



October in Middle School



Hello Parents/Guardians,

Upcoming for your calendar:

- October 1: Mass @ 8:15am - 7th grade readers
 - This year we are focusing our Character Traits on virtues that Father Baker exemplified throughout his life. September's Virtue is **Hospitality** and 1 student per grade will be chosen who exemplifies this virtue! (given out on **October 1st**)
 - Also October 1: District wide Early Dismissal @ 2:15pm
- October 4: Early Dismissal @ 1pm - Dress Down for \$1
- October 7: The Feast of Our Lady of Victory - Mass @ 12:10pm
- October 8: No School
- October 11: No School - Columbus Day
- October 15: School Mass @ 8:15am - 6th grade readers
 - Also October 15: Walk-A-Thon
- October 21: Progress Reports Sent Home
- October 22: School Mass @ 8:15am - 5th grade readers
- October 29: School Mass @ 8:15am - 4th grade readers
- November 1: Early Dismissal @ 1pm - Dress Down for \$1
- November 3: School Pictures

October Social Studies - Keep up the good work!

- 8 Social Studies - US History cont.
 - Topics covered this month: The Age of Reform and The Westward Expansion
- 7 Social Studies - US History

- Topics covered this month: "Europeans Look West" and the "Colonies Take Root"
- 6 Social Studies - World History
 - Topics covered this month: Early Civilizations, leading to Ancient Egypt
- 5 Social Studies - The Western Hemisphere
 - Topics covered this month: The beginning of the Western Hemisphere and Native Americans in Northern America.

October ELA

- 8 ELA
 - The students will have a test on *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London.
 - The students will be taught the parts of a paragraph and essay. The students will then begin drafting an essay on a theme of their choice from *The Call of the Wild* or on a topic approved by the teacher.
- 7 ELA
 - The students will have a test on *The Outsiders*
 - The students will be taught the parts of a paragraph and essay. The students will then begin drafting an essay on a theme of their choice from *The Outsiders* or on a topic approved by the teacher.
- 6 ELA
 - The students will continue to study *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins with supporting vocabulary and discussion questions
 - The students will be taught the parts of a paragraph and practice writing introduction paragraphs, body paragraphs, and conclusion paragraphs on a topic approved by the teacher.
- 5 ELA
 - The students will continue to study *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan with supporting vocabulary and discussion questions
 - The students will be taught the parts of a paragraph and practice writing introduction paragraphs, body paragraphs, and conclusion paragraphs on a topic approved by the teacher.

October Science

- 8 Science Living Environment Regents
 - Studying The Characteristics of Living Things. Vocabulary quiz on 10/1.
 - Unit Test is October 24th
- 7 Science
 - Vocabulary quiz October 1
 - Unit Test is November 5th
- 6 Science
 - Studying Space Systems
 - Vocabulary quiz October 1
 - Unit Test is November 12th
- 5 Science
 - Studying Matter and the particles that make up Matter.
 - We will be studying the measurement and volume of matter using triple beam balances and graduated cylinders.

October Math:

- Math 5:
 - We wrapped up our first unit on Place value, Our next unit is about skills associated with Multiplication, including learning prime factoring of numbers.
- Math 6:
 - This class also wrapped up our first unit and now we are onto Fractions! The students told me they are concerned about this skill but I know we can master it.
- Math 7:
 - Math 7 will be moving on to a study of Integers, the set of all positive and negative numbers. We will learn how to do all kinds of tasks using signed numbers.
- Math 7A:

- Math 7A is wrapping up integers and will be moving on to proportional relationships. This is a huge skill for seventh graders and I know they will do a great job with it.
- Math 8:
 - After we complete our work with equations, we are going to spend some time on Geometry skills. The next few chapters will help us understand geometry tools and also transformations.
- Algebra I:
 - We will be completing unit one, which was foundation work for the year.
 - Our next unit will be all about linear equations. Students will learn how to write in function notation, how to solve linear equations, literal equations, and so much more.

All Math classes are working very hard. Every day, I see such tremendous effort and growth from the students. They make me excited to teach them MORE about every topic we cover.

We are looking forward to October and all the school activities planned. 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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