



St. Thomas More Catholic School

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Week Ahead: September 22, 2017

Dear STM Families,

We enjoyed a fun-filled and educational week with Red Ribbon activities where students and faculty said “NO” to bullying and drugs and continued with our theme of the year to “Encourage one Another” in all that we do. Please check out our STM Facebook page and webpage where we posted many pictures of these activities.

Classroom Activities:

Junior high science classes dropped protected eggs from rooftops to see how to “cradle” them and ensure they didn’t break. Additional classes will continue this experiment this week. (Mrs. Newman)

Also, 8th science completed labs in which the students learn pieces of glassware and observe characteristics about volume. Students used the google classroom via the chromebooks to submit their conclusion for the first lab. (Mrs. Smith)

In Algebra I students are using the graphing calculators to graph and analyze data collected. (Mrs. Smith)

8th grade social studies students culminated their unit on map and geography skills with their Create a Continent projects. In small groups, students designed imaginary continents with land and water forms and other features studied in the unit. Art and social studies skills were applied to create continents such as Movie Mania, A Piece of Cake, Trolltopia, Musiland, and Disneytopia. The projects will be displayed in the classroom for students to view and choose their favorites. (Mrs. Samaha)

The 8th grade honors English class is completing a unit on expository writing in which they wrote essays on their favorite things including activities, places, foods, and possessions. The students started by creating a “class quilt” made from construction paper with their pictures and their favorites displayed. As they reviewed the writing process, they applied the process to the creation of their essays. Students used Chrome Books in the final stages of writing, revising, and editing their papers and shared their work with classmates for peer revision and editing using the devices. The students’ essays are quite entertaining and informative and give their teacher and fellow students a better insight into the personalities and characters of these 8th graders. The students will work to improve writing skills throughout the year and will concentrate on persuasive writing next. (Mrs. Samaha)

6th grade religion classes used the Chromebooks in class this week to gain inspiration for the “The Most Perfect Way” class activity. Through this activity, the students interpreted one of three scriptural passages studied in our recent unit on **Divine Inspiration**. They created art pieces that share these messages of God’s love for all. Love is our Virtue of the Quarter. (Ms. Babin)

All third grade classes have been using Chromebooks daily, and we love them!!! We have been using them for AR testing, IXL Math, exploring the different regions of the US, and much more! (Mrs. To)

Co-Curricular Activities:

The CIA is up and running. Look for the replanting of the CIA flower garden by the cafeteria to reflect the change of seasons. We will be beginning our work to help the Angel Tree Advent activity. (Mrs. Babin and Mrs. Miller)

Spotlight and Spotlight, Jr. are preparing for the Fall show in November. There are a few openings in Spotlight for 6 – 8th graders. (Mrs. Brown and Ms. Drabick)

Nurse Rochelle's notes:

The "diseases of the week" are influenza (flu), pink eye, and stomach virus. I have seen a few cases of each illness. Please remember to keep your children home from school until they have been free of vomiting, diarrhea, and fever without the aid of medications for 24 hours.

Uniforms needed in the nurse's office include the following: Boys' short-sleeved shirts (all sizes), boys shorts sizes 6-16, and all sizes of ankle socks.

High School Open House Information:

St. Michael High School will be hosting their Open House on Thursday, October 26, 2017, for 6th, 7th & 8th grade students and parents. St. Thomas More students are invited to visit at 6:00pm. If this time is not convenient for your family, feel free to join us anytime between 4:30pm-7:00pm. For additional information, please call 225-753-9782 or visit the school's website at www.smhsbr.org.

St. Joseph's Academy invites 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents to join us for Open House 2017. Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 19, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Meet our students, faculty, staff, alumnae and parents, and enjoy tours of our beautiful campus throughout the evening. Application information will be available for 8th grade girls. For more information, contact Admissions Director Mandy Hoffman at hoffmanm@sjabr.org or 388-2243. To learn more about SJA, visit our website at www.sjabr.org.

Young men in the 8th grade and their parents are invited to attend an Information Night at **Catholic High School** on October 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Catholic High School Gym. Young men in grades 6-8 and their parents are invited to the Open House at Catholic High School on November 9. Tours begin at 4:30 p.m. For additional information, regarding these events or the admissions process, please visit the Catholic High School website at www.catholichigh.org.

Calendar Items: (Athletic schedules are posted on the webpage under the specific sport.)

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| Saturday, September 23 | 9 am – 1 pm MathCounts Saturday in the Youth House and Cafeteria. We will meet at the Youth House at 9 for fun and then move to the cafeteria for a practice test. After the test, there will be pizza and more fun time. Approximately 25 5 th -8 th graders will attend. Please contact Mrs. Dejean at AnnD@stmbr.org for additional information. |
| Tuesday, September 26 | Picture Retakes |
| Wednesday, September 27 | Vision and Hearing Screening Followup |

Thursday, September 28 8:45 All School Mass
2:40 – 4:15 MathCounts

Friday, September 29 3rd grade will be going to LASM to watch Magic Tree House Space Mission. Magic Tree House is a popular third grade reading series!

Have a GREAT Weekend!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Judy

Judy Armstrong, Ph.D.
Principal