



Grades 6-8 Classroom Newsletter

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Notes from the Teachers

Today, students were sent home with home with two very important items. The first is the permission slip for the Diocesan All School's Mass that will take place on Thursday, October 26, 2017. We hope to be able to send all students in grades 4-8; however, **we need parents to sign up to drive for this.** Please complete the permission slip for each student and return it by Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

The second item sent home with students is the HSA Soap Fundraiser information. Soap sales will continue through October 30th. Please help HSA support the school by selling as much as you are able. Information about pick-up dates will be provided later.

On Friday, October 13th the Parish is hosting a Rummage Sale in the Hall. Students are allowed to bring money and purchase items when their class goes over, providing they have parent permission to do so.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 5

Soap Sale Fundraiser Kick-Off

Friday, October 6

No School - Staff Retreat

Thursday, October 12

End of First Quarter

Friday, October 13

Special Fatima Activities

Rummage Sale in Hall

Language Arts

6- Students reviewed nouns and will have a test on Monday.

7- Students worked on using the complete writing process to write a well-written paragraph.

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Literature

6- Students learned about electronic media and how to locate reliable sources on the internet. They also took a test over “The Chimpanzees I Love”.

7- Students learned to identify the key forms of nonfiction, specifically a biography. Students read a biography about Eleanor Roosevelt.

8- Students used evidence to support answers from a text and also reviewed the key forms of nonfiction.

Religion

6- The class began to learn about Abraham and how God called him to be the father of all nations.

7- Students learned about the Incarnation and how Jesus has two natures - human and divine.

8- Students read and learned about the Arian Heresy, the Council of Constantinople and the problem with the definition of the term “filioque” that led to division, and those who fought against heresy in the early Church.

Math

6- Students used a number line to order mixed numbers, calculated averages, and worked with factors and prime numbers.

7- Students spent some time on Aleks to work toward their October goal and practiced measuring angles with a protractor.

8- Students evaluated algebraic expression with multiple operations and practiced combining like terms.

Science

6- Students were assessed over their chapter on the solar system.

7- Students practiced the parts of a cell’s cycle, specifically mitosis, and watched a video about how cell division plays an important role in cancer.

8- Students learned more about how to determine the number of energy levels and valence electrons.

Social Studies

6- This week our focus has been on the basics of economics - what it is, what factors influence it, and different economic systems. Students will work on their CH 3 Review this weekend and will have a test over the chapter Wednesday.

7- This week students learned about the geography of early Egypt, it’s social structure, and ancient Egyptian religion.

8- The class learned about the influences on colonial government and society, as well as the effect that the French and Indian War had on relations between Britain and the American colonies.