

SMLS Middle School Newsletter

Thursday, April 13, 2017

6th Grade Camp

The 6th graders will be going to camp At **Five Pines Ministries** in Berrien Center on Thursday, May 4 to Friday, May 5th.(Overnight) The cost is \$75.00, but PTL is going to pay \$25.00 per students, so the cost to each student will be \$50.00. We will leaving School at 8:15am on Thursday and be returning by 3:00pm on Friday. I am in need of 1 male chaperone. The permission slips will be sent home on Monday, April 17th.



7th & 8th Grade Spring Trip - Chicago!!

The 7th & 8th graders will head to Chicago on **Friday, May 12** for a trip to the **Museum of Science and Industry**. Firm



plans will follow soon, but for now I wanted to let you all know that we'll **depart SMLS around 7:30 AM** on Friday, drive to Michigan City, take the train into Chicago, spend the day in the museum, and **return to SMLS around 9:00 PM**.

If your student will not be able to attend this trip, then they will not have school that day. Please let me know if this will be the case.

If you are interested in chaperoning for this trip, please let me know as soon as possible. The more, the merrier!

8th Grade (Mandatory) Essay Contest

Each year our 8th graders compete in an essay contest for graduation. The prize is a brand-new bicycle, courtesy of Aligned Care Chiropractic!



Essays will be due to me by Monday, May 15. Requirements are available on my website and are attached to the newsletter email.

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<i>Upcoming Events</i>	
Good Friday, no school	4/14
6th grade camp	5/4-5/5
Lutheran Schools' Field Day	5/9
7th-8th grade trip to Chicago	5/12
8th graders last day (Chapel recognition)	5/26
6th grade leads Chapel worship	5/26
8th grade graduation; 7:00	5/31

Academic Highlights

<p><i>Social Studies 6</i></p> <p>We are continuing our study of the people and cultures of South Asia. We have reviewed what we learned before break, and will begin looking at modern culture in the region next week.</p>	<p><i>History 7/8</i></p> <p>In chapter 20 we are learning about immigration to the United States after 1865, as well as how cities and culture in general changed after 1865.</p>
<p><i>Science 6</i></p> <p>We will be finishing the study of Astronomy next week. We will be starting a unit on air.</p>	<p><i>Science 7/8</i></p> <p>We will be finishing the study of Astronomy next week. We will be starting a unit on air.</p>
<p><i>6th Literature</i></p> <p>We have started a new book: <i>Number the Stars</i> by Lois Lowry</p>	<p><i>Literature 7/8</i></p> <p>We have started a new book: <i>Across Five Aprils</i> by Irene Hunt</p>

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Writing 7/8

We have begun our research reports! This project will take us through the rest of the school year and will consist of a written report (approx. 2 pages of text) and a 2-3 minute speech.

We will learn about MLA format as we complete this paper. Your students have a packet that they should reference as they work. The packet has all due dates listed on it and is also available via my website.