

## **Eighth Grade Newsletter**

**April 16-27, 2018**

**Please attend one of these Washington D.C. Meetings:**



**Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:20 PM**

**Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM**

**We will go over the itinerary, permission slips and health/insurance forms, packing tips and spending money, meeting time, and I'll answer questions.**

**The meetings will be held in my classroom (room 310)**

### **Washington D.C. Flight and Hotel Information:**

#### **Monday, May 7, 2018:**

Southwest 1717 depart Seattle at 5:10 AM, arrive Las Vegas 7:35 AM

Southwest 5453 depart Las Vegas at 8:50 AM, arrive Baltimore–Washington Airport at 4:25 PM

**Hotel: Holiday Inn Dulles, Sterling, VA 5/7, 8, 9, 10**

#### **Friday, May 11, 2018:**

Southwest 5641 depart Baltimore-Washington Airport 7:35 PM, arrive Denver 9:25 PM

Southwest 309 depart Denver 10:40 PM, arrive Seattle 12:30 AM

**Quo Vadis Days** for 13-15 year old boys discerning a vocation to the priesthood: June 25-28, 2018 at Camp Don Bosco

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**SLE Focus: An Assumption graduate is a person of integrity who makes moral choices that preserve the sacredness of the human person and supports the common good.**

## **Curriculum Foci:**

**Algebra:** Students are completing the unit on factoring polynomials.

**An engaged, active, life-long learner who:**

*Balances growth as an independent, self-motivated learner*

**ELA:** The eighth graders are reading Shakespeare. The plays are Hamlet, Othello, and Romeo and Juliet. I told them that the spoiler alert is that (almost) everybody dies.

**Engineering & Design**...students are wrapping up their project on solar ovens. Summary due Thursday, April 26th

**Math:** Chapter six - lesson 3; volume of pyramids and cones.

**Music:** Ms. Ronstadt has been working with middle school classes, cantors, and the school choir.

**Physical Education:** In Physical Education students will be tested on their fitness level beginning the end of April! Mile run, curl-ups, push-ups, flexibility. *SLE 2.C – an active life long learner is a self-motivated learner.* We are very grateful to have had Dr. Christy Smith share her expertise as a heart surgeon and heart health information! Mrs. Campbell

**Religion:** The eighth graders have been learning about family life using the Benziger text, Theology of the Body by Ascension Press, and Catechetical Formation for Chaste Living by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The eighth graders are also preparing for the Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education (ACRE) which they'll take in late May.

**Science:** Students are in a motion unit. They have learned about motion, speed, velocity, and acceleration. There will be a quiz on Tuesday, April 24th.

**Spanish:** Students present family tree and album projects, compare and contrast cultural perspectives on family and meal time, and start a new unit.

**U.S. History:** Information for the fifty-page biography of a grandparent is both on my webpages and handed out to students.

- The final due date has changed due to our Washington D.C. Trip. Students may either turn in the final biographical book on May 2<sup>nd</sup> or May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Tait Jensen, a student from Western Washington University, is doing an informal practicum with the class. He will be a Teach for America teacher after he graduates from WWU, and he's getting some practice teaching with the eighth graders.