

8th Grade Newsletter
January 19, 2012

Mr. Bob Jacobsen—Science

The students are in the midst of their comparative anatomy unit. They have just begun their work on the gray perch; the practicum is tentatively scheduled for the week of Jan. 30.

Science Fair:

Any re-writes need to be completed and turned in ASAP.

Final paper is due by Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Note: During the week of Jan. 23, the students will have the opportunity to work on their display boards in class. However, the stamping out of the letters needs to be completed prior to this time.

The display boards will be due on Monday, Jan. 30.

Ms. Dorothy Starnes—Math

The eighth grade is beginning to study probability. They will be discussing theoretical probability and experimental probability. They will also be using counting methods, permutations, combinations, and odds. They will also be discussing independent and dependent events. The eighth graders have a vocabulary test over Chapter 7 on Thursday, January 26th.

Mr. Walt Tabory— Religion

In eighth grade religion class, students will finish Chapter 6 after a detour to discuss the moral choices that occurred in the first chapter of *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*, a novel by Kim Edwards. Chapter 7 begins their study of the early church, so students will reflect daily on the Acts of the Apostles. They will compare their acts with our efforts to act morally in our society today. A current event summary and reflection are due on 1/30/12. Please be aware of the shoe collection (Soles for Souls) that will be held during Catholic Schools Week (1/30/12 – 2/3/12). Students are asked to find adult and children's gently used shoes from home to donate to the children and parents of Operation Breakthrough. Our generous food drive will also be held during CSW.

Mrs. Bernie VanArsdale—Language Arts

Literature—The class finds itself in the heart of Maycomb, Alabama, with Scout, Jem, Dill, and Atticus. The students will have completed Part One of *To Kill a Mockingbird* by the middle of next week. A booklet is due covering the first eleven chapters, and a test will be given as well. AR continues to be a part of the eighth grade curriculum. Points will be due just shortly before the end of the third quarter.

Writing—Vocabulary and writing a personal narrative are the focus of eighth grade writing class. Weekly tests over “Word of the Day” vocabulary occur on Mondays.

Mrs. Dianna Youngblood—American History (Social Studies) dyoungblood@stpeterskc.org

- Eighth grade will be starting a study of World War I on Monday, January 23