



WEEKLY JUNIOR HIGH NEWSLETTER October 3, 2018

Teacher Websites

Ms. Zaffaroni: zaffaroni.weebly.com

Ms. Lachowicz: slachowicz.weebly.com

Mr. Blaszk: jblaszak.weebly.com

Ms. Burk: lburkscience.weebly.com

Important Dates and Information

October 2, 2018- High School
Visits Grade 8

October 3, 2018- Progress Reports
Sent Home

October 10 2018- High School Fair
Gr. 6-8 at St. Richards School
7:00-8:30 p.m.

October 18, 2018- Taffy Apple
Orders due.

Big Shoulders High School Fairs for Gr. 6-8

Tuesday, October 9 at Holy Trinity
High School, 1443 W Division Street
from 6:00-8:00

Wednesday, October 24 at De la
Salle Institute, 3434 S Michigan
Avenue from 6:30-8:00

Taffy Apple Etc. Sale

Please help support our 8th graders who are trying to raise money for their Graduation Trip. They are hoping to raise enough funds to cover the total cost of the trip. Our first fundraiser is a Taffy Apple Etc. Sale. The order forms are going home in the Wednesday folder. Orders are due back no later than October 19th. We are expecting a delivery of product before halloween.



In sixth grade, we are completing our work with collecting and interpreting data. We have learned to use data tables, graphs and data sets to interpret data.

In seventh grade, we reviewed and will take a quiz on adding and subtracting negative and positive integers. There are many tasks we will be working on to be sure we have the concept by Friday's quiz.

In eighth grade, we are working on exponents and scientific notation. We are learning how exponents either increase or decrease an integer.

Each of the classes also took our first Interim Aspire Assessment this week. The data will help see where to focus lessons to help students be successful on content.

Religion & Reading

Our junior high readers, 6-7-8 graders, are recalling, retelling, and paraphrasing stories. We answer questions **using text evidence** from the story and and make connections. **6th** grade are reading **The Circuit** by Francisco Jimenez. Q&A, quizzes and tests. Religion- 6th graders are learning about our one true God, His Chosen people and the Bible.

7th & 8th graders are **reading**, researching, taking notes, citing sources for their **World Religion** project. Same 9 topics for Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism. Ideas of God /Founder/ Holy Book/House of Worship/Holy Days/ Rituals Laws Leaders/Symbols slachowicz@pjpiischool.org

STUDENT COUNCIL

.....
Congratulations to our Student Council Officers and members. They all did a great job on their campaign videos and are now ready to serve to fulfill their campaign promises.

President: Ismael Flores

Vice President: Genesis Ortega

Secretary: Luis Magallanes

Public Relations Director: Joseph DeLeon

Commissioner of Spirit: Sofia Torres

Commissioner of Service: Christian Canchola

Gr. PK-K Liaison- Luis Munoz

Gr. 1-2 Liaison- Daniel Davila

Gr. 3 Classroom Representative:
Mariano Vazquez

Gr. 4 Classroom Representative:
Jared Cepeda

Gr. 5- Classroom Representative:
Ariana Zamora

The Council began planning their first activity which will be on Halloween. Please look for details to come soon. Our next meeting is October 10!



&



In Social Studies, 6th graders are learning about the first civilizations. 7th graders are learning about the first Americans. 8th graders are learning about rights and responsibilities.

In Writing, all three grades are going to be introduced to Informative Writing this week.

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



In sixth grade, we continue our study of atoms. We have added movement and organization and are learning how atoms react differently in solids, liquids, and gases. We will evaluate the flow of energy as matter changes from one state of matter to another.

In seventh grade, we are studying the positioning and calculating of valence electrons. Using the periodic table we will be able to identify metals, nonmetals, and metalloids, and explain valence trends within families.

In eighth grade, we are working in Life Science and continue our investigation of cells. We are learning to identify the basic organelles of a cell and describe the functions of the organelles as they relate to the survival of the whole cell.