



September 13th, 2021

## Building a world of JOY!

*"If you carry joy in your heart, you can heal any moment." - Carlos Santana*

Welcome back to school! It was so wonderful getting to know your students this past week. We will continue learning our classroom procedures & get to know each other better this week. This week is packed with exciting learning activities! Here's where we're headed this week in the classroom:

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, we will assess our spelling skills, and continue working on our reading comprehension skills. **Our Summer Book Reports are due on Thursday, September 30th.** The students can either turn in an electronic copy on Google Classroom OR a hand-written copy to me in class. **As a nightly practice, the students will be expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading.**

In **Writing** with Mrs. Smith, students will be taking a writing assessment, setting up their writing notebook and reviewing grammar. Next week students will start writing a personal narrative. Please email [rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org](mailto:rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org) if there are any questions or concerns this year. I'm looking forward to working with this year's class of writers.

In **Science** we will begin our first unit on how organic matter cycles through our living world in systems of interdependent parts. Many of our lessons will focus on ecology and will help the students develop the idea that plants, animals, and fungi form a system of interdependent parts, with each part dependent on the other parts for its material nourishment.

In **Religion** this week we will share what brings us joy. We will also be reviewing our Essential Agreements that we came up with this past week. We will also begin learning about the IB Learner Profile and all ten attributes. As we prepare for our first mass (virtually) we will review the Prayers & Practices of Our Faith.

In **Math**, we begin our Math lessons this week. We will begin our first unit entitled “Math is...”. The students will learn that Math is working together, finding patterns, sharing ideas, listening thoughtfully to our classmates, & sticking with a task even when it is a little challenging. In Reveal Math (our new Math resource), the students will develop the habits of mind that strong mathematicians have. They will begin to see that Math is all around us. **As a weekly practice, each student will be expected to complete at LEAST 5 topics in ALEKS every week by Monday morning @ 8:00 am.**

### Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Morning prayer led by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students, Music in the classroom
- **Tuesday** – Music in the classroom, 2:00 pm dismissal, **PYP Academic/Curriculum Night presentations via Zoom @ 6:30 pm** Link ([PYP Academic/Curriculum Night](#)) Meeting ID: 915 2429 0901 Passcode: 477999
- **Wednesday** – Normal school day, Music in the classroom
- **Thursday** – Virtual Mass of the Holy Spirit ([Mass Link](#)) @ 9:30 am, Music in the classroom, Library, **MYP Academic Night via Zoom @ 6:30 pm** Link ([MYP Academic Night](#)) Meeting ID: 915 2429 0901 Passcode: 477999
- **Friday** – Normal school day, Hydroponic Garden, Music in the classroom, Library, Design/Robotics

### Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** - MAP testing window
- **Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** - School picture day – all students are in best school uniform
- **Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> HOT LUNCH BEGINS!!!!**
- **Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** - No school for Teacher Inservice Day
- **Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** - FEAST OF ST. LUKE & St. Luke-A-Thon! Students and staff can wear running gear related to St. Luke. He is the Patron Saint of Artists and Physicians. He also is one of the authors of the gospels.
- **Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** - Great Washington ShakeOut! Earthquake drill will happen at 10:21AM
- **Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Mid tri-reports
- **Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** - 5th Grade Attends Camp Seymour