

# Mrs. Gilbertson's Class

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Room 8

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(The website still says grade 5. We are working on fixing it.)



## Upcoming Events

### October 25

Chemical Symbol Quiz

THEO8 Unit 1 Test

### October 26

SCI8 Chpt. 3 Test

FARM SCHOOL Day #1

### October 26

FARM SCHOOL Day #2

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We have been busy as this marking period is draws to a close. We continue to work hard in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The short week is a welcome gift for the students. I hope you all have some well-deserved family fun time planned for the long weekend. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Trunk-or-Treat event on the 28th. It should be a wonderful time. Make sure you mark your calendars. See you there.

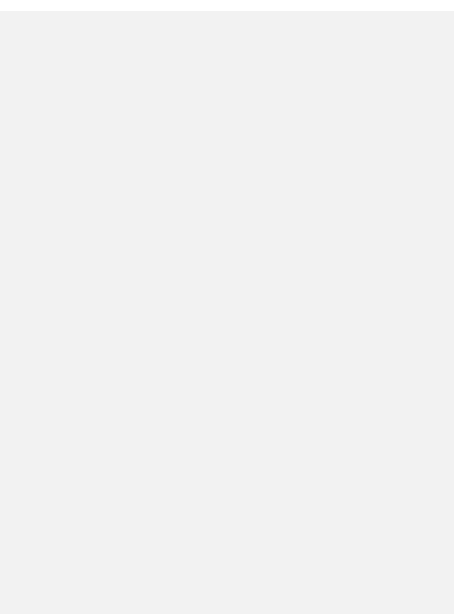
God Bless!

-Mrs. Gilbertson

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- **Morning Meditation:**

In the mornings students are welcome and encouraged to come in and get started for the day. I have light on low and relaxing Christian music playing. This is a time for students to come in and take some time to clear their minds and prepare themselves for their day. They are encouraged to pray and quietly take care of their morning tasks. One of these tasks is filling out their "Goals with God" card. Each student is required to set one daily personal goal that he or she is asking God to help them meet that day. This precious morning time is not a social time; however it is still a powerful way to build the classroom community if used properly.



- **Classroom Meetings:**

For the past few weeks, directly following Mass on Fridays, the students and I have been holding short classroom meetings. Each Friday we do a brief review of the week. We identify what went well and what areas we need to focus on improving. The students agree on which areas of focus warrant being annotated on the whiteboard. We keep one focus goal on the board at a time. Each day we check our progress to see if we can remove the focus goals or if we need to continue working on it. These Friday meetings provide the students and I a safe opportunity to voice any concerns we have with what is happening in our classroom community. The focus goals we have been working on for the last couple of weeks are:

1. Reducing chatting
2. Participating in class.
3. Completing morning work tasks prior to morning prayer.
4. Completing our work in a timely manner.
5. Staying in our assigned seats.
6. Keeping our hands and feet to ourselves.

Please check in with your student and ask them how the class's progress toward achieving these goals is going. Ask what your student is doing to contribute to the success of the class.

- **One Marking Period Down:**

How can we have possibly finished a whole marking period already? I am so blessed to be a part of the St. Charles faith and academic community/family. This year has certainly been and will continue to be adventure. Thank you all for being so very understanding and supportive as we all learn so many things together. I am always happy to answer your questions and address your concerns to the best of my ability. The fastest way to reach me is by text (616-885-2381). The text will pop through to my apple watch so I will get it anywhere anytime. Please include your name in the text if you have not texted me in the past.

There is never a question too small or too obscure when it comes to your child's success. Please let me know if there is something we can do to enhance his or her experience here at St. Charles. Again, thank you for your support.

- **Sneak Peek:**

Coming up this week:

-Religion –Finish Unit 1: Test Monday. Begin Unit 2 – Church History – Quiz 2 Mid-Week

-English Language Arts (ELA) – Michigan Hero Essay – Final Draft Due on 10-29-21 (Students ahead of schedule. **GREAT JOB!!!** ). Grammar focus Lessons 39 (Active Voice Verbs) - 41 (Linking Verbs). Continue the novel study on “*My Brother Sam is Dead*” by Christopher and James Lincoln Collier. This novel study pairs with our study of the American Revolution in social studies.

-Physical Science –Chapter 3: Elements and the Periodic Table- Test Tuesday

\*\*\*Begin Chapter 4: Carbon Chemistry 10-29-19 – (Approximately 2 weeks)

-Social Studies – Began Chapter 4 – The American Revolution on 10-20-21 (Approximately 2 weeks)

\*\*\* This chapter pairs with our ELA novel study.

Classroom Needs-UPDATED:

Thank you to those families who sent in donations to help with our classroom needs. We could not do what we do without your generosity. I am always amazed at how things just magically appear just when I need them most. Thank you so very much. You really have no idea how much your generosity means to me and how much it improves our time in the classroom.

I have updated the needs list below in the event that any of you may have any of these things laying around the house.

\*Newspapers

\*Yarn (any colors, normal texture and weight – nothing fancy)

\*Clear packing tape

\*Scotch tape

\*Acrylic paint

\*Popsicle sticks

\*Glue sticks (for a glue gun)

\*Ziplock Bags- all sizes