

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

4/23/18 – 4/27/18

## Key Weekly Objectives



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

**Religion:** To understand how the four different gospels present a different yet consistent biography of Jesus Christ and his mission by examining each original audience and purpose behind each gospel narrative.

**ELA Grammar:** To identify prepositional phrases that do the job of adjectives to modify nouns or pronouns.

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

**Science:** To list the characteristics seed plants share; name the parts of the seed; describe the functions of leaves, stems, and roots  
To observe and understand the structures and functions of parts of a flower

**Social Studies:** To describe the reunification of China under the Tang and Song Dynasties and reasons for the spread of Buddhism; describe the development of the imperial state and scholar-official class; and analyze the influences of Confucianism

## CLASS UPDATES

**SUCSESSES:** The students are working hard in their literature circles. They are producing quality job assignments and having thought provoking discussions about this mysterious historical novel, *Leonardo's Shadow*.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH:**

There was also some complaining about needing to study for several tests and quizzes this week. It's like they don't see the value in memorizing content. Perhaps living in such a time when they can google the answer to anything makes them think that they don't need to memorize and retain content. If this is the case, we need to revive the lost art of memorization.

**Family Mass:** The seventh grade is responsible for the family mass at 10:00 AM on April 29<sup>th</sup>. If I have not received an email stating otherwise, I will assume that your child will be there and parts will be assigned accordingly.

**Community Service:** The pre-approval date for the third trimester community service is May 1<sup>st</sup>, and the hours and the write-up are due June 1<sup>st</sup>.

LITERATURE CIRCLES: We will continue literature circles this week. They will meet with their literature circle group on Mondays and Thursdays. Every student is responsible for the assigned reading and his or her job assignment for each literature circle meeting group. **No late assignments will be accepted** for these assignments because they are letting their group down if they are not doing their part. The only exception to this is an absence, and then the assignment is due upon the student's return.

Literature circles do **NOT** take the place of independent reading. Students still need to be reading an independent reading book during SSR, and each week's reader's notebook is based on the independent reading not the literature circle book.

**Friendship Lunch:** Next Friday we will have another Friendship Lunch. Parents, if you would like to volunteer please email Mrs. Brand. [kasiabrand@gmail.com](mailto:kasiabrand@gmail.com)

### **Mother-Son Game Night - Friday May 11th**

Moms: Mark your calendar, more details to come.

Dads: Mark your calendar to help run the games or serve food. Helping with this event will allow you to share in the proceeds of the event to reduce your CIMI fees.

Use this sign-up genius link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0445A9AD22A5F94-motherson> or contact Brian Simolon ([bsimolon@gmail.com](mailto:bsimolon@gmail.com)) if you are interested in helping. – See attached flyer

### **Book Club!**

Our April book club will be on April 30th at 7:00 PM at the home of the Bells. The book is *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman. It is a Printz Honor book and is a gripping story that grapples with issues about life and death and moral choices. It's the kind of book you can't put down. Come with your Patron Historic name chosen. See the attached flyer for details.

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

- Reader's Notebook - The Reader's Notebook Response is due **every Thursday**.
- Literature Circle Reading & job #3 – Due Monday, Job #4 due Thursday

MONDAY –

TUESDAY – P.E.

WEDNESDAY – Mass

THURSDAY – P.E.

FRIDAY – Spirit Shirt Day

Have a great weekend!