



March 10th, 2024

Monthly IB Attribute: Risk-Taker

"Reflecting God's Kindness!"

"Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and thus promoting the well-being of individuals and of peoples."
- Pope Francis (addressing the US Congress, 2015)

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

This week in **Reading** with Ms. Bakamis, will continue to work on our comprehension skills while reading books at their independent reading level. **Our second trimester AR goal is 15 points!** As a nightly practice, students are expected to read for 30 minutes a book of their own choice in their current Lexile Level. **Each student should finish at LEAST two Battle of the Books need to be completed and AR Tests need to be completed by April.** We will have new Spelling Words this week. **Each student is expected to practice their words at LEAST 3 times in their Spelling Notebook before the Spelling Test on Friday, March 15th!**

This week in Writing *with Mr. Scholz*, we begin our final sprint toward Exhibition! From the 5-paragraph papers, we started last week, students will now assemble their presentation scripts, create visuals, plan/launching "Taking Action" projects, collate interview results, and polish Works Cited pages. The excitement (and yes, perhaps a little stress) as we approach this culminating PYP project shows that our students are taking this seriously and we are so excited for them to share their work with you all on **Thursday 3/21 in celebration of World Water Day!**

This week in **Science**, we will continue our unit entitled "Water is Essential to life and a limited resource for many people." As students continue to focus on preparing for Exhibition, this week we will apply last week's *stewardship* as they investigate how communities deal with risks associated with water, specifically flood danger. By considering core scientific principles and their application to human societies, students have another opportunity to practice their STEM skills and see why "Taking Action" is a key part of the IB philosophy!

In **Religion**, we focus on the Lenten virtue of **Honesty** and our saint of the week, **St. Kateri Tekakwitha**. As we will explore this week, honesty is more than avoiding lies. It means acting with

integrity, standing up for what is right, and acting consistently with our principles even when it may cost us. This is an easy idea to say but hard to do, even as adults! We encourage you to discuss with your student how your family tries to live with integrity and follow through on commitments.

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakannis & Mr. Scholz, assisted by Mr. Carson, we will continue our Unit 10 "Multiplying Fractions." In this unit, we have learned how to determine the area of rectangles with fractional side lengths, multiply mixed numbers, and work on word problems with fractions. **Our Unit 10 Math Test will be on Wednesday, March 12th!** Later in the week, we will begin our next unit on Dividing Fractions. In this unit, we will learn how to relate fractions to division, solve problems involving division, divide whole numbers by unit fractions, and divide unit fractions by non-zero whole numbers. **It is expected that each student will review their homework with an adult every evening and will be prepared to check their answers the following day with their Math groups. We continue our weekly ALEKS assignment (45 minutes and 5 topics by Sunday evening).**

Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5B)
- Tuesday – Music (5A), Spanish (5B)
- Wednesday – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5A), **Lenten Virtue is Honesty and our saint of the week is St. Kateri Tekakwitha**
- Thursday – Music (5B) & Spanish (5A), MYP Musical "The Sound of Music"
- Friday – Music (both classes), **Spelling Test**, MYP Musical "The Sound of Music"

Important Dates NEXT week:

- Saturday, 16th – MYP Musical "The Sound of Music"
- Thursday, March 21st – Exhibition by 5th grade groups!
- Friday, March 22nd – End of Second Trimester & MYP Service Day & Fish Fry
- Thursday, March 28th – Triduum begins with Holy Thursday
- Friday, March 29th – Good Friday (Noon dismissal in silence)
- Saturday, March 30th – Easter Vigil
- Sunday, March 31st – Easter
- Monday → Friday, April 1st – 5th - Easter holiday & Spring Break
- Monday, April 7th – Return to school & ACRE Test Window Opens
- Thursday, April 18th - 2 Battle of the Books need to be completed and AR Tests need to be completed