

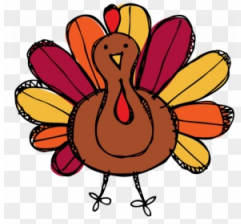
November in Middle School

NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Hello Parents/Guardians,

Upcoming for your calendar:

- November 1:** Early Release 1:00pm. Dress Down \$1.00
 - This year we are focusing our Character Traits on virtues that Father Baker exemplified throughout his life. **November's Virtue is Peace** and 1 student per grade will be chosen who exemplifies this virtue! (given out on Dec.10th)
- November 3:** School Pictures
- November 5:** October Character Trait Awards at the 8:15am mass:
- November 10:** HSA Meeting 6:30 pm
- November 11:** No School Veterans Day
- November 12:** No School Pastor's Holiday
- November 23:** 1st Trimester Ends
- November 24-26** Thanksgiving Break
- November 28:** Advent Begins:
- November 29:** School Resumes. 2nd Trimester Begins!



PLEASE NOTE: WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL, THEY MUST MAKE UP ANY WORK THEY MISSED. THEY SHOULD CHECK GOOGLE CLASSROOM NIGHTLY FOR ANY MESSAGES OR ASSIGNMENTS.

EXCESSIVE ABSENCES NEGATIVELY AFFECT GRADES.

November Social Studies - Keep up the good work!

- 8 Social Studies - US History cont.

- Topics covered this month: The Westward Expansion and the continuation of the conflicts strengthening between the North and the South, leading to the Civil War.
- 7 Social Studies - US History
 - Topics covered this month: The "Colonies Take Root" and the beginning of colonization in America.
 - The 7th grade is beginning their "*Christmas in Denmark*" project that we have done for the past few years.
 - This is a joint project with Mr Patti where we create a project on what Christmas is like in Denmark, while students in Denmark are completing a project based on Christmas in the USA. After each class has completed their project, we are able to Google Meet with the students in groups to discuss Christmas traditions in our countries. This is a super fun, interactive project that could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! In the past years, the students have had so much fun and they learn a lot about different cultures, traditions, and are able to talk to people who live on the opposite side of the world! So cool!!
- 6 Social Studies - World History
 - Topics covered this month: We are diving into Ancient Egypt and continuing with the ancient world in China.
- 5 Social Studies - The Western Hemisphere
 - Topics covered this month: Native Americans in Northern America.

November ELA

- 8 ELA
 - The students are beginning the unit on *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
 - They are learning about satire, fables, and political concepts as supporting material for the novella
- 7 ELA
 - The students are beginning the unit on *Pigman* by Paul Zindel
 - The students will have supporting vocabulary, study guides, and discussion questions for the novel

6 ELA

- The students will have their test on *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins at the beginning of the month
- The students will begin their essay on a theme of their choice in the book

5 ELA

- The students will continue to study *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan with supporting vocabulary and discussion questions
- The students are having in class grammar and sentence structure practice
- The students will have their exam on the book

November Science

8 Science Living Environment Regents

- Studying the Cell and doing microscopy work in the lab.

7 Science

- Studying Mixtures and Solutions

6 Science

- Studying Moon Phases, Eclipses and Planets.

5 Science

- Studying Physical Properties of Water with emphasis on Mass, Volume and Density.

November Math:

Math 5:

- We are completing our work on Multiplication and moving to division. Everyone is working hard and making great progress.

Math 6

- Great progress! We are working on a unit on Fractions. Many of the students told me they struggled with this topic last year but everyone is doing great! Keep up the good work.

- Math 7:
 - We are working on Integers and operations associated with integers.

- Math 7A:
 - We are working on Proportional relationships and ratios. This is a huge topic for seventh grade math.

- Math 8
 - We are starting a unit on Geometry basics. Lines, parallels, and transversals and using algebra to find missing numbers is the work in this unit.

- Algebra I:
 - Our unit on equations is almost completed and we will be moving on to Linear Functions, so there will be a lot of graphing and finding equations of graphs.

All Math classes are working very hard.

Reminder: please check Google Classroom and the OLV website daily for homework and other announcements. Please reach out to us if you need anything at all!

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