



Eighth Grade News and Curricula March 27-31, 2017

School-Wide Learning Expectation foci: An Assumption student is an active faith-filled person who exhibits basic knowledge of Catholic Church teachings, an engaged life-long learner, an effective communicator, a person of integrity, and an active global citizen.

This week's focus: **An active faith-filled person prays formally and spontaneously.**

This Week's Curriculum Foci:

+Algebra: The class is factoring and solving simple quadratics. There will be a test on the first half of Chapter 8 on Friday.

A person of integrity demonstrates a high level of social and ethical standards.

Eighth Grade Math: combining like terms.

+English, Language Arts, and Literature (ELA): In Language Arts class, the eighth graders are learning Latin II vocabulary, roots, and affixes as well as learning about modifiers. The writing for their ancestor's biography is also part of language arts learning. In Literature class, they are reading independently, and are reading *Romeo and Juliet* together as a group. They have decided not to take specific parts, but just read the lines come to them in the rotation. They continue to respond to what they are reading in either artwork or writing.

Health: alcohol media project due by Friday. Students are working on creating a PSA on the dangers of alcohol.

+Music: 7/8th grade—Students practice music for the March 31 school Mass and Good Friday. The composer that the class focused on this week was Gustav Holst, who was best known for The Planets. The listening/discussion activity focused on the "Jupiter Suite" The classes finished presenting their music projects this week.

+Physical Education: March is National Nutrition Month – Check out ChooseMyPlate.gov a source I use in classes.

Enjoy your spring break and remember to be active 60 minutes a day for good health.

Mrs. Campbell

Physical Science: Students are learning how to balance chemical equations and learning about the elements and their characteristics.

+**Religion:** The eighth graders are learning about Christianity as it formed and spread in the world. We have been deep in conversations about ethics, morality, and preferential treatment for the poor. On Good Friday, the eighth graders will be reading the Passion of Jesus according to John while the seventh graders act out the Passion.

+**Spanish:** In Spanish this week, students are continuing to talk about places in the community, describe where people go and what they do for extracurricular activities, and practice asking different kinds of questions.

+**U.S. History:** The eighth graders are learning about the court system and Article I versus Article III court powers.

Today we spent the day in Burlington at a Junior Achievement Finance workshop. The eighth graders learned a lot about the actual cost of living depending on income.



Service Opportunities: Altar serving, Hope House, Student Council