

September 12, 2011

Hello Eighth Grade Parents!

We're already beginning our third week! It is amazing to me how fast the year progresses. I am really enjoying getting to know the students. We have had some wonderful conversations in both religion and social studies. Please remember to get your Fun Run letters in this week. Our class has been very good about this so far.

OPI News:

You should be working on fund-raising ideas as we have only to January to raise the tuition and transportation costs. We will have to raise the goal this year as we have seen an increase in transportation and tuition. I will let you know as soon as I get an estimate from our charter company, but I believe this year's total cost will be \$415 per student. I will have some information and will be speaking to you about OPI at back to school night.

Some Dates:

9/8: Mass at 8:30 (This is a new time)

9/14: Parent's Club meeting 6:00

9/14: Religion Test

9/16: Wear earned Fun Run shirts

9/16: Algebra Test

TBA: 8th grade retreat

8th Grade Religion

We are discussing the Paschal Mystery this week as well as the seminal events leading up to the institution of the Church.

This year in religion, I will be sharing each Sunday's readings with the students on Fridays. This will be a much more powerful lesson if you could please make an effort to take your sons and daughters to Mass on Saturday night or Sunday. I know how busy weekends can get, but as Catholics, the Liturgy is such an important part of who we are as people. We need to give this love of the Eucharist to our children.

8th Grade History

We are covering world history prior to the opening of the Atlantic. We will cover Asian trade routes, the European continent of the Middle Ages, and the Native peoples of the Americas. We will test on this topic early next week.

8th Grade Algebra

The students are working on analyzing algebraic situations and applying expressions to illustrate them. We should be taking our first test on Friday of this week.

Algebra class will require daily attention at home. Our students have been very successful on the Prep placement exams because of the willingness of our students and their families to work so hard at their studies. Algebra will be challenging, but I am committed assist each student in reaching her or his goals.