



October 1st, 2023

Attributes of the month: Caring & Principled

**"Reflecting God's Kindness!"**

*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." - Leo Buscaglia*

Here's where we're headed in the classroom:

In **Religion** this week, we continue with our first unit, "God, Our Creator and Father." Having explored creation and redemption, we now move into "God's Revelation," discovering more about how the Bible tells us who God is, from Abraham and Moses through the Lord's Prayer taught by Christ Himself. The unit ends in the coming weeks with reflections on God's plan for our lives as shown through authentic humility and the Beatitudes, and the celebration of Ordinary Time with a focus on the seven sacraments. We encourage students and families to discuss these important topics together, as your students develop a greater understanding of the religious traditions at home and at school!

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we will begin our new unit on adding/subtracting decimals! Mr. Carson will be continuing as our math coach providing support and challenge for our rotating small groups. **Our weekly ALEKS expectation is that each student completes at LEAST 5 topics (& at LEAST 45 minutes) by Sunday night.**

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, we will explore new genres of books and learn about our new monthly book reports. **Our October Book Report is due Tuesday, November 1st, 2023.** We will also continue our Spelling practices this week. **Each student is expected to practice their spelling words at LEAST 3 times in their Spelling Notebook prior to our test on Friday, October 6th.** As a nightly practice, each student will be expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading. **Our first trimester AR goal is 15 points!**

In **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we shift our focus towards a personal narrative of our choice. This will become our first "showcase" writing. Upcoming lessons will help us rewrite, revise, and reshape our writing using our knowledge of story structure! Some powerful tools include story arc analysis, elaboration, and flash forward/flashback. We will also continue building our grammatical understanding with "interjections" in our interactive notebooks and MobyMax online tool!

This week in **Science** we move towards the end of our unit on the systems of interdependent parts that make up our living world. Our IB key concepts of *change* and *connection* are particularly relevant to this unit. By considering a self-cleaning pond ecosystem, our role in addressing unbalanced environments, and food web interactions with dinosaurs, students will prepare for the themes and opportunities at Environmental Camp!

### Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5B)
- **Tuesday** – Music (5A), Spanish (5B), 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – **Mass (dress uniforms)**, Library & PE (both classes), Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – Music (5B) & Spanish (5A)
- **Friday** – **Spelling Test and practices due**, Music (both classes)

### Upcoming Dates:

**Safe Environment Training (Online now) → Needs to be completed prior to Camp Seymour**

**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> - Partners in the Gospel listening session (9:00 am)**

**Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - Fire Drill followed by Grade Band safety presentations by Shoreline Fire Department**

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - No school for Staff In-service Day**

**Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Luke-A-Thon! Students should wear their St. Luke spirit shirts**

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> - Feast of St. Luke Mass, Full dress uniforms!**

**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> - Great WA State Shake-Out Earthquake Drill**

**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> - Mid-trimester reports**

**Tuesday - Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> - Grade 5 goes to camp!**

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Trunk-or-Treat**

**Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints Day** (All school Mass)

**Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Class photos and picture retakes**