



# September in Middle School



Hello Parents/Guardians,

## Upcoming for your calendar:

- September 6: No School
- September 8: Backpack Blessing and Picnic @ 5:30pm
- September 9: 1st Day of School - Early Dismissal @ 11am
- September 10: Early Dismissal @ 11am
- September 29: Back to School Night & H.S.A Meeting @ 6pm
- 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 1)
- October 1: Mass @ 8:15am - Character Trait: Hospitality
  - Also October 1: District wide Early Dismissal @ 2:15pm
- October 4: Early Dismissal @ 1pm - Dress Down for \$1

## September Social Studies

- 8 Social Studies - US History cont.
  - We are continuing where we left off from last year by reviewing what we learned, and moving forward to the Civil War.
  - Topics covered this month: The North/South Dividing and the differences between the North and the South
- 7 Social Studies - US History
  - Beginning with a recap of last year's historical events
  - Early Civilization in North America
- 6 Social Studies - World History
  - Beginning with the Ice Age and the Stone Age; Early Civilizations and settlements.
- 5 Social Studies - The Western Hemisphere
  - Beginning with a Unit overview of the American People. American Land.

## September ELA

- 8 ELA
  - Studying *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London with supporting vocabulary and discussion questions
- 7 ELA
  - Studying *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton with supporting vocabulary and discussion questions
- 6 ELA
  - Studying *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins with supporting vocabulary and discussion questions
- 5 ELA
  - Studying *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan with supporting vocabulary and discussion questions

## September Science

- 8 Science Living Environment Regents
  - Studying Scientific Inquiry through the Scientific Method.
  - Unit Test is September 24th.
- 7 Science
  - Studying the steps of Scientific Method and identifying variables used in experimentation.
  - Unit Test is September 24th.
- 6 Science
  - Studying the steps of the Scientific Method and writing hypotheses.
  - Unit Test is September 24th.
- 5 Science
  - Studying Matter and the particles that make up Matter.
  - Quiz on September 24th.

## September Math

All classes began the year with discussions of having a great positive attitude about learning math. Accuracy is so much more important than speed. We also

talked about the many ways people think and solve problems, and how we can use that this year.

- 5 Math:
  - We are learning about place value, and ordering numbers.
- 6 Math:
  - Our studies in Math begin with the family of whole numbers, and various operations.
- 7 Math:
  - This year begins with a review of essential skills that are needed for more advanced topics
- 7A Math:
  - We begin our work this year with integers and are learning how to do operations with integers.
- 8 Math:
  - We learned so many skills last year, and this year begins with solving complex equations.
- 8A Math - Algebra I:
  - Everyone is excited for the new year of advanced math. Our first unit is on Algebra basics, kicked up to Algebra I style. We are also getting comfortable with our expensive graphing calculator, which helps with complex problems.

We hope you are all well and adjusting to school schedules again. Students seem to be adjusting to the routines and expectations. Keep up the good work!! Do not forget to check Google Classroom and the OLV Website daily for homework and other announcements. We are looking forward to this school year, and we hope your child is enjoying their year so far!

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