



May 7th, 2023

IB Attribute of the month: Thinker

Growing Together in Faith!

"I think anything is possible if you have the mindset and the will and desire to do it and put the time in." - Roger Clemens

It's Spirit Week at St. Luke! Wear St. Luke gear or best uniforms, as we celebrate our school pride in being part of this great community. Here's where we're headed this week in the classroom:

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we will continue our unit on Volume this week. In this unit, students will learn how to measure the space inside rectangular prisms, determining this attribute by multiplying layers of unit cubes. **Our Test will be on Thursday, May 11th.** In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we have begun our unit on Proportions and Ratios. This week will be exploring the relationship proportions have to the Slope of a line. 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.**

This week, we will move into a new phase of our **Social Studies** unit, "Liberties come with Responsibilities." The students are concluding their Discovery simulation, having learned about the early lives of colonists and how they governed themselves. We will examine how we organize ourselves as a society. Students will reflect on their rights and responsibilities as members of their families, faith-based communities, and global citizens.

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, each student is expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of independent reading as a nightly practice at their own Lexile Level. As a class, we will continue reviewing reading responses and specific skills that we will use when we begin reading books tied to our Social Studies unit. **Our Third Trimester AR goal is 15 points!** Students will have new Spelling words this week. **Each student is expected to practice their Spelling words at LEAST 3 times in their Spelling Notebooks PRIOR to the Spelling Test on Friday, May 12th!**

This week in **Writing** with *Mr. Scholz*, we will submit the final persuasive letters and apply our research towards a live debate! The upcoming weeks of Writing class challenge students to apply their research and persuasive techniques towards more complex topics, but first we will have the opportunity to demonstrate our skills in this now-familiar “chocolate milk controversy.” As a group, we will be listening for those clear position statements and researched evidence that form the core of persuasive claims. Most importantly though, we will need to communicate our team’s viewpoint within the debate format and craft responses that reflect our **listening to the opposing side!** These skills will be crucial for the thinking, reflecting, and sharing skills of middle school.

In **Religion** this week, we are moving towards the end of Unit 4 on “Sacraments, Our Way of Life.” As we approach the end of the year, students are learning to connect the importance of the sacramental signs with their daily life on a broader scale. This will also prepare us for our unit on morality. As we move towards Pentecost and the conclusion of the Easter season, we are also considering how the Resurrection empowers us to love God and neighbor more deeply.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – PE (5B), Library (5A), **Staff Appreciation & Spirit Week Activities (wear St. Luke spirit shirts or best uniform)**
- **Tuesday** – **Battle of the Books (5th Grade)**, Music (5B), PE (5A), **Staff Appreciation & Spirit Week Activities (wear St. Luke spirit shirts or best uniform)** & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – **Mass @ 8:45 am**, PE (5B), Music (5A), Library (5B), & Spanish (5A), **Staff Appreciation & Spirit Week Activities (wear your best uniform)**
- **Thursday** – **Talent Show @ 9 am - 10:30 am**, Music (5B), PE (5A), Library (5A), & Spanish (5B), **Bakamis/Scholz Math Test**, **Staff Appreciation & Spirit Week Activities (wear St. Luke spirit shirts or best uniform)**
- **Friday** – **Spelling Test**, Library (5B), Music (5A), Design (both classes), **Spring Play @ 2 pm**, **Staff Appreciation & Spirit Week Activities (wear St. Luke spirit shirts or best uniform)**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Monday, May 15th → Wednesday, May 16th – 5th Grade MAP Testing**
- **Wednesday → Friday, May 17th → 19th – 6th & 7th grades go to Camp Hamilton**
- **Thursday, May 25th – Spring Concert**
- **Friday, May 26th – Non-Uniform Day & Progress Reports**
- **Wednesday, May 31st - 5th Grade Garden Time**