



Eighth Grade Newsletter

March 26-30, 2018

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

Football at Whatcom Middle School:

My name is Josh Meese and I teach PE down the road at Whatcom Middle School and coach the 7th and 8th grade football team here. We are starting our season on April 9 at 4pm in our gym and I wanted to pass the word along to any kids at Assumption who might be looking at playing this season for a local middle school. We've had a number of student athletes from Assumption play for us over the years, so I wanted to make sure that kids got the word as we get ready to start back up. If students or parents have any questions, they can email me at joshua.meese@bellinghamschools.org or can call me at 360-676-6470 ext. 4304. My cell is also 360-739-0191.

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

Contact Fr. Kyle Manglona 253-654-5185

SLE Focus: An Assumption graduate is a faith-filled person who participates reverently in the sacramental life of the Church.

Curriculum Foci:

+Algebra: Students are learning to factor quadratic expressions. There will be a team test on Thursday, March 29.

A person of integrity who consistently:

Accepts responsibility for personal behavior

+ELA: Literature Circle groups displayed their projects this week. Students are also continuing their learning of Latin roots and affixes.

+Math: chapter 5 - lesson 8; identifying combined transformations.

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

+Physical Education: In Physical Education students will begin the badminton unit with a rules understanding and practicing specific badminton skills in doubles games. **SLE 4.B an effective communicator who actively listens.** Students are to be active 60 minutes a day for good health. They will be tested on their fitness level beginning the end of April! Mile run, curl-ups, push-ups, flexibility. **SLE 2. E – an active life long learner sets and works toward personal goals.**

+Religion: In Religion class, we have been working on Stations of the Cross with a human trafficking focus. The final project will be displayed in the church or gym until Good Friday.

+Science: “The Science Fair projects and explanations were excellent,” reported a judge.

+Spanish: Students identify questions and responses used in a restaurant, express items they are missing or need, and describe physical attributes of family members and friends.

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

- Pictorial evidence is due April 11
- The final due date has changed due to our Washington D.C. Trip. Students may either turn in the final biographical book on May 2nd or May 16th.

During class time, we had a great debate on the ratification of the U.S. 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.