

**7TH GRADE
NEWS & INFORMATION**

3/13/17 – 3/17/17

CLASS UPDATES

SUCSESSES: The students worked well on our recent writing assignment based on the artwork of M.C. Escher. They served as peer editors and peer audience for each other. This was the last writing assignment of the second trimester so it was an important assignment to take seriously.

As part of our study of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, on Thursday we had a fun activity using Shakespearean insults. The students embraced the fun and humor of the activity.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH: When someone else acts inappropriately, is distracting, or is just going for the laugh, it is also rude to support them with your laughter. This sends the message that they should continue the behavior. You can't control others, but you can control your own reactions to what others do or say.

There are instructions on the board every morning that include the supplies the students will need until recess. So there should be no need to get out of one's seat to get a book or paper. The morning instructions are not a suggestion; they are a direction to be followed immediately.

Lenten Theme: Our school theme for Lent is *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps. 33:22)* We encourage you to talk with the students about how God has been merciful to your family, and how your family can grow in trusting God this season in preparation for Easter.

Play Field Trip – Drivers Needed- We are going to Santa Ynez High School to see a production of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* on March 16th. Thank you to the parents who have signed up to drive. We are still looking for extra drivers for the sixth & eighth grades. If you can drive please email me.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship: Please check the Wednesday e-baggie for the scholarship form.

The Artistocats – We are so proud of all of our middle school students who took part in our school music. It was a wonderful showcase for the many talents in our middle school community.

Stations of the Cross: The seventh graders will be leading the school in praying the Stations of the Cross in the hall on March 17, at 9:00. Parents are invited to attend. Since it is St. Patrick's Day, the students can wear their green shirts and jeans, no shorts or sweats. They can change after Stations if they want to.

Vision and Hearing Testing: There will be vision and hearing testing for grade seven on March 14.

All Day Reading Day: We will be having another all day reading day on Monday, March 27th. So look ahead and be prepared to get a lot of extra reading in that day. You may bring in pillows or blankets to get comfortable to read.

End of the Trimester: The trimester ends on Friday, March 10, and report cards will go home next Friday, March 17.

Book Club! - March

We had a great book club meeting in February. Our next book club is scheduled for March 27th from 7pm-8pm at the Nafziger's home. We will be discussing *Rebel of the Sands* by Alwyn Hamilton. This adventurous desert fantasy won't disappoint as it takes the reader on an action-packed adventure. See attached flyer.

Weekend Homework & Up Coming Tests & Projects:

- Reader's Notebook - The first Reader's Notebook Response will be due every Thursday.
- Science Fair – Data & Results Due Wednesday
- Pronouns Test - Friday

MONDAY – No School – Faculty Retreat

TUESDAY – P.E.

WEDNESDAY –

THURSDAY –

FRIDAY – P.E. & St. Patrick's Day Free Dress Green (Jeans for stations) & 7th Grade Stations of the Cross in the Hall@ 9:00

Have a great weekend!

Miss Lee