



# BKJHS November News Flash!



## **Latin** Mrs. Feller

7th Grade: I can hardly wait to go shopping for a new stola and palla after reading some of the fabulous Roman Clothing Store Ads that your children have created. Right now we are learning about infinitive verbs and translating a thrilling story about a wolf-attack. This month we will also be fighting the Trojan War, as well as meeting some of the remarkable heroes on both sides.

8th Grade: My classroom has been invaded by dozens of marvelous ancient heroes and villains the size of pop bottles! They are staring at me right now, saying, "Grade me! Grade me!" Many of these projects truly are wonderful to behold. By the end of month we will be wrapping up our review of Latin verbs, and launching into (drum roll) Neuter Nouns! The students have also been learning about some true heroes and villains of early Roman history. Please ask your children what happened in 753 and 509 B.C.

## **Religious Studies** Ms. Carr

With All Saints and All Souls Day starting our month of November, students have made flower or candle memorials of those they would like to remember in our prayers.

7th graders produced excellent little "books" highlighting four saints of the church and one person that they believe should be given the title saint. Some of their personal selections are heartwarming as students wrote about the kindnesses of various people including relatives who have had a wonderful influence upon their lives. Congratulations!

8th grade religion students are continuing their study of the history of Christianity. They will be researching important saints of the Middle Ages and creating a "family album" highlighting the accomplishments of these holy men and women.

## **Social Studies** Mr. Goetz

The 7th graders have finished up the American Revolution and are transitioning into the Constitutional Era. Sometime after the Thanksgiving break they will eventually be creating PowerPoint presentations for a future unit to help build public speaking and technology skills.

8th graders will actually be presenting their PowerPoint presentations starting Monday, November 28 on the topic of Imperialism. Mr. Goetz also moderates the Student Council and wants to remind students that anyone can be involved as a student representative even if they did not get elected to office.

## **English Language Arts** Ms. Prinzing

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have been reading class novels together in class for the past few weeks. 7<sup>th</sup> graders are reading Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders are reading Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Each day we read together we are leaning about all kinds of literary elements and important messages these great authors send us. We participate in daily discussions that help develop our reading, critical thinking, and interpretation skills. We should be wrapping up these stories within the next week or so and will then have a chance to compare the written works to film!

## **Math with Mrs. Mabelis**

Math 7: Students have recently completed the chapter on "Ratio and Proportion". One of the projects done during the unit of study was finding the unit rates for items on a shopping list. Students had to use the weekly circular ad for Tops supermarket. They had a lot of fun and they found some great deals too!

Pre-Algebra: Students have been very busy with a lengthy chapter on "Factors, Fractions & Exponents". They have been learning about divisibility/prime factorization and all the rules for exponents. Also, scientific notation was taught as a way to write numbers rather than in standard form.

Algebra: The students have completed their unit on "Solving Inequalities". This unit introduces students to some new concepts such as compound inequalities and absolute value equations/inequalities. These new concepts are very popular on the NYS Regents exam.

## **Science with Mr. Strauss**

Lab reports are a focus in Science throughout the year. So far, the students have been doing a great job on them. Vocabulary is also a huge key to success in Junior High Science. The students should routinely be making flash cards to help them study for each chapter's vocabulary quiz. Keep up the good work!