

7th & 8th Grade News

Thursday- Unit 2 Spelling test

Friday- Field Trip

Monday – Band presentation

Science: A reminder to parents and students that this Friday grades 7-8 will be going on a field trip. This is the Waterford District Waterway Pontoon Classroom project. Our St. Peter students, along with other middle school students will be studying the Fox Rivers, water pollution, and the effect of rivers on people and the economy. This field trip will be a great learning experience and fun for all.

Accompanied by Miss Zahner and myself, we will walk to the library and the dam for orientation and the day's scheduled. We will learn about the dam, then board a bus that takes us to the River City Marina to board pontoons to travel up the Fox River to study its ecosystem. Students do not need to bring lunch. Students should wear tennis shoes for walking to and from the library and walking along stops along the river. For safety, please no flip flops and dress for the outdoors. Wear protective clothing, including sunscreen.

This week in science we continue studying about living things, habitats, and the environment. Students began their first project studying the effects of crowding on plant growth. They have formed a hypothesis, designed an experiment, plans to observe, collect and record data, and then present their results. More on that at a later date.

I am beginning a Web quest lesson for science and technology. A Web Quest is an inquiry-oriented lesson format in which most or all the information that learners work with comes from the web. The web quest is developed by teachers in various subject areas. The first web quest is called Chesapeake Bay Watershed Field Study. Studying the Fox River this week will give a deeper understanding with other waterways such as the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Go to the website: [Chesapeake Bay Water Shed Field Study](#) for details.

Math: 7th graders have begun studying number sense, patterns, and algebraic thinking. 8th graders have begun studying variables and equations, powers and exponents, and will begin equations and solutions. They are all doing well as we begin this school year.

Spelling: Students took their first test last Friday. Due to the field trip this Friday, we will have a test on Unit 2 on Thursday.

Social Studies: Last week in Social Studies, we studied geography before we begin studying the countries of Latin America. We are beginning to use a new technology application called a wiki to begin to gather information from the internet for their study of Latin America.

Religion: We began studying the Old Testament in religion class. Our Voyages Old Testament religion curriculum will begin with a unit titled "God's Grace in Ancient Times." This unit will focus on Genesis, the first book of the Bible. Genesis tells the story of God's love for all of His creation, the fall into sin by our first parents, Adam and Eve, and

of God's rescue of His people through the promised Messiah. Genesis records the origins of God's chosen people, the nation of believers established through the line of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and the family of Jacob.

Memory I want to mention that 7th and 8th grade **will not have memory**, since they have memory with Pastor and Vicar in confirmation class.

Look for opportunities to talk with your child about what is happening in his or her life. Pray with your child regularly and often. Bring joys and causes for celebration as well as troubles and concerns before God's throne of grace in Jesus' name. Consider praying together during your morning rides to school, asking God to bless both you and your child during the day ahead. These times together can help you to grow together as you talk with Jesus.

I want to **thank** all of my **seventh and eighth graders** for the **great start** to our school year! They are a great group of young Christian ladies. I really enjoyed the first week with them and I am looking forward to exciting school year!

Blessings,
Mr. Schallhorn