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IB Attribute of the month: Communicator

### Growing Together in Faith!

*“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.” - Benjamin Franklin*

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

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we will teach the final lessons in the textbook on Algebraic Thinking. The skills covered will include: evaluating numerical expressions, order of operations, numerical patterns, interpreting numerical patterns, and graphing numerical patterns. In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we finished and have been practicing for next year–Pre-Algebra! I will be handing out a summer math packet that is not required but highly recommended to complete! Have an outstanding Summer!! If you have further questions about Mr. Carson’s Math class, please contact him via email at [gcarson@stlukeshoreline.org](mailto:gcarson@stlukeshoreline.org). **Each student is encouraged to continue their Math skills over the summer by continuing on their ALEKS path.**

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, each book group will be presenting their movie posters to the class. They will also be sharing their reviews on the book they read tied to our Social Studies unit. **Each student will be expected to complete a Summer Book Report (similar to the one from last summer) as they head into 6th grade! Book lists & forms will be sent home in each report card envelope.**

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we conclude our persuasive writing unit with our final debates! The debate preparation and presentation help us to sharpen our thinking, hone our listening, and expand our perspectives. The three propositions being debated were: “Space exploration should be stopped;” “Bottled water should be illegal to sell or buy,” and “Zoos should be illegal.” As we close the year, the debates show that our students are thoughtful and engaged with issues that matter. Hopefully the debates are also a lot of fun! As many famous writers have said, writing allows us to understand what we actually think, as well as share ourselves with others. It is great to see how far these students have come in this process of self-understanding and clear communication, which they will continue to practice throughout their academic careers!

In **Social Studies**, we will see the end of the American Revolution with our young protagonists in the “Liberty’s Kids” series. Though this historical topic is revisited in 8th grade, this unit has introduced the major elements as they relate to our personal context. We will discuss this week more about what we learned and what inquiries we are most excited to make in future exploration! ***If your student is interested in learning more about the revolution, there are many more Liberty’s Kids videos available on YouTube and it might be fun to watch the musical Hamilton on Disney+ as a family to see another perspective of the founding of our nation.***

In **Religion** this week, we consider the many blessings we have received through the year. As we visited the MYP service project presentations last week, students were reminded of the service hours commitments of next year. We will have opportunities to discuss more about the connection between service and faith, as well as spiritual hopes, challenges, and wonderings. We look forward to praying with you all at our final school Mass on Friday!

**Important Dates THIS week:**

- **Monday** – **Please wear uniform**, PE (5B), Music (5A), 8th Grade Graduation at 7 pm
- **Tuesday** – **St. Luke Colors Day (please wear blue & gold)**, Music (5B), PE (5A) & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – **Non-uniform Day**, PE (5B), Music (5A), & Spanish (5A), **Desk Clean Out (please bring an extra bag)**
- **Thursday** – **Field Day (5th grade wears Blue), Moving up assembly, Noon dismissal**
- **Friday** – **Last day of school!, 9:30 am End of Year Mass & dismissal at 10:30 am & 10:45 am**

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

- **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – Meet and Greet Day**
- **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – First Full Day of School**