by Friday, and we will have students present their reports this week if they are ready.

Religion- We will be looking at the different ways that we can serve each other. Our project includes an art piece called "Hands of Service" that will be on display this week.

Health- Will continue to study the importance of sleep. Students should be logging their sleep this week and we will be looking at different ways that students can get better sleep, and become

### 7TH GRADE NEWS

#### Classroom News

This week, we are working on STAR testing. Please make sure your child gets a good sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.  
Don't forget: Back to School Night is Thursday and Picture Day is next Monday!

Science- We will be learning about the ways we can think like a scientist, and how science and technology is constantly evolving.

Health- Last week, we took a strengths assessment to discover where our strengths are greatest. This week, we will discover how we can strengthen other areas and how we can apply them in our daily lives.

Study Lab- Our focus of study lab this week will be learning styles. We will take a learning styles inventory to explore our personal learning styles to better understand ourselves and incorporate these styles in our study habits.

### 8TH GRADE NEWS

#### Classroom News

Please check your email regarding 8th grade sweatshirts and the quantity you'd like.

Math A: We are starting a new unit: Rigid Transformations & Congruence. We will be building a vocabulary to describe, identify and perform transformations, of figures in the plane. Students will be accessing their online textbook at: <https://im.openupresources.org/8/students/index.html> They will find a glossary, explanation of concepts, and homework here.

Math B: We are jumping back into our unit we worked on last year: Linear Equations. We are spending the first few days reviewing what we learned

aware of things that keep us from getting a good nights sleep.

**Math:** We are starting our first unit this week: Area & Surface Area. We will be working on decomposing and composing irregular figures in order to find their area and then will start exploring properties and area of parallelograms. Students will be accessing their online textbook at: <https://im.openupresources.org/6/students/index.html>. They will find a glossary, explanation of concepts, and homework here.

**Language Arts:** They will have their first spelling test this Thursday on Unit 1(due to not being here next week). We will be creating a 4 square character chart on themselves and writing a brief paragraph on who they are as individual using "Ideas" (6+1 Traits of Writing).

**Social Studies:** Welcome back! We have hit the ground running and your young people are exploring a few world events such as natural disasters and where Americans' clothing comes from. Students are using their geography skills to learn more about the locations impacted by hurricanes and the locations of factories in SE Asia. Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.

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**Study Lab:** This year, once a

**Math A:** We are starting our first unit this week: Scale Drawings. We will be building an understanding of what it means for something to be a scaled copy, finding scale factors based on scaled copies, and drawing scaled copies. Students will be accessing their online textbook at: <https://im.openupresources.org/7/students/index.html>. They will find a glossary, explanation of concepts, and homework here.

**Math B:** We are starting our first unit: The Real Number System. We will start by reviewing Integer Operations and work on deepening our understanding of how they work using additive and multiplicative inverses. We will also be applying integer addition and subtraction to solve contextual problems by writing and simplifying integer expressions.

**Language Arts:** We will be studying prefixes (20) this week and next. We will also begin looking at "ACES", Answering, Citing evidence, Explaining further, and finally Summarizing articles after reading them.

**Religion:** We will start by looking at the structure of the New Testament, specifically focused on the Gospels.

**Social Studies:** Welcome back!! The students have jumped right back into looking at major events that have taken place over the past summer and weekend. This week we will be exploring how the simulation of The World of 100 relates to the modern world. Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.

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about slope, proportional relationships, and linear equations last year and will continue practicing and learning how to graph lines in slope-intercept form.

**Language Arts:** We will be studying prefixes (20) this week, becoming familiar with them before moving on to root words.

**Science-** We will present our evolution of technology in timelines this week. We will also continue to learn how scientists think and apply their thinking to make analogies.

**Health-** We will be learning about the importance of balance in our lives, and focusing on the importance of sleep. What are some things that keep us from sleeping? How can we be proactive in getting the sleep we need?

**Study Lab-** Our focus of study lab this week will be learning styles. We will take a learning styles inventory to explore our personal learning styles to better understand ourselves and incorporate these styles in our study habits.

**Religion-** We will begin learning about the Early Church, with a specific focus on Pentecost, the persecution the early Christians faced, and the Council of Jerusalem. We will also prepare for Mass on Friday.

week there will be a Study Lab. The purpose is to find ways to be more organized and self advocate as a student. This week the students will be learning about learning styles and what that means for them as students.

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