

7TH GRADE NEWS & INFORMATION

9/3/18 – 9/7/18

Key Weekly Objectives

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

Literature

Independent Reading Objective: To strengthen reading comprehension skills and increase stamina, students will read independently daily and record their progress and dialogue weekly with their teacher through their reader's notebook.

Religion Objective:

To understand and discuss that God created humankind to know him and identify the various ways that God has made himself known to his people.

CLASS UPDATES

SUCSESSES: We had some great fun this week with our first vocabulary lesson. We played bingo. My highlight of the week was when I said I would get candy for the vocabulary games and one student said, "You should get Smarties because we're smart." Then another student responded, "You should get nerds because we're nerds." To me nerd is the ultimate compliment. I love it when kids own it like this.

The students did a beautiful job on their *Tangerine* character posters.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH: We need to work on transitions from one class to the next. We have these long subject blocks this year so they need to remember to take what they need for each class so they don't have to go back and interrupt a class that is already in session.

We are off to a great start this year. I look forward to working with all of our middle school families this year. If you have any questions, the best way to reach me is by email. marybethl@mountcarmelschool.net

Urgent Need: We need a parent to be the Class Project Auction Parent. The auction will be here before we know it so we need to get a project idea going and plan for how the students will be involved. Please contact Miss Lee ASAP if you can help.

Family Mass: The 7th grade has the first family mass of the year at the 10:00 mass on September 16th. If you have a family commitment and are not able to attend, please email Miss Lee ASAP so she can plan and assign mass parts accordingly.

Extended Care: At extended care the staff will be having fun daily structured activities for the students. Although we think it is good for them to take a break after the school, we understand that some middle schoolers have busy after school schedules and need the extra time for homework. For middle school only, they will be allowed to work on homework in place of the daily activity, provided that they use the time for homework.

Middle School Sports: Coaches needed! If you would like to coach a middle school team this year, volunteer by contacting Mrs. Simolon.

Lancer Folders: The Lancer Folders are on back-order. We should get them in two weeks. Today graded work will be sent home paper clipped together.

P.E.: The 7th grade will have P.E. every Tuesday & Thursday. They need to bring their P.E. uniforms and will change during lunch.

Gradelink: We encourage families to check gradelink regularly. In middle school, we also suggest giving the students the family login so they can check their progress. At their age this could really help them be responsible and keep focused on their academic goals.

School Tours: The first school tour of the year is Tuesday, September 11. Please tell any perspective families about this opportunity to learn about our school.

Coding Class: See the attached Flyer for the middle school coding class offered by Mr. Simolon.

Book Club!

It is a new school year and Book Club is starting up again! The next Book Club will be held **Monday, October 1** at Connor Bell's home. Directions will be posted on the website. The book we will be discussing is *Warcross* by Marie Lu. This is an action-packed contemporary thriller set in the world of on-line hacking and gaming. For a synopsis, go to Goodreads.com. Look for a flyer and a book ad by Connor Bell in next week's newsletter.

Weekend Homework & Up Coming Tests & Projects:

- Reader's Notebook - The first Reader's Notebook Response will be due on Tuesday and every Tuesday for the rest of the year.
- Unit 1 Vocabulary Test – Tuesday – Study! – Play some of those review games on the textbook website vocabularyworkshop.com – Just click on our text book, level B.

MONDAY – No School – Labor Day

TUESDAY – P.E.,

WEDNESDAY – School Mass @ 9:00 AM

THURSDAY – P.E.

FRIDAY –

Have a great weekend! - Miss Lee