

3 May 2022

Hello Parents,

Please check and discuss these few important updates with your student:

IOWA TESTING

Next week students will be completing their IOWA testing. This measures what they've learned over the school year as well as their aptitude. Expect to receive the reports from this testing by the end of June. Please make sure that your student comes to school well fed with plenty of snacks. We will have mints, gum, and other treats available for them to have during our testing time.

SPRING FLING

The student council is excited to announce that there will be a Spring Fling on Friday, May 13th from 5:30-7:30 PM. This is a semi-formal dance, and it will be held in the gym. The student council will communicate with students (which I will share with you) about what to wear. Please see the link for signups for food, beverages, paper goods, and chaperones. Thank you! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BAFAB2EA3FC1-spring1>

MIDTERMS

Midterms are Monday, May 9th, so expect to receive your student's progress report in the evening. Please check *RenWeb* for any missing assignments.

UPCOMING LARGE ASSIGNMENTS

LANGUAGE ARTS (all classes): Students have a written summary on a book they've read due on Monday, May 9th (at the end of the day). All details for this assignment, including the form and examples, is on Google Classroom. Also, the new reading log is available. Please be sure to send in your April reading.

STEM (5th and 6th only): Reminder for students to bring materials to school on Tuesdays for their engineering design project.

MATH (6th and 8th): Please discuss the 4th quarter math project for Dr. Dresser's class with your student.

Thank you!

Mrs. Grant, Ms. G, and Dr. Dresser

5 May 2022

Good Afternoon, Parents of Trinity's Middle School Students!

I hope you all enjoyed April vacation with your students and had a great week so far!

I just wanted to pop in and give a quick update for science:

We have *FINALLY* started chemistry! This unit has been a long anticipated one from most of the students, and I'm excited to get started on it. It's such a fun topic to talk about! We will be discussing the periodic table of elements, atomic structures and subatomic particles, chemical reactions, and mixtures and solutions. We will be having a ton of labs coming up after testing and after the PA trip! We have already started taking a look at the periodic table and how it's divided up into groups of elements, and have been listening to [The Periodic Table Song](#) (which, quite frankly, is just great. But hey, I'm a science nerd!). Students have been challenged to memorize as many elements of the periodic table that they can (there may or may not be a gift card prize to the most elements memorized...).

Onto more exciting things, we started a VERY interesting project today in class: The Element Superhero or Supervillain Project! This is going to be such a fun way to learn more about the periodic table and atoms. Students each chose an element to use in their project and have been given the task of creating a superhero or supervillain that has similar physical abilities to the physical and chemical properties of their element. Then, students will create an illustration of their character and write a one-page backstory for how they acquired their abilities. So many of our students are artistically gifted and/or gifted in creative writing that this project is sure to be a really great one. I'm so excited to see how their characters turn out!

This project will be done pretty much entirely outside of class, so please help them stay on track with it! The final due date for all of their work (research, sketch, and backstory) is **Wednesday, May 18th**. This should give them plenty of time to work on this. They are welcome to work on this in class if they finish their work early!

If you or your student have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out! I'm excited to see where this unit takes us!

Best,
Ms. Goulart

Link for Periodic Table Song:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgzGpFqPVXbtBxKzFpwMtsWfbzSnK?projector=1>