

Middle School Messages

February 28, 2020

6th Grade

Math

Students have made test corrections for ch. 5 test and grades will get posted over the weekend. Students have been given an outline of due dates for chapter six material now on Big Ideas. This chapter should be mostly a review of fundamentals already done earlier this year. They will have a quiz on material next Thursday, March 5th. IXL's are due next Wednesday, March 4th and new ones will be assigned.

If you have any questions please email me at kbanchoff@stjohnvianney.net. (2/27)

Religion

(Slides 15-16)

Prayer Monday: We actually moved this to Wednesdays so we could discuss Lent through the spirituality of Memento Mori. Next week: Adoration or Lectio Divina **Core Theology:** We began to examine the ten commandments and what they mean in the context of God's relationship with His people and how they can be lived out today. Next week: Joshua and Judges **FIAT Friday:** Movie Day and Read-a-thon (2/27)

Science

This week we have been working with distance vs. time graphs and speed vs. time graphs. The students should be really good at describing motion based on a given graph. We will be wrapping up our motion unit with a quick study of momentum. They were given study guides at the beginning of the unit and should be competing them by Tuesday. We will go over them in class on Tuesday, reviewing on Wednesday and having a **Test next Thursday!** (2/27)

Social Studies

Next week we wrap up our unit on Southern Africa. The Review Sheet will be assigned on Wednesday and DUE Thursday. **The TEST will be on Tuesday March 10th.** (2/27)

English-

Next week, we will finish up the verbs chapter. The test will be the first week of March (2/28)

Literature-

Accelerated Reader (AR) counts as a test grade in Literature class. **The 3rd Quarter AR Goal Due Tuesday, March 24th.** Students and parents can check the level and points of books on the website <http://www.arbookfind.com>. It is literature homework for students to read for 20 minutes every night. Extra credit can be achieved for AR in two ways. 1. Earn points over the set goal. 2. Read the extra credit book recommended by grade level. 6th Grade Extra Credit Book-- Wonder by R.J. Palacio (4 extra points)

The AR Goal check will go home Monday! Please sign and return by Wednesday, March 4th.

We will finish reading the class novel, Letters from Rifka. It is a historical fiction novel about a Russian Jewish girl and her family, who immigrate to America during WWI. Students will have two reading response journals and a quiz due for each section of this book. The third and final section is due Tuesday, March 3rd. All of the directions and information, along with an example, for these journals can be found on Schoology. Then, I will assign a timeline project for this book. (2/28).

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7th Grade

Math

Students have been given a table with due dates for a packet on exponents. IXL's are also listed on this spreadsheet and should be completed by the due date assigned. There will be a quiz next Thursday, March 5th on exponents covered up to this point.

If you have any questions please email me at kbanchoff@stjohnvianney.net. (2/27)

English

We are working on a grammar chapter on verbs. We will have a quiz on section #1 of this chapter on Tuesday. Students will have a review sheet to study. (2/28)

Literature-

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The AR Goal check will go home Monday! Please sign and return by Wednesday, March 4th.

The spelling test for the Chinese CinderellaWe words will be on Monday! We will finish the novel on Tuesday, having our final job and quiz on Chapters 21-end. Then, students will be assigned a project to work on for this novel. (2/28)

Religion

(Slides 6-8)

Prayer Monday: Prayer Monday: We actually moved this to Wednesdays so we could discuss Lent through the spirituality of Memento Mori. **Core Theology:** Our human dignity extends even beyond our earthly life as we acknowledge our full family in the Communion of Saints. This understanding of dignity and life after death extends into how we shape and understand our morality. We are discussing the implications of such a line of thinking. Next week: The Sacraments **FIAT Friday:** Movie Day and Read-a-thon (2/27)

Science

This week the students dove right into their next unit: Ethics in Genetics. They have been researching various ethical topics surrounding genetics. They need to pick one to focus on and figure out why it is so controversial and what the Catholic Church believes or teaches on the subject. Over the weekend, they should start writing their rough draft paper summarizing their findings. They have been given a rubric to follow. **The final research paper is due on Thursday, March 5th!** (2/27)

Social Studies

Next week we will look at Alexander the Great. We'll discuss his achievements and also debate whether he really was "great." In addition we will learn about Greek thoughts on how to live a happy life and Greek scientific achievements. (2/27)

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8th Grade

Math

All notes, assignments and answer keys are posted on schoology.

Pre-Algebra: Students have been given a table with due dates for a packet on exponents. IXL's are also listed on this spreadsheet and should be completed by the due date assigned. There will be a quiz next Thursday, March 5th on exponents covered up to this point.

Algebra: Students have been given a table with due dates for a packet on exponents and due dates. IXL's are also listed on this spreadsheet and should be completed by the due date assigned. There will be a quiz next Thursday, March 5th on exponents covered up to this point.

If you have any questions please email me at kbanchoff@stjohnvianney.net. (2/21)

Religion

(Slide 10-11)

Prayer Monday: We actually moved this to Wednesdays so we could discuss Lent through the spirituality of Memento Mori. **Core Theology:** We began watching the movie *Les Misérables*. The project attached to this movie has been assigned so that students can begin watching for these characters and contemplate their decisions. The project is due March 17. Next week: *Les Mis* concludes. **FIAT Friday:** Movie Day and Read-a-thon (2/27)

Science

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Social Studies

Next week we'll discuss life in the south in the mid-1800's: their agricultural society and dependence on slavery. The Review Sheet for Ch. #14 will be assigned next Thursday and DUE Monday March 9th. This review sheet will be a TEST GRADE. There will not be a formal test on this chapter.

There IS A SCHOOLGY QUIZ to complete this weekend! (2/28)

English

Congratulations to the winners of the America and Me Essay Contest!

1st Place- Alyvia Poterack

2nd Place- Andy Quint

3rd Place- Sophia Geer

Alyvia's essay will go on to represent our school at the state level competition!

Next week, we work on persuasive strategies for writing. There will be a quiz on Wednesday, March 4th on the persuasive strategies. Students will then choose and research a topic for their persuasive essay. (2/28)

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8th Grade Extra Credit Book- Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom (5 extra points)

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Next week, we will continue reading Act 1 of "The Diary of Anne Frank". Students have a character chart to fill out as we read to help them prepare for the quiz on Act 1. (2/28)

Important Information for All

There is NO SCHOOL next Friday March 6th! (It is a teacher inservice day.)

Infinite Campus: Please remember to spend a few minutes every week with your child looking at their grades on Infinite Campus. This is a great tool to monitor progress, both successes and areas that need improvement.

New URL: <https://micloud1.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/grcss.jsp>

Redo Policy: All homework assignments (89% or lower) can be redone. Teachers will take the average of the two grades. This is a great way for students to reinforce skills and improve grades.

Remind101: To receive messages via text regarding important middle school information, text @41373 to 81010.

***Dress Code Info:** For uniform violations, the 1st violation is a warning with a notice to be signed by a parent. The 2nd is a detention with another notice to be signed. The 3rd violation is also a detention to be served that day during recess/lunch. This 3rd violation (and 2nd detention) will keep a student off the honor roll. Please make sure your child is in proper dress code each day.

Dress Down Day Clarification: When we have a jeans day and/or a dress down day, students are NOT allowed to wear hats. Fashion boots are allowed on these days, however.

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 6: NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice

March 27 - End of the 3rd Quarter

April 6-10: Spring Break

April 13: NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday

April 23: 7th & 8th to Henry Ford Museum (7:00am - 6:30pm)