The Weekly Newsletter of Mr. Courchane
November 13, 2026
"Today and every day, be a peacemaker."

Dear 8th Grade Parents:

This week, the 8th grade had a test in religion and science. I hope they showed you their tests. Although I am not in general in favor of night-before "cramming," as I think students should learn and retain the material as they go, I do feel there is a value to studying the day before a test. Both processes are needed to ensure success. So, I was somewhat bothered to hear how many 8th graders were looking forward to a good round of Fortnite the night before their tests. Based on results, some of them could have used their time better. When I suggested studying that night would be a better option, they were, shall we say, unconcerned. Well, live and learn.

We attended the musical Frozen at DSHA on Thursday. The 8th grade was a proper audience. I thank them for their cooperation.

Finally, as noted on my Friday folder slip, I will have a sub frequently in the next two weeks. 8th grade will have plenty of work and they are familiar with my substitute so I do not anticipate any issues, at least no more than usual.

Scholarship Opportunity for 8th Grade Girls!

Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (MACCW), a proud supporter of Catholic Education, is pleased to offer **FOUR - $2000 scholarships** to 8th grade young women planning to attend a Milwaukee Archdiocesan High School in the Fall 2027. Catholic education is expensive, but the lifelong benefits are invaluable and MACCW wants to help!

MACCW is trying to reach 8th grade girls, their parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends. MACCW will present the scholarship to each of the winners at their school/parish in the spring! An article announcing the winners will also be printed in both the Catholic Herald and the MACCW newsletter!

Read more HERE
Scholarship Application HERE
Applications and details are also available at MACCW.com (Under Awards).

Important upcoming dates are on the next page.

Important Dates

November 13 – No School, Teacher Inservice
November 16 – Substitute for Mr. Courchane
November 19 – End of Trimester 1
November 19, 20, 23, and 24 – Substitute for Mr. Courchane.
November 25-27 – No School, Thanksgiving Break
December 3 – Report Cards go home.

Sincerely,
Mr. Courchane
8th Grade Homeroom
Middle School Science and Religion

"Not yesterday I learned to know / The love of bare November days / Before the coming of the snow." Robert Frost

