

September 26, 2011

Hello Eighth Grade Parents!

Remember to come and ask questions as they come up. I do not like to send weekly emails as I know boxes get quite full. This weekly information is available online and you may come and look at any time, just like the bell.

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:

9/29: Mass at 8:30

9/27: Vote today for Student Council

9/28: Gonzaga Prep will visit our class today

10/3: 8th grade retreat and Mass for the Celebration of Life at the Cathedral

10/7: in-service, no school

8th Grade Religion

We will be reading from Acts of the Apostles and studying the early liturgical practices

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

This week we are focusing on the early explorers including Columbus's journeys to the Caribbean and South America.

8th Grade Algebra

The students have been working hard after the test last week. We will be moving forward with justifying steps to solving algebraic expressions and equations. Order of operations and basic computation are expected at this point. Please encourage students to take their time and work on understanding as they practice at home.

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.