



SJS Middle School Newsletter

February 8, 2018

Ms. Montigny



Upcoming Events

February 14th- Valentine Grams (8th grade fundraiser)

Ash Wednesday Mass-9am (8th grade)

February 15th- 9am mass

February 16th- Stations of the Cross (lead by 8th grade) 1:30pm

Feb 19th-23rd: Vacation

February 27th- Play Auditions

March 7th- 8th grade Religion Test

March 8th- Penance for all students



SJS Middle School Expectations

- Lead by example.
- Be respectful.
- Be prepared.
- Follow the dress code.
- No Cell Phones.

6th Grade Literature/Language Arts

In 6th Grade Literature we are a little more than halfway done with *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. Students turned in their cereal box book reports this week. They look great lining my back whiteboard in the classroom. Students have been taking turns presenting their projects. Those who haven't presented yet will get a chance to share next week.

Students will have their Vocabulary Test on Units 10-12 next Tuesday (2/13) due to snow days.

In Grammar we completed the first half of the Unit on Verbs and have started the second half. I decided to split the Unit in half because of its length and the amount of material students will need to master.

Students have 40 minutes of Moby Max due for the week.

7th Grade Literature and Language Arts

Seventh graders have been reading *The Miracle Worker* by William Gibson. We are nearing the completion of Act 2. We have been rotating roles, so that everyone can have a chance playing a character in the play. Students turned in their book report projects this week. Many chose to do the "book in a bag" option. These were very interesting. Each student was given a chance to share his/her project with the class. In class students are working in pairs to research a historical "hero" whom they will compare/contrast to either Anne or Helen. I am interested to see the outcome of these projects.

Students took their Unit 12 Vocabulary Quiz today. We will not be having Vocabulary next week, but will resume after February vacation with our test on Units 10-12.

Students have 50 minutes of Moby Max Language Arts this week.

8th Grade Literature and Language Arts

In Literature we have just completed our study of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Students will have their final test this coming Monday, February 12th. The projects students completed for the Academic Fair were amazing!!!! You should all be very proud of your child's hard work! It was incredibly difficult to choose winners. Additionally, students wrote sonnets and performed skits to the theme of "tragic love". I was so proud of their presentation of the Shakespeare parody for the talent show; they are certainly a talented group of kids. Next week we will conclude our study of Shakespeare by viewing 2 different versions of the play and writing a response essay.

In Grammar we continue to work on Verbs. Students learned about transitive and intransitive verbs this week and took a quiz to see what they learned.

Students took their Vocabulary Test on Units 10-12 today. Grades will be sent home over the next few days.

50 Minutes of Moby Max is due this week.

MISSION STATEMENT: St.

James Catholic School is dedicated to providing a faith, safe and caring environment. We provide a challenging academic program of a strong moral foundation that incorporates relevant skills with Gospel values. We encourage our students to become life-long learners to serve God and others.