



June 4th, 2023

IB Attribute of the month: Communicator

Growing Together in Faith!

“There is a certain enthusiasm in liberty, that makes human nature rise above itself, in acts of bravery and heroism.” - Alexander Hamilton

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

In **Religion** this week, we conclude our unit “Morality, Our Lived Faith.” Following on some awesome student questions for Father Brad last Friday, this lesson explores the connection between our daily choices and our awesome call to holiness. With our Christian belief in the power of our “liberties and responsibilities,” we will discuss the Church’s teachings on our eternal destiny and the crucial role of service as described in the corporal works of mercy. This is a direct link to our **community service hours** (due ASAP!), which we will be reflecting on as part of our personal connection to the lesson.

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we will finish our unit on Geometry. In this unit the students have learned how to use a coordinate plane, plot ordered pairs, represent problems on a coordinate plane, classify triangles by properties, the properties of quadrilaterals, and how to classify quadrilaterals by properties. **Our Unit 13 Math Test will take place on Wednesday, June 7th.** In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we finished our unit on Proportions, Ratios and Slope. We will finish the year working on Algebraic expressions and equations. There will not likely be a test on this material but it is excellent prep for Pre-Algebra next year! 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 start our **Science** unit, “Spaceship Earth.” In this unit, students will explore the Earth, Sun, Moon, and stars using observations of shadows and changing patterns in the sky. Students will also explore the planets of our Solar System and begin to consider what might lie beyond.

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, each student is expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of independent reading as a nightly practice. As a class, we will finish reading books about the American Revolution. Once each book group has finished their book, they will take the corresponding AR Test on it. As a class, we will review important vocabulary from all of the texts. **Our Third Trimester AR goal is 15 points!**

This week in **Writing with Mr. Scholz**, we approach our persuasive writing unit finale. With the **final essay due on Wednesday (6/7)**, we will first evaluate our rough drafts to make sure we have acknowledged and refuted counter-claims. From there we will review, edit, and turn it in! The rest of the week will focus on collaboration with our debate team members as we prepare for the final live debate (wrapping up on Friday/Monday). This final section of the unit is not easy due to the variety of topics and the independent research expectations, so we encourage you to have a “practice debate” with your student for the paper and the discussion!

In **Social Studies**, we continue with our overview of the American Revolution through the eyes of young people in the “Liberty’s Kids” series. We will see how the colonists pursue their high ideals, reflected in our IB theme, “Liberties come with responsibilities.” Students will be reflecting this week on the connections between these historical events and their own rights/duties. This is a particularly timely theme as we send them off toward greater independence in 6th grade, recognizing how this is a constant process of growth for each person and for our nation!

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – PE (5B), Music (5A), Library (5A)
- **Tuesday** – Music (5B), PE (5A) & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – **Mass @ 8:45 am**, PE (5B), Music (5A), Library (5B), & Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), Library (5A), & Spanish (5B)
- **Friday** – Music (5A), Library (5B), Design (both classes), **8TH-grade vs. Staff Kickball Game!!** (2:00 pm upper field)

Upcoming Important Dates:

- *Monday, June 12th – 7:00 PM 8th Grade Graduation*
- *Thursday, June 15th – Field Day & Moving up assembly —> Noon dismissal*
- *Friday, June 16th – Last day of school!, 9:30 AM End of Year Mass followed by dismissal*
- *Tuesday, September 5th – Meet and Greet Day*
- *Wednesday, September 6th – First Full Day of School*