

May the fourth be with you...a day late!

Hope you all had an awesome week and enjoyed the gorgeous weather God gave us! I spent a lot of time outdoors, participated in a virtual game night with some friends, and finished the end of *The Clone Wars*. I can't believe it's May, and that there's only less than three weeks left of school!

I have a few announcements and reminders before I dig into the batch of assignments. Firstly, next week, May 12th, is the FINAL pick-up day. All assignments from there will be due on May 21st, the last day of school for your students (wow, does time fly). If your student has ANY missing assignments, now is the time to start really cracking at them. I have a number of missing assignments, so make sure you really check to see what you have yet to turn in.

We are going to do the play on Thursday, May 14, in the style of a 50's radio play but using Zoom, or something like it. We are going to be recording the "production" and will post it on the website for all to see. Make sure your students have brought their costumes home, because they will still be using them. Even though it won't be done on stage, we're still going to see those wonderful faces. Please provide a black backdrop (bedsheet, blanket, or something) to put behind your student while recording.

Please also remind your students to come prepared with questions for the Google Meets! I am always more than happy to provide help sheets in Google Classroom, but always make sure they come with questions instead of holding back on them. If a student doesn't ask questions, then there is no way for me to help them, and I want to play my part in their success.

Here is this week's batch of assignments:

Pre-Algebra

- **Wednesday, May 6** – Read, take notes, and complete worksheet for 9-9
- **Thursday, May 7** – Read, take notes, and complete worksheet for 9-10
- **Friday, May 8** – Chapter 9 Review - p.513 #1-34
- **Monday, May 11** – Chapter 9 Test - p.516 #1-23
- **Tuesday, May 12** – Read, take notes, and complete worksheet for 10-1

Algebra

- **Wednesday, May 6** – Chapter 8 Test - p.407 #1-43
- **Thursday, May 7** – Read and take notes for 9-1 - p.415 #1-24
- **Friday, May 8** – Read and take notes for 9-2 - p.419 #1-41 odd
- **Monday, May 11** – Read and take notes for 9-3 - p.424 #11-22
- **Tuesday, May 12** – Read and take notes for 9-4 - p.427 #1-31

Health

Drug & Alcohol Awareness

- Research paper due May 12
- Resources and guidelines have been posted in the Health Google Classroom

Language Arts/Lit

8th Grade Play

- Keep studying the script for the play.

Graduation Speeches

- Sent notes to the students on how they can tweak their graduation speeches. Even if only one of them is selected to be read at the ceremony, the speeches themselves are going to be graded. You never know which one might be selected, so make sure it's written as if your speech is the chosen speech.
- Final draft due May 12.

Autobiography

- Put all your final drafts of your chapters together (pictures and all, including a cover page) so it looks like a book.
- Use binding similar to your career assignments from Mrs. Weber.
- This is your final draft, so make last adjustments as you see fit.

TOP SECRET: Write a thank-you card or note for Mrs. Retzloff thanking her for her years of service here at Assumption. When I sort the assignments next week, I'll make sure to include them with the Civics assignments she'll be getting back. (She has no idea I'm doing this; don't spoil the surprise!)

Civics

Electing Leaders

- Section 3
 - Vocabulary page 259
 - Read section pages 259-261
 - 2 worksheets
- Section 4
 - Vocabulary page 263
 - Read section pages 263-265
 - 2 worksheets

Current Event: write a paragraph about one current event that happened this week.

Science

Continue Chemistry

- Attend meetings in Science Google Classroom every T/Th @ noon
- CHAPTER 4:
 - Lesson 3 - Covalent Bonds
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTgpN62ou24>
 - Read p.139-145 (we will complete diagrams during meets)
 - Complete online slides posted in science Google Classroom
 - Lab (optional)
 - Review worksheet - submit electronic or paper
 - Online quiz
 - **Due 5/7: slides, review worksheet and online quiz**
 - Lesson 4 - Bonding in Metals
 - Read p.147-151
 - Complete online slides posted in science Google Classroom
 - **Due 5/11: slides only**

Religion

VOCATIONS AND DISCERNMENT

- **Google Meet 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 6th**
 - **CN#s 1-6, be prepared to present your slideshows** and we'll see how many we get through
- Vocations and discernment assignments as described in directions
- Prayer for Guidance and Direction

OTHER:

- *Check compiled list of all assignments from 3/30-4/28 (as sent home on 5/5) and make sure Ms. Bechel has all your work.*
- Service hours are Due May 22nd.
 - You must return the signed log even if you are using banked hour!
- **If you are finished with your Confirmation booklet, please return it.**
 - If you still have more to complete, finish and return by the 22nd.
- **Please return your Mass journals on 5/12 so Ms. Bechel can get them back to you by the end of the year.**

Check Specials on the ACS Homework Page.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns, and especially prayer requests, please reach out to me. I'm praying for you every day and love receiving prayer requests from your students. Please include my sister, Abby, in your prayers. She works at Disney but is out of a job for a while due to the COVID-19, so is back in the Cities for a couple weeks. Also keep me in your prayers, as well. Outside of "teaching", I've been taking a lot of time to myself and am working to build up to become the best version of myself, so prayers for this spiritual journey would be very appreciated.

And make sure they take advantage of this awesome weather we've been getting! I highly recommend Willow River State Park in Hudson, Kinnickinnic State Park in River Falls, or Afton State Park near Afton, Minnesota if you ever want to have a hiking trip with your families. All three of these parks are closer to my neck of the woods but you could easily spend a few hours there and it's well worth the drive. All of them are free admission except Afton (which you have to pay a \$7 day permit online in advance).

Thank you for all you do for your students and shaping them to become the best versions of themselves. I'll still be around next year, so I hope your students take time to visit the next few years or so.

Have a blessed week,
Mr. Persoon