

7TH GRADE NEWS & INFORMATION

5/7/18 – 5/11/18

Key Weekly Objectives



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

Religion: Family Life: Objectives: To discuss the importance of understanding the different roles and expectations within a family and the effect birth order has on that and to learn what makes for good communication skills within families especially when addressing conflicts.

ELA Grammar/Writing: Objective: To create a book ad for an independent reading book using persuasive writing skills and applying the correct way to site a book title.

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

Social Studies: To focus on the foreign relations and trade of China under the Ming Dynasty

Science: To identify the functions of a skeleton.

CLASS UPDATES

SUCCESES: The students really got into writing their book ads this week. Several students mentioned how this was their favorite writing assignment so far this year, and they were excited to share books with their peers. The seventh graders made beautiful heartfelt cards for the second graders who will be making their first communion this Saturday.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH: We have to be aware of how our words affect others, and that just because we say something as a joke doesn't mean that it will be taken as a joke by someone else.

Family Mass: The seventh graders did a beautiful job at the family mass last week. We are all very proud of them.

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

Family Life: The Family Life curriculum will be continuing for the next week. If you have any questions please contact Miss Lee. Please be aware that the homework will often be interviewing a parent about the topics we've discussed. This is meant to encourage conversation at home.

LITERATURE CIRCLES: 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.

Uniform Reminders: Please see Mrs. Simolon's new Wednesday newsletter and review the uniform policy for appropriate accessories. Violators will receive behavior reports & have consequences.

School Track Meet: The school track meet will be on Friday May 25th after lunch through the end of the day. If you can help, please contact Mrs. Van Eyck. **In addition, the middle school** will be doing our own meet during P.E. the 22nd and the 24th. Parents are welcome to come watch/help if they'd like. The middle school relay teams will race with the whole school on Friday. This way everyone gets to do more events and we minimize class time lost.

Raffle Tickets: The raffle tickets are in the Lancer Folder today. Sell, sell, sell!

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) if you are interested in helping. – See attached flyer

8th Grade BBQ: The seventh grade class is responsible for putting on the 8th grade BBQ on the Monday of graduation week. Mrs. Macleod will be sending out an email out soon to get volunteers. She will need dads to BBQ and families will donate salads and desserts. She will need help with set up and clean up. This is a great way to get in some of those last minute parent hours.

Book Club!

We had a great book club meeting in April. We hope to see even more students turn out for our last book club of the year.

Our May book club will be on May 21st at 7:00 PM at the home of the Nafzigers. The book is *Rebel Genius* by Michael Dante DiMartino. The characters in this Renaissance inspired fantasy world explore the power of art in this dangerous adventure. 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 #7 – Due Monday, Job #8 due Thursday

MONDAY –

TUESDAY – P.E.

WEDNESDAY – May Crowning Mass

THURSDAY – P.E.

FRIDAY – Spirit Shirt Day

Have a great weekend!