



Middle School Newsletter

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parents-Teacher Conferences took place this week. If you were unable to make a conference, or need any information on your student's progress, feel free to contact teachers. Thank you to all the parents who came out and showed support for their students. It is always great to have stakeholders come in to see the work students do and the challenges they are working to conquer.

Red Ribbon Week

It's been a fun week at St Ben's as our students have worked and played under the idea of staying drug free for life. The free dress this week reminds students of their individuality and interests and definitely made for a lively time in and out of the classroom. We hope students enjoyed their week and continue to treat themselves and others with kindness and compassion. Thanks to all the parents and volunteers who helped make this week so great!

Mrs. Korba - Music

5th grade will continue working on identifying, counting and labeling basic rhythm patterns. They have an assignment due on Thursday, November 1st. Students can bring home their music folder at any time to study or help complete assignments.

6th grade will finish unit on drumming.

7th grade will finish unit on music that we can share. They will perform a school cheer written in class.

8th grade should continue to work on the guitar song they will play for school mass. Students can check out guitars every night for practice purposes.

Mrs. Wu - 6-8 Math

Algebra--Starting Chapter 4

Pre-Algebra--Starting Chapter 3 (Functions)

7th Grade--Graphing using Slope

6th Grade--Exponents, Order of Operation, and Algebraic Expressions

Don't forget all classes IXL's due Monday by 8 AM

Mrs. Heathcott - PE 6-8

5th grade health: Learning about the 7 Habits

6th Grade Health: Reviewing for Chapter 4 Test (next week)

7th Grade: Chapter 6 Vocab Quiz

8th Grade Health: Safe Dates Program Continues

Mrs. McGinnis

5th graders are continuing to work on their large group pointillism paintings in class. We will be working on these right up until holiday break in December. They have no homework.

6th graders are continuing to work on their mixed media calaveras in class. Their homework, sketchbook assignment, is to combine two different animals to create a "New Species" This assignment is due next Wednesday, Oct 31st.

7th graders are continuing to work on their acrylic "I and Evansville" paintings, inspired by Marc Chagall, in class. They have no homework assign. this week.

8th graders are continuing to work on their Fingerprint Self-Portraits, inspired by Chuck Close, in class. They have no homework assign. this week

Mrs. Langerak - English/Literature 7A, 8

7A English: we will have a test over Chapter 4 on Friday. We will also have a Vocab/Spelling test over the List 6 words on Friday.

7A Literature: Students should be through Chapter 19 in 'Howl's Moving Castle' by Monday. We will have a quiz over Chapters 18-19 on Monday.

8th Grade English: We will have a test over Chapter 4 on Monday. We will have a Spelling/Vocab test over the List 6 words on Friday.

8th Grade Literature: We will start reading 'Adventures of Huckleberry Finn' on Monday. Students will have reading assignments most days for homework. We will take a reading quiz after each reading assignment so it's imperative that students keep on top of their reading!

Mr. Keeper – English / Literature

6A/6B – Students are currently designing a board game for LIT as practice with our studies in author's purpose. Students need to have a digital version of their rulebook completed and shared with my by the end of the day on Monday, 29 October.

Students also have their first AR goal due by the end of school on Friday, 2 November. Students should be at 25% of their goal. Students need to be reading in class and out of class. Students may take AR tests during our read time in class or before/after school on request at my discretion.

In class this week we will continue our work with informational texts, author's purpose, and author's perspective.

7B – Students should be reading their Free Read book in and out of class. They have a Free Read Project due on 9 November 2018. This project involves them reading, taking an AR test, completing a Google Slide on Google Classroom over their novel, and creating a 3D object (an "artifact") that has some significance to the story.

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All Keeper Classes – Students will be competing in an inter-class tournament of the Royal Game of Ur. Rounds will take place during class

each day with the winningest students from each class competing in the finals. Good luck to all competitors!

Mrs. Mendez - Religion

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are this coming week. Students will be learning about these special celebrations of the Liturgical Year!

5th - We will continue learning about the Eucharist in Chapter 5.

6th - Chapter 7 Quiz Wednesday 10/31

7th - We will continue learning about the Infancy Narratives in Chapter 5.

8th - Chapter 5 Quiz Monday 10/29 and Unit 1 Test Friday 11/2

Mr. Chamberlain - Social Studies 5-8

5th:

Ch. 4 Life in the Colonies. Section 1: The Original 13 and Daily Life.
States and Capitals Quiz 31-40 (Thursday 11/1)

6th:

Mexico Today

Ch. 3 Vocabulary Quiz (Tuesday 10/30)

Ch. 3 Test (11/6)

7th:

North Africa and Egypt Today

Take Home Test due Monday 10/29. Use Textbook Only

Egypt Projects Due (Monday 11/5)

8th:

Ch. 4 The Constitution