



## Middle School Newsletter

### Progress Reports

The first progress reports of the year are releasing today! Students and parents interested in this midway-through-the-grading-period update should check out the progress reports through Sycamore.

### **ALL 6-8 Students!**

Speech practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3-3:45. Students signed up should plan to attend these practices unless advanced notice is given to Mr. Keepes or Mrs. Mayer. These practices will begin this coming Tuesday, 11 September. PARENTS interested in judging should contact Mr. Keepes at [stbenedictcathedralspeech@gmail.com](mailto:stbenedictcathedralspeech@gmail.com) for more information.



### Mr. Keepes- English/Literature 6, 7B

- 6 Tuck Everlasting **Test on Monday 9/10**  
Review items for this can be found on Google Classroom
- 7B We will continue our work with pronouns and our reading of *Howl's Moving Castle*.

## Mrs. Hackert - Computer 5-8

8th grade has a playing quiz on Thursday. Students can take guitars home every night to practice.

7th grade has an assignment coming home on Monday and they will need parental input.

### IMPORTANT!!! →→→→ **Typing Curriculum**

Each week students are responsible for typing a certain number of typing lessons. For **6th-8th** grades they are responsible for typing 20 lessons per week, and for **5th** grade they are responsible for typing 15 lessons per week. We begin each computer class by typing for approximately 5-10 minutes. If students use their time wisely there should be little need to type at home. However, if students would like to type at home they can access the typing website through Google Classroom and their usernames and passwords should be written in their planner.

Students can earn their 15 or 20 points depending on their grade level by completing these lessons by Friday afternoon at 3pm. If a student does not complete them by that time they will receive credit for what they have completed and responsible for making up those lessons for the next week. This is different from last year, so please take note of this change.

Grade	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
5	15	30	45	60	75	90	105	120	135
6	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180
7	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180
8	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180

## *Mrs. Langerak - English/Literature 7A, 8*

In 7A English we will continue studying Chapter 2 (nouns, pronouns, and adjectives). I plan to give a test next Wednesday; however, I may push that back to the end of the week if I feel the students are not ready. I will make that determination on Monday.

In 7A Literature we will continue in Unit 1, Fiction and Nonfiction. We will take a test next Friday.

In 8th Grade English, we will continue studying Chapter 2 (nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs). I plan to give a test next Wednesday; however, I may push that back to the end of the week if I feel the students are not ready. I will make that determination on Monday.

In 8th Grade Literature, we will take a final test over "The Giver" on Tuesday. This will be an essay test. Students will be permitted to use their notes, folders and novel to complete this test. At the end of the week we will begin Unit 1 in our Literature books.

## *Mrs. Heathcott - Health and PE 5-8*

6,7,8th Grade Health Classes: Will be having Chapter 1 Test. Be prepared by studying text, notes, and homework sheets.

5th Grade Health- We will be continuing our learning about hygiene.

5-8th Grade Health Classes will be visited this week by our school counselor and hearing a talk about bullying.

6-8 PE Classes will be finishing up fitness testing and starting volleyball.

## *Mrs. Mayer – Science 5-8*

5th grade - We will be studying the scientific method and the engineering design process this week.

6th grade - **The class has a Chapter Nature of Science test on Monday.** The six pictures for the title page and vocabulary illustrations are also due on that day. We will begin Chapter 1 - Describing Motion on Tuesday.

7th grade - We are studying Newton's Laws of Motions this week.

8th grade - We are reviewing cells and should be having a test over Chapter 10 on Friday, Sept 14 or Monday, Sept 17.

***Vex Robotics will meet on  
Wednesday until 4:00.***

## *Mr. Chamberlain – Social Studies 5-8*

5th:

Ch. 2 The Age of Exploration (Explorers for Spain)

**1-10 States and Capitals Quiz (Thursday 9/13)**

Ch. 2 Study Guide (9/19)

**Test Ch. 2 (9/20)**

6th:

Ch. 2 Canada

**Northeastern States Quiz (Monday 9/10)**

Study Guide Due (10/2)

**Ch. 2 Test (10/3)**

7th:

Ch. 2 Eastern and Southern Africa

**Eastern and Southern Africa Map Quiz (9/21)**

Study Guide Due (9/27)

**Ch. 2 Test (9/28)**

8th:

Ch. 3 The Revolutionary Era: Tension with Britain and Aftermath of the French and Indian War

Revolutionary War Projects Due (9/24)

*Mrs. Wu - 6-8 Math*

No IXL's for this week for grades 6-8.

Algebra Test Chapter 1 Tuesday and Wednesday