

Hello Gr. 6,7 & 8 parents-

Sept.8,2023

We are off and running into another school year at St. George. August has turned into September and our Jr. High students are 'back in the grove'. Go Warriors! Just a short update of what they are learning/reviewing in Religion & Social Studies classes.

In Religion- all 3 grades have reviewed the main parts of the Bible- Old & New Testaments, faith, grace & prayer. Also -Grade 6 has been exploring how God reveals Himself, the 2 stories of creation in the Book of Genesis & the attributes of God; 7th graders have focused on Scripture & Tradition=the truths the Church lives by and the central mystery of our faith- The Blessed Trinity; and our 8th graders have spent some time on responding to God's love and the call to follow Jesus' example in our lives. This class has also touched on sin, conscience and free will.

All 3 classes have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation since the beginning of this school year.

AND... Congratulations (again) to Grade 8 on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop McKnight on August 23rd.

In Social Studies classes- both 7th & 8th grade have learned/reviewed what is history; its importance and why the U.S. is a great nation. Grade 7 also did 2 activities to demonstrate the difficulties with oral history & eyewitness accounts of events. (8th gr. did this activity last year.) 7th graders also studied about Native Americans-origins and their variety of cultures and cultural characteristics. This class is now getting into the background to the Age of Exploration. Gr. 8 scholars are continuing their U.S. history studies from last year- with an overview of U.S. government under the Articles of Confederation & setting-up the U.S. Constitution. Then it's on to Presidents Washington & J. Adams...and into the 1800s.

Our 6th grade students have discussed key geographic concepts (including globes & maps) and terminology related to understanding population.

In all 3 classes we use CNN student news daily- for current events- U.S. & world.

In the near future I'll be looking into applying the IXL Social Studies site for classroom use.

All in all we have been busy...with an awesome group of Jr. High students!

Grade 7 will sponsor a 4-D Day- Sept.29th

Please continue to encourage good & active Mass participation; and good classroom effort & study habits.

Thanks for all you do to support our students & the entire St. George school community!

God Bless!

Mr. M.