

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEWS & INFORMATION

1/13/20 – 1/17/20

### Key Weekly Objectives

*Each week we will highlight key objectives covered in seventh grade during the week.*

**Literature:** To set reasonable reading goals for the 2020 year.

**Religion:** To understand the importance of the Christmas season in the liturgical life of the Church.

**Math:** To write percents as fractions and decimals; to write decimals and fractions as percents

**Language Arts:** I can distinguish being verbs from action verbs.

**History:** I can explain the power of the medieval Catholic Church and its hierarchy.

### CLASS UPDATES

**SUCCESES:** Mrs. Holtgrewe complemented the seventh grade class on what a good job they did with helping at mass with their first grade buddies.

The students were actively engaged in our vocabulary review games this week. They were able to play the games with out getting out of control.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH:** Over the last couple months we have noticed that the middle schoolers and the seventh grade in particular have gotten less active at recess, choosing to just sit around instead of doing a sport or playing a game. It's o.k. to want to just relax sometimes, but we also think it's really important to be active during recess. It makes it easier when it 's time to focus again if they burned off some of their excess energy. Also just sitting around talking can lead to some problematic issue like gossip, people feeling excluded, and hurt feelings. Parents, often when you pick up your kids from school you ask them how their day was. For the next few weeks, you might want to ask them what did they did at recess or lunch today.

If you have any questions, the best way to reach me is by email.

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**Lunch Duty:** Please signup for lunch duty. Use the following link  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084bacac28a2ff2-october>

**Lancer Folders:** Please make sure that you sign the back of the Lancer folder before you return it each Monday to verify that you have seen the graded work in the folder.

**Gradelink:** We encourage families to check gradelink regularly.

**Progress reports:** The second trimester progress reports will be going home in the Lancer Folder next Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**STAR Testing:** Our second set of STAR tests will be Wednesday and Thursday during math and reading times. Please make sure the students get a good healthy breakfast and try not to schedule any appointments during this time. Thank you.

**Book Club!**

The book club selection for January is Refugee by Alan Gratz. The tagline for this engaging read is “Three different kids. One mission in common: ESCAPE.” (Goodreads.com) This story tells the harrowing and inspiring stories of three young refugees from different periods in history. The job of good literature is to make us think and make us feel and this power book certainly does that! As Catholic Christians this also supports our Church’s Social Justice teachings. Join us at the Peterson home on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. See the attached flyer for the address.

**Weekend Homework & Up Coming Tests & Projects:**

Cumulative Vocabulary Test – Chapters 1-6 – Friday 1/17

MONDAY –

TUESDAY –P.E. –

WEDNESDAY – STAR Testing - Math

THURSDAY – P.E. & STAR Testing - Reading

FRIDAY – Spirit Shirts