



**September 11th, 2022**

### **Growing Together in Faith!**

*"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6*

Welcome back to school! It was so wonderful getting to know your students this past week. We are building community and polishing our cooperative academic skills by learning about our peers, investigating "growth mindset" attitudes and International Baccalaureate learner attributes. We also collaboratively developed and committed to our classroom Essential Agreements. These principles remind us what we believe is necessary to support an environment of growth- **together!** A copy of our collectively signed document is posted at the front of our classroom, and will remain in the first tab of our organization pendaflex filer. Please see the 5A Essential Agreements at the end of this newsletter.

This week is packed with exciting learning activities! Here's where we're headed this week in the classroom:

This week in **Reading** with Ms. Bakanis, we will assess spelling skills and reading strategies. We will be sharing our Summer Book Reports that were due last week with our peers. We will also be learning about different genres and reviewing foundational reading skills. As a nightly practice, the student will be expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading. **Our first trimester AR goal is 15 points!**

In **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, students will be setting up their writing notebook and reviewing grammar, as we launch our narrative writing unit centered on the power of language to powerfully share personal moments.

This week 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 begin our first unit on God, Our Creator and Father. In this unit, we will learn about how God creates us, how God saves us, God's Revelation, how God directs our lives, how we celebrate Ordinary Time and our saint focus will be on St. Augustine. Since we will be celebrating Mass of the Holy Spirit, we will review how and where the Holy Spirit is present in our own lives.

This week in **Math**, we will continue to evaluate the skills of the students with more assessments. Each student will complete an assessment in their NEW 5th grade ALEKS class. This will help guide the student to practice specific skills that they need to work on at their own level. ***Our weekly ALEKS expectation will be that each student completes at least 5 topics by Sunday night.***

In the **Library** with Mrs. Feucht, we will begin our lessons on Digital Citizenship. These lessons include the following topics: Media Balance and Well-Being: What does media balance mean for me?, Privacy and Security: What is clickbait and how can you avoid it?, Digital Footprint and Identity: How do gender stereotypes shape our experiences online?, Relationships and Communication: How do you keep online friendships safe?, Cyberbullying and Digital Drama: What is cyberbullying and what can you do to stop it?, News and Media Literacy: What are the important parts of an online news article?.

### **Important Dates THIS week:**

- **Monday** – **Mass of the Holy Spirit led by the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at 9:30 am (best uniforms)** & Library (check out books)
- **Tuesday** – PE (no need for shoes yet) & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – **Student individual pictures in auditorium,** Music, & Spanish
- **Thursday** – PE (no need for shoes yet) & Library
- **Friday** – **Fire Drill at 9:15 am,** Music

### **Upcoming Dates:**

**Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** - MAP testing for 5th grade

**Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** - MAP testing for 5th grade, MYP Curriculum Night at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** - MAP testing for 5th grade

**Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** - PYP Curriculum Night at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** - Safe Environment Training (6:00 pm - 9:00pm) in the St. Luke auditorium  
- Needs to be completed prior to Camp Seymour

**Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** - Celebration Dinner

**Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** - Free Dress!!

**Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** - No school for Staff In-service Day

**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** - Feast of St. Luke Mass in the CHURCH, Archbishop presiding

**Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** - St. Luke-A-Thon!

**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** - Great WA State Shake-Out Drill 10.20.22 at 10:20

**Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** - Mid-trimester reports go home!

**Tuesday - Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>** - Grade 5 goes to camp!

We are so excited to be working with your students this year! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me (Mr. Scholz: [mscholz@stlukeshoreline.org](mailto:mscholz@stlukeshoreline.org)) or Ms. Bakamis ([kbakamis@stlukeshoreline.org](mailto:kbakamis@stlukeshoreline.org)). I respond to emails within approximately 24 hours (48 hours on weekends).

Have a great week!

Manny Scholz

### **5A Essential Agreements**

- We will be respectful of others' things by asking permission first.
- We will be kind by respecting others' beliefs and dignity.
- We will communicate in a respectful way by using a polite tone and taking responsibility for our words.
- We will respect the learning environment by acting responsibly to support others' learning.