

Middle School Messages

January 10, 2020

6th Grade

Math

Students will continue to review material so far this year and some key concepts for MAP testing, which is next Thursday, January 16th. This material will lead into the next chapter dealing with Ratios and percents. They do have new IXL's to work on this week.

If you have any questions please email me at kbanchoff@stjohnvianney.net. (1/10)

Religion

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*****Encounter of Mercy Forms (Service Hours) are due next Friday 1/17*****

Prayer Monday: This week we looked at some of the interesting misconceptions surrounding Epiphany

Next week: We will be working on filling out our classroom's Encounter of Mercy **Core Theology:** We went through the story of the sacrifice of Isaac and how that prefigures Jesus and began the story of Isaac and Rebekah **Next week:** We finish Isaac and Rebekah and ponder how following God influenced each person in these stories. **FIAT Friday:** How can we see God in and through nature? Chris shows us how this week!! (1/9)

Science

This week we have spent time exploring magnets. We looked at what items are attracted to magnets and what the magnetic field looks like around magnets. We did a demo to see what affects the strength of a magnetic field. Next week we will tie current electricity and magnets together and explore the concept of electromagnetism! Our world is full of electromagnets! We will also be taking the **Science MAP test next Friday, Jan. 17th.** (1/9)

Social Studies

Students have a homework assignment over the weekend that covers what we learned about Egypt, Mesopotamia, and three major world religions. Next week we will discuss the current and culture and government of North Africa and the Middle East. (1/10)

English-

We are starting off the new year by writing a personal narrative! This week we look at a good example of a personal narrative, especially the details and emotions that the author used. We also wrote an acrostic poem on one of the virtues. The final copy of the poem is due Monday, January 13th (printed). (1/10)

Literature-

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We are reading a play in class called, Phantom Tollbooth. We finished Act 1 this week. Next week, we will read Act 2. Students are really starting to catch on to all of the puns now! (1/10).

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7th Grade

Math

Students exam reviews are due this Friday, January 10th and their exam will be next Friday, January 17th. They will review material next week Monday and Tuesday. Students will be having exams next week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, which are half days.

Students have new IXL's assigned this week dealing with the area of different shapes.

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English

The exam review is due Monday, January 13th. We will spend Monday and Tuesday reviewing for the exam. The English exam is on Friday, January 17th. (1/10)

Literature

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The exam review is due Monday, January 13th. We will spend Monday and Tuesday reviewing for the exam. The literature exam is on Thursday, January 16th. (1/10)

Religion

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*****Exam review guide due Monday, January 13---Theology Exam Wednesday, January 15*****

*****Encounter of Mercy Forms (Service Hours) are due next Friday 1/17*****

Prayer Monday: This week we looked at some of the interesting misconceptions surrounding Epiphany Next week: We will be working on filling out our classroom's Encounter of Mercy **Core Theology:** We broke open the Catechism to see how the Church was formed and how it fulfills all that God had promised in the Old Testament. Tuesday and Friday were Exam Review workdays. Next week: We look at Pentecost and then Exams. (St Joseph of Cupertino is the patron of test takers!) **FIAT Friday:** Exam Review (1/9)

Science

This week was all about preparing for the mid-term exam and taking the Science MAP test! We tried a different format for testing this time around and the students really liked it! I'm excited to dig into the scores! I found a bunch of Quizizz to help the kids review in addition to their review sheet, class notes and our class website(<https://sites.google.com/stjohnvianney.net/sjv-science/7th-grade-science>). They also have been using some higher order thinking to write quiz questions for our class Quizizz. I'm quite impressed by their questions! We played it on Friday. All of these resources are posted on

Schoology so that they can review from them at home. On the Quizizz website they can play in game mode or flash card mode.

Next week we will look at some experiments done by researchers at MSU and review scientific method and how to write a good CER (Claim, Evidence, Reasoning). Their **Science Midterm exam is Thursday, January 16th!** (1/9)

Social Studies

Exam Reviews are DUE on Monday!!!! We will spend Monday and Tuesday reviewing for the exam. Students will take the Social Studies Exam on Wednesday January 15th. (1/10)

Middle School Messages

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8th Grade

Math

Students exam reviews are due this Friday, January 10th and their exam will be next Friday, January 17th. They will review material next week Monday and Tuesday. Students will be having exams next week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, which are half days.

Students have new IXL's assigned this week dealing with the area of different shapes.

If you have any questions please email me at kbanchoff@stjohnvianney.net. (1/10)

Religion

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*****Exam review guide due Monday, January 13---Theology Exam Wednesday, January 15*****

*****Encounter of Mercy Forms (Service Hours) are due next Friday 1/17*****

Prayer Monday: This week we looked at some of the interesting misconceptions surrounding Epiphany

Next week: We will be working on filling out our classroom's Encounter of Mercy **Core Theology:** We

went through the story of Joan of Arc and dove into the philosophies of the Enlightenment **Next Week:**

Confirmation Week 11 takes us through suffering and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick **FIAT**

Friday: Exam Review (1/9)

Science

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(<https://sites.google.com/stjohnvianney.net/sjv-science/6th-grade-science>) . They also have been using

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questions! We played it on Friday. All of these resources are posted on Schoology so that they can

review from them at home. On the Quizizz website they can play in game mode or flash card mode.

Next week we will look at some experiments done by researchers at MSU and review scientific method and how to write a good CER (Claim, Evidence, Reasoning). Their **Science Midterm exam is Thursday,**

January 16th! Additionally, the MAP window is open, but the 8th graders will not be taking the MAP this time around because they will be taking the PSAT soon! (1/9)

Social Studies

Exam Reviews are DUE on Monday!!!! We will spend Monday and Tuesday reviewing for the exam. Students will take the Social Studies Exam on Wednesday January 15th. (1/10)

English

The exam review is due Monday, January 13th. We will spend Monday and Tuesday reviewing for the exam. The English exam is on Friday, January 17th. (1/10)

Literature-

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

We finished the novel Call of the Wild! The exam review is due Monday, January 13th. We will spend Monday and Tuesday reviewing for the exam. The literature exam is on Thursday, January 16th. (1/10)

Important Information for All

Happy New Year!

6th Graders do not take exams and will follow their normal full day schedule next Wednesday through Friday.

7th and 8th Grade Exam Information:

- **Dismissal will be at noon** next Wednesday - Friday.
- Please make sure arrangements have been made to have ride at that time.
- Students may bring a snack for the break time between exams.
- On Wednesday, students must wear uniforms because we will go to Mass.
- Thursday and Friday are casual dress days for 7th and 8th graders only.
- Snow day policy: Exams will always be given in the order listed above. This will ensure that students will always have the correct books home to study in the event of a snow day. For example, if Wednesday is a snow day, then the Social Studies and Literature exams will be on Thursday. This would bump all exams back by one day and the following Monday would then become an exam day.
- Schedule: Wednesday = Social Studies & Religion
Thursday = Science & Literature
Friday = English & Math

Knights of Columbus Charity Writing Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following students for winning the writing contest with their essays on how they show the virtue of charity. All winners will be receiving a certificate and gift card from the Knights. We look forward to hearing our 1st place essays at an assembly during Catholic Schools Week.

| | 1st Place | 2nd Place |
|------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 6th Grade: | Haylie Johnson | Jack Monroe |
| 7th Grade: | Grace Koster | Victoria Korte and Jayden Tran |
| 8th Grade: | Simon Vu | Sophia Geer |

A special thank you goes out to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this contest!

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Andy Quint and Jack Finkler!!!

They will both represent our school at the Regional Spelling Bee in February!

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:

January 10: Science & Math Exam Reviews DUE for 7th & 8th

January 13: Social Studies, Religion, English & Literature Exam Reviews
DUE for 7th & 8th

January 14: AR Goals DUE

January 15: 7th & 8th take Social Studies & Religion EXAMS

½ Day for 7th & 8th ONLY

6th taking MAPS

January 16: 7th & 8th take Science & Literature EXAMS

½ Day for 7th & 8th ONLY

6th taking MAPS

January 17: 7th & 8th take Math & English EXAMS

½ Day for 7th & 8th ONLY

6th taking MAPS

January 17: Encounters of Mercy (Service Hours) are due.

January 20: NO SCHOOL for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 21: 6th & 8th to attend CC Play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

January 22: Geography Bee @ 12:40

January 31: Middle School Youth Rally at CC

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