

7TH GRADE NEWS & INFORMATION

9/5/16 – 9/9/16

CLASS UPDATES

SUCCESES: The students have worked well together to interview each other and create a biography for a classmate and work with a classmate to edit and revise these pieces of writing.

We had STAR testing this week, and most of the students took it very seriously.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH: We had the first school mass of the year with our new pastor Fr. Lawrence. The seventh grade sits with our first grade bodies to set the example and to help them focus. While the seventh grade was well behaved, I did not see or hear many of them singing. An important part of mass participation and worship at mass is singing. It doesn't matter whether they are good singers. At mass singing is prayer.

With STAR testing several students rushed through the testing. As we tell them it is not a race. It is important to work carefully and take their time.

Back-to-School Night – We enjoyed meeting so many of you at Back-to-School Night. For those of you who were not in attendance, you will find a packet attached to this newsletter email. Please read through it carefully.

Electives: All electives began this week. The students received their electives schedule on Monday.

Middle School Sports: We are looking for coaches for girls' volleyball and boys' soccer. We want to begin practices on September 12. Anyone interested can contact Mrs. Simolon directly.

Lancer Folders: The first Lancer folder will go home today. Look for graded work.

P.E.: The 7th grade will have P.E. every Tuesday & Friday. They need to come to school in their P.E. uniforms and bring their regular school uniform to change into at recess. Please have them bring their uniform in a bag that they can leave outside the classroom so they can quickly grab it to change so they don't miss a lot of their recess.

Family Mass: The seventh grade has the first Family Mass on Sunday September 18th at the 10:00 AM mass. All students are expected to attend. If for some reason there is an important prior family obligation and the student is unable to attend, please contact me by email as soon as possible so I can plan accordingly.

Gradelink: The new families will find the log-in and passwords for Gradelink in their Lancer folders. Please keep this in a special place and don't lose it. This allows you to look at the student's grades and track their progress.

Book Club!

It is a new school year and Book Club is starting up again! The next Book Club will be held Monday, September 26, at Errol Sullivan's home. Directions will be posted on the website. The book we will be discussing is *Booked by Kwame Alexander*. This is poetic narrative that incorporates two of our shared passions, reading and soccer. It will keep you turning the pages.

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.
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MONDAY – Labor Day Holiday – No School

TUESDAY – P.E.,

WEDNESDAY –

THURSDAY –

FRIDAY – P.E.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Lee