

OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER - GRADE 7

Religion:

The class is currently beginning their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have been discussing the importance of Confirmation as well as the requirements for students, parents, and sponsors. In October, students will begin their Patron Saint research projects.

Language Arts:

In September, the students completed reading and writing assessments. These assessments are used to measure the students' learning progress throughout the year. As a class, we have reviewed the steps on how to write a paragraph. Students will complete paragraph writing assignments to practice the writing skills taught in class. We are currently learning how to write an essay. The students will use assigned topics to create a persuasive essay.

Notable dates for October:

Wednesday, October 4th:

CISVA Cross Country Meet

Friday, October 6th:

SFX WALK-A-THON

Saturday, October 7th:

Feast of the Holy Rosary

Monday, October 9th:

Thanksgiving - no school

Wednesday, October 11th:

French Restaurant fieldtrip

Friday, October 20th:

Pro-D for teachers - no school

Friday, October 27th:

Parent-Teacher interviews

Tuesday, October 31st:

Halloween celebration and
costume parade at 1pm.

Remember that October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary.



Social Studies:

We have initiated our unit on the foundations of our ancient history. Students are learning how a variety of sources and information have become our building blocks to understanding history and world culture. In October, we will study issues that modern day society is facing. As a class, we will discuss what society is currently doing to help solve these issues/problems.

In October, the class will prepare to participate in a debate. Students will exercise their critical thinking skills by determining which facts are relevant and what arguments are effective. Students will also develop their reasoning, advocacy, and public speaking skills.

Science:

The students began the year with an introduction to Chemistry. As the month of October progresses, students will be learning about elements, compounds, pure substances, the crystalline structures of solids, and chemical changes. In addition to classroom work, we will be performing in-class experiments as well as project research.

Math:

What a whirlwind beginning to the school year! Once students returned from their outdoor education camp, they were immersed fully into their academics. In math, students began learning about operations on Decimal Numbers. The topics covered were how to add and subtract decimal numbers, how to multiply and divide decimal numbers and how to use the order of operations to solve problems involving decimal numbers. We will continue working on this chapter into October when students will begin learning about Fractions, decimals and percents. In addition to our regular Math curriculum, students have also been preparing for the FSA tests. Please take a look on the 7K website for additional FSA information.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to Ian Mo - October 22nd

