
SEPTEMBER 2021

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IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY, 10/1: ANCIENT
HISTORY MIDTERM (HS)

TUESDAY, 10/5: THEOLOGY
MIDTERM (6) & SCIENCE
MIDTERM (7)

10/18-10/22: PARENT-
TEACHER CONFERENCES

MONDAY, 10/18: PAPER
ROUGH DRAFT DUE (HS)

THURSDAY, 10/28: PSALM
8 RECITATION (6)

FRIDAY, 10/29:
COMMONPLACE BOOK DUE
(HS)

SAXON MATH COURSE 2

As we finish up the month of September, students have completed 10 lessons (almost 400 math problems) in addition to taking their first exam this last Monday. As we move into October, the pace will remain the same **with one exception**: there will now be an exam every 5 lessons.

I would also like to note how glad I am that so many of the students in this class are taking the opportunity to do "redos" on their daily homework. Not only do they receive a 1/2 point increase for each problem they fix, but by doing so they are also working to better understand the concepts they are struggling with!

6TH GRADE THEOLOGY

In 6th grade Theology, we are just about to wrap up our introduction to Sacred Scripture. We've covered a lot of ground so far, and I'm very proud of how the students have kept up. Not only have they turned in brilliant autobiographies and insightful *lectio divina* reflections, but they have also worked hard to master difficult concepts such as:

- the concept of divine revelation;
- the nature of Sacred Scripture;
- Scripture's relation to Sacred Tradition and the Magisterium;
- biblical literary genres;

- the senses of Scripture; and
- biblical inspiration.

Students have also successfully completed their first monthly recitation: II Timothy 3:14-17. Now that we have this foundation built, we can jump into the actual biblical text in the coming weeks!

7TH GRADE LIFE SCIENCE

7th graders have just finished part 1 of our textbook: "Acquaintance with the Living." During the past few weeks, we've focused primarily on asking questions about what it means to be a **living** being. We have also spent a substantial amount of time discussing and reading about proper observation.

Students have successfully completed two nature journals as well as two seminars. After the midterm on Tuesday (10/4), we will be ready to move on to botany!

HS ANCIENT HISTORY

High schoolers have been working hard to cover a large amount of historical ground over the last month. The class began with lectures, readings, and discussions about history as an academic discipline as well as how Christians should approach the study of historical events. Since then, students have turned in their September commonplace book and participated in three seminars on the following ancient texts:

- *The Code of Hammurabi*
- *The Memphite Theology*
- *The Story of Sinuhe*

Topics covered in class have included:

- Pre-history and civilizational origins;
- Summer, Akkad, Old Babylon, Old Egypt;
- Middle Kingdom Egypt, New Kingdom Egypt, Babylonia, and Assyria; and
- Ancient religion.

Following Friday's midterm, we'll turn our attention to Ancient Near Eastern economics, social structures, and government.