

7SS Newsletter – 1.14.19

Hello 7th Grade Families!

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! Here is what is happening in 7th grade Social Studies.

Last week, the students finished up Chapter 11 about the Presidency of Andrew Jackson. This week, they will begin [Chapter 12, Manifest Destiny](#). The United States was made up of people who had emigrated from many places in the world. Many Americans remained on the move as the United States extended its political borders and grew economically. Students will explore four areas of Manifest Destiny - the Oregon Country, independence for Texas, the Mexican-American War, and new settlers in California and Utah. They will also analyze the lives of early pioneers who headed West.

After Catholic Schools Week, the 7th grade will begin their Friday unit on [Economics](#). They will be taking a better look at the study of economics and how our economy works. We will discuss the economic facts of life - scarcity, opportunity cost, and decisions. Students will then gain an understanding of the five basic laws of economics - supply, demand, equilibrium, increased/decreased supply, and increased/decreased demand - and how changes in these factors can lead to surpluses and shortages. Students will then discuss the six major concepts of economics. Once the students have a foundational understanding of economics we will move on to discuss personal finance. Students will types of money, banking basics, earning income, and developing a personal budget.

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