

# Mrs. Lee-Despard's Newsletter

February 2021

## Dates to Remember:

- Feb.1-5: Catholic Schools Week
- Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>: No School/Teacher Retreat Day
- Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>: No School/Student Conferences as Needed
- Feb.11: ASB Spirit Day
- Feb.15-16: No School/Winter Break-President's Day
- Feb.17: Ash Wednesday (8:25 AM)
- Feb.26: IBP due/Sci. Fi. or Fantasy Book Commercial
- Feb. 26: In Class Mass with Father Mark (9:45 AM)

## This month in class our learning objectives are:

### Religion:

- Learn about the traditions and meaning of Ash Wednesday and Lent
- Stations of the Cross Reflections and Shadow Play
- The Church Is Apostolic-
  - The Communal Life (Acts 2:42-43)
  - Peter's Confession about Jesus (Matthew 16:18-19)
  - Righteousness Based on Faith (Romans 10:13-15)
- The Church Is Catholic-
  - Peter's Speech at Pentecost (Acts 2:39, 43-46)
  - The Samaritan Woman (John 4:39-42)

### Language Arts:

- Read and discuss *Narrative of a Slave* by Frederick Douglass.
- Understand historical significance of the narrative.
- Explore impact of point of view
- Discover thematic extensions
- Explore symbolism, rhetoric, and other literary devices
- Analyze themes of the narrative
- Synthesize the ideas discussed during the entire unit

### Vocab:

- Expand both knowledge and use of vocabulary.

### Writing:

- Write Frederick Douglass Paper-analyzing Frederick Douglass's purpose in writing his narrative.
- Introductory paragraphs-A.N.T.
- Constructing a Thesis Statement
- Supporting ideas with evidence
- Concluding paragraphs-restating thesis and final thoughts to wrap it up
- Editing-grammar, spelling, punctuation
- Peer Editing-experience giving and receiving constructive criticism

### Grammar:

- Middle School Grammar Program-Grammar Flip online self-paced program

## Math:

### Pre-Algebra:

- Comparing Two Functions
- Exponential Notation
- Product and Quotient of Powers
- Power of a Power
- Power of a Product and the Power of a Quotient
- Zero and Negative Numbers
- Squares, Square Roots, Cubes, and Cube Roots
- **Homework help: [khanacademy.com](https://www.khanacademy.com)**

### Algebra:

- Multiplying Polynomials
- Dividing Polynomials
- Factoring Polynomials with Common Factors
- Factoring Trinomials
- **Homework help: [algebra.com](https://www.algebra.com) and [khanacademy.com](https://www.khanacademy.com)**

## Social Studies 7/8:

### U.S. History/Civics:

#### Essential Questions-

- How did Congress organize the new government?
- How did political parties develop?
- How does the U.S. Supreme Court use the power of judicial review?
- How does the U.S. Supreme Court determine the meaning of the words in the Constitution?
- How does the Constitution protect freedom of expression?