

Middle School Messages

January 17, 2020

6th Grade

Math

Students will be starting a new chapter back in Big Ideas late next week. This chapter will be dealing with Ratios and percents. IXL's are due next week Thursday, January 23rd and will have new ones assigned at that time.

If you have any questions please email me at kbanchoff@stjohnvianney.net. (1/17)

Religion

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Prayer Monday: We filled out our class Encounter of Mercy Next week: Eucharistic Adoration **Core Theology:** We finished the story of Isaac and Rebekah in preparation for the next Patriarch, Jacob. Next week: The story of Jacob. **FIAT Friday:** Everything is bigger in Texas, including their faith. We found out on Friday just how big their faith really is.(1/17)

Science

This week we built electromagnets and we explored the relationship between electricity and magnetism. The kids thought it was very cool that you could turn a simple nail into a magnet to pick up LOTS of paper clips with just a simple wire/battery circuit! We will be wrapping up our magnets unit next week with a test on Thursday. They received their study guide on Thursday and we went over it after the MAP test on Friday.

It's been a while since we have done a STEM challenge, so when we return on Tuesday, we will have a STEM challenge. Then we will transition our knowledge of forces to motion. We will be looking at Newton's laws and see how they relate to linear motion! (1/17)

Social Studies

Next week our focus will be on the culture and government of SW Asia. We will also discuss the many ways the world depends on the resources in the Middle East. (1/17)

English-

We are starting off the new year by writing a personal narrative! This week we looked at a good example of a personal narrative, especially the details and emotions that the author used. We will continue to practice personal narrative skills, students will choose topics for their own paper next week. (1/17)

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)

We finished reading the play called, Phantom Tollbooth. Students have a review sheet for the test on this play. It is due Tuesday, January 21st. The quiz on this play will be Wednesday, January 22nd. We will be setting 3rd Quarter AR goals next week! Students can take tests starting next Tuesday. (1/17).

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7th Grade

Math

Students will have MAP testing next Wednesday, January 22nd. At the end of next week we will be starting a new chapter back in Big Ideas. This chapter will be dealing with Ratios, proportions and slope of linear equations. IXL's are due next Thursday, January 23rd and will have new ones assigned at that time.

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English

Our next unit will be on cause and effect writing. We read some examples and practice the skills of this type of writing next week. (1/17)

Literature-

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Next week, we will read a Sherlock Holmes story called, "The Dying Detective" **Reading MAPS testing will be on Tuesday morning.** We will be setting 3rd Quarter AR goals next week! Students can take tests starting next Tuesday. (1/17)

Religion

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Prayer Monday: We filled out our class Encounter of Mercy Next week: Eucharistic Adoration **Theology:** We reviewed and then took the Theology Exam. The students did very well! Next week: The mysteries the Church reveals **FIAT Friday:** NO CLASS (1/17)

Science

Kudos to all students who have worked very hard to study/review for the midterm exam! Whew, we have learned so much already this year and overall they did a great job on their exams AND MAP test! I'm really proud of them for how hard they prepared for this first exam and for their performances! It was tough! We are all ready for a break from testing so when we return on Tuesday we will have a STEM challenge!!

We will then be getting into our unit titled from Genesis to Genes. Looking at the history of genetics and applying what we know about the cell to cell division! (1/17)

Social Studies

Next week we will go over exams and then continue where we left off with ancient Greece. Our focus will be on Greece's war with Persia. (1/17)

Middle School Messages **January 17, 2020** **8th Grade**

Math

All notes, assignments and answer keys are posted on schoology.
IXL's are due next Thursday, January 23rd and will have new ones assigned at that time.

Pre-Algebra: Students will start a new chapter late next week dealing with circles and calculating out the area, circumference, and different composite shapes data. We will be starting to do assignments in Big Ideas again.

Algebra: Students will continue to learn about linear and nonlinear functions in chapter 5 of their books.

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Religion

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Prayer Monday: We filled out our class Encounter of Mercy Next week: Eucharistic Adoration **Core Theology:** We discussed what suffering was in the first part of our look at Anointing of the Sick. The remainder of the week was exams. Next Week: How the Enlightenment filtered into the rest of Church History. **FIAT Friday:** NO CLASS (1/17)

Science

Kudos to all students who have worked very hard to study/review for the midterm exam! Whew, we have learned so much already this year and overall they did well on their exam! We are all ready for a break from testing so when we return on Tuesday we will have a STEM challenge!! Then we will transition our knowledge of forces to motion. We will be looking at Newton's laws and see how they relate to linear motion!(1/17)

Social Studies

Next week we will start Ch. #13. It covers the history of Oregon (which will be our focus late next week), California, and the war with Mexico in which we gained the SW portion of the United (1/17)

English

Next week, we will move on to a grammar chapter on pronouns! (1/17)

Literature-

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

Next week, we will read two short plays, both entitled, "The Ninny and the Governess" We will be comparing and contrasting them. Students will be setting 3rd Quarter AR goals next week! Students can take tests starting next Tuesday. (1/17)

Important Information for All

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 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)