



June 9th, 2024

Monthly IB Attribute: Communicator

"Reflecting God's Kindness!"

"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

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

In **Writing** with *Mr. Scholz* this week, 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: "Medical testing on animals is good for humans," "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!

This week in **Math** with *Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz*, assisted by *Mr. Carson*, we will review all of the Math concepts that we've covered this year. **We encourage all students to continue their progress on ALEKS throughout the summer.**

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 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 will review our final unit on “Morality, Our Lived Faith,” exploring the connection between our daily choices and the call to holiness. We will connect our “liberties and responsibilities” through this life and beyond, including the key role of service in the corporal works of mercy. We will also consider the many blessings we have received throughout the year. As we visited the MYP service project presentations last week, students were reminded of the service hours commitments for next year, so we will discuss more about the connection between service and faith. We look forward to praying with you all at our final school Mass on Friday!

This week in **Reading** with Ms. Bakamis, we will reflect upon all the great books we have read this year. We will review the incoming 6th grade summer reading expectation. Both the list of books and the assignment will be posted in Toddle and emailed out to families later this week.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday – Uniform, 8th-grade Baccalaureate Mass at 9:30 am,** PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5B), **Graduation at 7:00 pm**
- **Tuesday – Uniform,** Music (5A), Spanish (5B)
- **Wednesday – Non-Uniform Day,** PE (both classes), **5th grade End of the Year Party @ Boeing Creek Park (11 am - 12 pm) followed by pizza lunch in our classrooms, Desk & Cubby clean out (please bring an extra bag),** Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday – Field Day (class colors listed in email), Moving Up Assembly, Dismissal at 12 pm**
- **Friday – Sunday Best, Last Mass of the year, 10:30 am dismissal**

Upcoming Important Dates

- **Tuesday, September 3rd – Meet and Greet Day**
- **Wednesday, September 4th – First Full Day of School**