



# WEEKLY JUNIOR HIGH NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates and Information

- December 1- Catholic High School Placement Test Good Luck to our 8th Graders!
- December 2- Advent Begins
- December 6- Welcome back Ms. Moret and farewell to Ms. Taylor
- December 20 Christmas Program 6:00 p.m.
- December 21 Early Dismissal 1:00 p.m.

Thank you!

Thank you for meeting with us prior to Thanksgiving to discuss your child's progress in the first trimester. Those who have not met with your child's homeroom teacher, please contact them via email to set up a time to meet and pick up your child's report card.



In sixth grade, we are working on finding the Greatest Common Factor (GCF) and the Least Common Multiple (LCM) of given numbers. This will help us when we work with fractions in the upcoming units.

In seventh grade, we are adding and subtracting negative and positive fractions and decimals. These are a bit tricky for us, We are utilizing several strategies including number lines to help us understand the concepts.

In eighth grade, we are looking at proportional relationships displayed in various forms. We are finding the constant of proportionality and noticing the features of proportional relationships in graphs.



**Religion -6th, 7th and 8th graders** are examining Advent and the Church Liturgical Calendar-seasons and their meanings. We are also memorizing all Mass responses to be able to participate more in our Eucharistic celebration on Fridays and Sundays.

**Reading** - While 6th grade do their routine spelling, 7th & 8th graders are studying new Latin/Greek roots in **Vocabulary** this trimester as part of reading grade. 6th- A Christmas Carol by Dickens. 7th graders finished Homeless Bird by Whelan and are presenting their 2 week projects. 8th grade-To Kill a Mockingbird Part 1. Questions Guide to be answered corrected. Begin Part 2 end of this week. [slachowicz@pjpiischool.org](mailto:slachowicz@pjpiischool.org)

## Reminders

### UNIFORMS

A reminder regarding uniform policies in the colder weather.

The proper uniform for our girls during the cold weather months, November through March are as follows. Girls may wear navy blue pants (corduroy or twill) in place of jumpers or skirts. No 'skinny' pants/ leggings allowed.

Navy blue sweaters and crew neck sweatshirts with the PJPII logo or may be worn in the classrooms.

On gym days, Tuesdays and Thursdays, the students are to wear the school gym uniform. These days are the only days students may wear the pull over or zip hoodies. Students may not substitute plain colored sweats for the proper uniform attire. Gym shoes may be worn on gym days only.

Lastly, the students will be out at recess each day weather permitting. Please be sure your child is dressed in warm jackets and brings hats, gloves, scarves when necessary.



In Social Studies, 6th graders are working on making Egyptian Burial Tombs. 7th graders are learning about the American Revolution. 8th graders are learning about Jim Crow Laws.

In Writing, all three grades are about to begin researching for their papers.

As always if you have any questions or concerns you may contact me at [jblaszak@pjpiischool.org](mailto:jblaszak@pjpiischool.org) and we can set up a time to talk.



In sixth grade, students continue to study changes in matter. We are investigating how differences in melting, freezing, and boiling points can be used to separate substances and its application in the production of everyday products.

In seventh grade, students are studying the periodic table of elements. They understand elements properties can be predicted from its location in the periodic table

In eighth grade, we are completing our Life Science unit on cells. Students have been using an interactive website to investigate and diagram plant and animal cells.