



September 10th, 2023

“Reflecting God’s Kindness!”

“As face mirrors face in water, so the heart reflects the person.” - Proverbs 27:19

Happy first week of school! It has been great getting to know your students this past few days. This upcoming week is packed with exciting learning experiences. Here’s where we’re headed:

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakannis, we will focus on our comprehension skills. We will also be learning about different genres and reviewing our **Summer Reading assignment due Friday (9/15)**. 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, students will be setting up their grammar notebook and developing ideas for a “small moment story,” as we launch our narrative writing unit centered on the power of language to powerfully share real stories from our lives.

This week in **Science** we continue our first unit on how organic matter cycles through our living world, in systems of interdependent parts. Many of our lessons will focus on ecology and will help the students develop the idea that plants, animals, and fungi form a system of interdependent parts, with each part dependent on the other parts for its material nourishment. This helps us highlight our IB curriculum unit “Ecosystems are a vital aspect of the world around us,” with a focus on our Key Concepts of *change* and *connection*.

In **Religion** this week, our inquiry centers on “God, Our Creator and Father.” In this unit, we will learn about how God creates us, how God saves us, God’s Revelation, how God directs our lives, how we celebrate Ordinary Time. Our saint for the unit is St. Augustine. Since we will be celebrating the **Mass of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday, 9/13**, we will consider how the Holy Spirit is present in our own lives.

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakannis & Mr. Scholz, we will begin our first unit entitled “Place Value and Number Relationships.” In this unit we will learn how to generalize place value, extend place value to decimals, read & write decimals, compare decimals, & use place value to round decimals. We

are excited to have Mr. Carson as our math coach for this year, as he rotates through our classes to provide support and challenge for our students. **Our weekly ALEKS expectation is that each student completes at LEAST 5 topics (& at LEAST 45 minutes) by Sunday night.**

Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5B)
- Tuesday – **Fire Drill at 9:15 am**, Music (5A), Spanish (5B), & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- Wednesday – **Mass of the Holy Spirit led by the 8th Grade at 9:30 am (dress uniforms)**, Library & PE (both classes), Spanish (5A)
- Thursday – **Student individual pictures in auditorium**, Music (5B) & Spanish (5A)
- Friday – Music (both classes)

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, September 17th - St. Luke Community Picnic/Luau

Monday, September 18th - MAP testing for 5th grade, **MYP Curriculum Night at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

Tuesday, September 19th - MAP testing for 5th grade, Vaccine clinic from 9:30am – 10:30 am, **PYP Curriculum Night at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

Wednesday, September 20th - MAP testing for 5th grade

Tuesday, September 27th - Safe Environment Training (6:00 pm - 9:00pm) in the St. Luke auditorium
- Needs to be completed prior to Camp Seymour

Wednesday, September 27th - **5th Grade Camp Meeting (6 pm - 7 pm) in the St. Luke auditorium**

Friday, September 29th - **Non-uniform day!**

Friday, October 13th - No school for Staff In-service Day

Tuesday, October 17th - St. Luke-A-Thon!

Wednesday, October 18th - Feast of St. Luke Mass

Thursday, October 19th - Great WA State Shake-Out Earthquake Drill

Friday, October 20th - Mid-trimester reports

Tuesday - Friday, October 24th – 27th - Grade 5 goes to camp!