



February 5th, 2023

IB Attribute of the Month: Open-Minded

Growing Together in Faith!

“You must be bold, brave, and courageous and find a way... to get in the way.” - John Lewis

Here’s where we’re headed this week in the classroom:

This week in **Writing** with *Mr. Scholz*, our Grammar work revisits sentence practice, to help us better share our research findings! Our Westward Expansion work continues with a revised outline which will provide the blueprint for our final project in digital book form, using primary and secondary sources. When our draft texts are completed, using all our informational writing strategies, we will begin integrating visual references as well!

In **Religion** this week we continue our third unit entitled “The Church, Our Community in the Spirit.” This unit’s lessons focus on signs of unity in the Church, Holy orders, the Domestic Church, and the universal call to holiness in service of God and neighbor.

This week in **Math** with *Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz*, we will review our Unit 8 entitled “Divide Decimals”. In this unit, we have learned 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. **We will have our Unit 8 Test on Wednesday, February 8th!** In **Math** with *Mr. Carson*, we will be working with equations with multiple variables. This is an important topic that touches on graphing and slope. The book does not mention slope but we learn that linear functions, tables, and equations with a direct variation or a constant rate of change all mean slope! If you have further questions about Mr. Carson’s Math class, please contact him via email at gcarson@stlukeshoreline.org. **Our weekly ALEKS expectation is that each student completes at LEAST 5 topics (& at LEAST 45 minutes) by Sunday night.**

In **Science**, we will continue our unit entitled “Water is essential to life and a limited resource for some.” This is an exciting unit where we have begun our Exhibition projects! The Exhibition 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.

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, we will continue 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 complete 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 NOT have new Spelling words this week due to the short week.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – PE (5B), Library (5A - check out), **Parent Perception Survey available via the link in the Weekly Email**
- **Tuesday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), & 2 pm Early Dismissal, **Parent Perception Survey available via the link in the Weekly Email**
- **Wednesday** – PE (5B), Music (5A), Spanish (5A), **Parent Perception Survey available via the link in the Weekly Email (last day)**
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B)
- **Friday** – **Teacher archdiocesan in-service day (NO SCHOOL)**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, February 14th - Valentines Day**
- **Wednesday, February 15th – Eighth-grade graduation photos**
- **Thursday, February 16th – State of the School**
- **Friday, February 17th - Free Dress Friday**
- **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 meeting via ZOOM**
- **Friday, February 24th - Superintendent visit!**
- **Thursday → Sunday, March 2nd – 4th - MYP Musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!”**