



September 12th, 2022

Growing Together in Faith!

"Life is a journey and it's about growing and changing and coming to terms with who and what you are and loving who and what you are." - Kelly McGillis

Welcome back to school! It was so wonderful getting to know your students this past week. 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. Bakamis, will assess their 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 students 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 8th Grade at 9:30 am (best uniforms)** & PE (no need for shoes yet)
- Tuesday – Music & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- Wednesday – **Student individual pictures in auditorium,** PE (no need for shoes yet), & Library
- Thursday – Music & Spanish
- Friday – **Fire Drill at 9:15 am,** Library (check out books)

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, September 19th - MAP testing for 5th grade

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

Wednesday, September 21st - MAP testing for 5th grade

Thursday, September 21st - PYP Curriculum Night at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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

Thursday, September 29th - Celebration Dinner

Friday, September 30th - Free Dress!!

Friday, October 14th - No school for Staff In-service Day

Tuesday, October 18th - Feast of St. Luke Mass in the CHURCH, Archbishop presiding

Wednesday, October 19th - St. Luke-A-Thon!

Thursday, October 20th - Great WA State Shake-Out Drill 10.20.22 at 10:20

Friday, October 21st - Mid-trimester reports go home!

Tuesday - Friday, October 25th – 28th - Grade 5 goes to camp!