



January 29th, 2023

IB Attributes of the Month(s): Principled & Open-Minded

Growing Together in Faith!

*"From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us."*

*- Pope Francis*

Happy Catholic Schools Week! Here's where we're headed this week in the classroom:

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, we will review our MAP scores and new Lexile Levels as we continue to work on our comprehension skills. We will begin reading a book tied to our study of water entitled A Long Walk to Water. This will give us a global perspective of how important water is. We will be completing comprehension questions and learn new vocabulary throughout this novel study. Each student will be expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading as a nightly practice. **Our Second Trimester AR goal is 15 points!** Students will have new Spelling words this week. They will need to practice these words at LEAST 3 times in their Spelling Notebooks to prepare for our **Spelling Test on Friday, February 3rd!**

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we return to our customary schedule, starting the week with Grammar practice on "formal register," which helps us match the tone of our writing to the serious content we are sharing! We will also continue our work with analyzing various perspectives in our research on both primary and secondary sources. Students did such good work with their "13 Colony" brochures, it will be exciting to see where they go next with this Westward Expansion project!

In **Religion** this week we continue our new unit on "The Church, Our Community in the Spirit," exploring how each of us is called to be part of God's people and to serve his kingdom. Students will be reflecting on the idea that although each person is called to serve in different ways, we all are united in the vocation of serving God, other people, and the Church.

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we have begun Unit 8 entitled “Divide Decimals”. In this unit, we will learn about division patterns & powers of 10, how to estimate quotients of decimals, how to represent the division of decimals by a whole number, how to divide decimals by whole numbers by decimals, how to divide whole numbers by decimals, and how to divide decimals by decimals. In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we have begun our review of Equations and Inequalities. We will have our **test on Tuesday of this week**. If you have further questions about Mr. Carson’s Math class, please contact him via email at [gcarson@stlukeshoreline.org](mailto:gcarson@stlukeshoreline.org). **Our weekly ALEKS expectation is that each student completes at least 5 topics by Sunday night.**

In **Science**, we have started our unit entitled “Water is essential to life and a limited resource for some.” This is an exciting unit where we will begin our Exhibition! This is a culminating project that happens at the end of our Primary Years Programme. The students have chosen different water-related issues/problems to learn more about and ultimately take action to improve. In this unit, students consider the profound importance of water as a natural resource. Students will investigate the distribution of water, how it cycles through Earth’s systems, and explore how it affects human societies.

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

- **Monday – Parent Appreciation Day**, PE (5B), Library (5A - check out)
- **Tuesday – Teacher Appreciation Day**, Music (5B), PE (5A), & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday – Grandparents Appreciation Day, Faith-based Community Appreciation Day, & All School Catholic Schools Week Mass @ 9:30 am, Grandparents Brunch @ 10:30 am (Auditorium), Please come in your BEST uniform**, PE (5B), Music (5A), Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday – Celebrate our Alums, Donors, & St. Luke Fan Club**, Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B)
- **Friday – Student Appreciation Day & Free Dress**, Library (5B - check out), Music (5A)

### **Upcoming Important Dates:**

- **Wednesday → Wednesday, February 1st – 9th - Parent Perception Survey available via a link**
- **Friday, February 10th – Teacher archdiocesan in-service day (NO SCHOOL)**
- **Tuesday, February 14th - Valentines Day**
- **Wednesday, February 15th – Eighth-grade graduation photos**
- **Thursday, February 16th – State of the School**
- **Monday, February 20th – Presidents’ Day Holiday (NO SCHOOL)**
- **Wednesday, February 22nd – Ash Wednesday (Readings and distribution of ashes – NO MASS)**
- **Thursday, February 23rd – Parents’ Club mtg. via ZOOM**
- **Friday, February 24th - Free Dress Friday (maybe) Superintendent visit!**
- **Thursday → Sunday, March 2nd – 4th - MYP Musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!**