

# 8th Grade Newsletter

## SFA MIDDLE SCHOOL



### Religion (Nennig)

- The students are in the midst of studying the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We look forward to experiencing Eucharistic adoration next week as a class.
- We also took some time this week to celebrate what it means to be Catholic. Thank you for helping them with their top ten lists. The following is a video the students watched this week during class: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WujKBjc\\_yMg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WujKBjc_yMg)

### Language Arts (Mataloni)

- 8th graders are finishing up *The Giver*. We will have one last vocabulary quiz over this novel next week. The final test over the concepts of the novel will be Tuesday, February 16th. They also will be completing a final group project based on the idea of "community" from the novel.
- 2000 signed bookmark minutes and their written book reports are due Friday, February 12th.

### Math (Streff)

- 8th graders are finishing up Chapter 6, Percents. They should be able to change fractions to decimals to percents. 8th graders are also able to solve percent problems, find percent of change, percent of markup/discount, selling, sale, and regular price, and find simple and compound interest. They will test over the chapter next week.
- I have talked with the 8th graders about their options for Math next year at Dowling Catholic. If you have any questions about their choices, let me know before registration on February 13.

### Social Studies (Wallace)

- The 8th graders are starting to study the Civil War (1861-1865). We will continue with this chapter for a couple of weeks. This week, the students were given a timeline project to complete for the Civil War. They will be using an online timeline website called TimeRime. The timelines will be due at the conclusion of the Civil War unit.

### Science (Mistry)

- The 8th graders are continuing their study of chemistry and just finished their Chapter test on chemical reactions. Next week we will be continuing our chemistry unit and will be exploring acids and bases, using pH paper and various indicators to identify acids and bases.
- I discussed options for high school science classes available to 9th grade students at Dowling Catholic. If you would like additional information or recommendation regarding your student, please feel free to e-mail or call me!
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### Mark your Calendar!!

Five 8th grade students will be selected to participate in the First Annual Diocesan Science Bowl competition to be held April 14 (9:00-2:00) at the Pastoral Center. I am look for a couple of parent volunteers to assist with the event (running quiz machines, etc.). If interested contact Mrs. Mistry. Students will be tested next week to see who will represent SFA school.

During Lent, the 8th grade class will have the option to meet at 7:15 every Tuesday morning for mass to pray for their class.