

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

12/4/17 – 12/8/17

## Key Weekly Objectives



*Here we will highlight key objectives that we are targeting in seventh grade during the week.*

**ELA:** \*Overall objective for Literature Circles: To analyze literature and engage students in meaningful discussions about literature citing text evidence.

Objective: To identify tenses of verbs as past, present, or future and write verbs in present, past, and future tenses.

**Science:** To describe the role of chromosomes in inheritance; identify and describe the events that occur during meiosis

**Social Studies** To study the Niger River and the relationship of vegetation zones of forest, savannah, and desert to trade in gold, salt, food, and slaves; and the growth of the Ghana and Mali empires.

## CLASS UPDATES

**SUCSESSES:** The seventh grade students took full advantage of reading day and read voraciously during each reading session.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH:** The substitute on Wednesday afternoon said that the students were rather wild. As always if they finish an assigned task, they should know to take out their independent reading books. Every minute of reading time is a precious gift. Some of the seventh graders asked some good questions during the talk back after the play on Thursday.

**Family Mass:** A great way to begin the Advent season would be to join the sixth grade as they lead the parish in the Family Mass this Sunday at the 10:00 A.M. mass.

**Service Opportunity- Toys Needed:** Sister Kathleen says that the parish needs toys for Santa's Workshop. You can receive an hour of community service for going through old toys and bringing in a bag of nicely used toys.

**Service Opportunity for Parents & Students:** Sister needs parents to volunteer to help and supervise at Santa's Workshop on December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. See the flyer in the weekly E-baggie for more details. This can count for parent hours and student community service hours for the second trimester.

**Giving Tree:** The middle school teachers and chosen class representatives will shop for the gifts on Thursday and the class will wrap the gifts on Friday. Thank you for helping families during this Christmas season.

**Report Cards:** The report cards are in the Lancer Folder today. If you would like to meet with any teacher regarding any grade, please email her directly. Sign & return them on Monday.

**Speakers Wanted:** Mrs. Simolon is looking for guest speakers to come in and speak to the girls and boys in their separate groups and as a whole middle school. If you know of anyone who would be a good speaker, please contact Mrs. Simolon.

**Reading Day:** Our special extended reading day was a success. The students reported that they were able to really go deep with the books they were reading thanks to this extended reading time.

**Enrichment Opportunity:** Fr. Greg Boyle will be coming to SBCC's Garvin Theater on December 5, from 5:00-7:00. Fr. Greg is the founder of Homeboy Industries and the author of *Tattoos on the Heart*. As a part of religion and literature in seventh grade we looked at the work that Homeboy Industries does in the area of social justice. All are encourage to attend this talk.

**Class Party:** Our class Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:05. Remember to bring your wrapped DIY gift. See the directions below.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade DIY Gift Exchange**

For our Christmas Party the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class will be doing a DIY gift exchange. You must adhere to the following rules:

- You must make the gift.
- You may not purchase anything.
- You must bring the gift already wrapped.
- This is meant to be a fun exchange.
- All gifts must be appropriate – nothing crude, rude, embarrassing or insulting.

Everyone must participate and bring their gift on Friday, December 15th.

### **Book Club!**

We had a great middle school book club last month on *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. Look for the books for the next two book clubs to be announced in the newsletter next week.

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

- Reader's Notebook - The first Reader's Notebook Response will be due on **Thursday** and **every Thursday** after that.
- Science – Sec. 1 & 2 Quiz on Monday

**Spirit Shirt Date Change:** The spirit shirt day for December will be on 12/15 because on mass on 12/8.

MONDAY –

TUESDAY – P.E.

WEDNESDAY –

THURSDAY – P.E.

FRIDAY – Mass – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Have a great weekend!