

MRS. HOFFMAN'S NEWS & NOTES



GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN October 5th-8th Issue #8

NO SCHOOL
FRIDAY OR MONDAY

SPECIAL INTEREST TOPICS:

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- ▶ **Memory Work 7th Commandment + Bible Verse 53 & 54**
- ▶ **Portfolio # 6**
 - 📖 Reading Work

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Morning Core-Subjects

Religion:

Unit 2 Discussion: The Sacraments: Baptism
Memory: 8th Commandment , What does this Mean? & Bible Verses #'s 53 & 54 (Thurs.)

Literature:

Topic: Ancient Civilizations
Short Story: *Digging up the Past+Vocabulary*
Portfolio: #6 Reading Work (Thurs.)
Quiz: Comprehension & Vocabulary(Thurs.)
A.R. Period(Fri.)

English:

Topics: VERBS
Direct Objects, Trans & Intransitive, and Being/Linking Verbs
HW: pg. 123-25 # 9-18, pg. 126-27 # 4-22, pg. 128-29 # 8-19

Spelling:

Pre-Test: Unit 9 10/5(Mon.)
Unit Test: Unit 9 10/8 (Thurs.) (bubble)
HW: incorrect words from pre-test written 5 x's each. DUE THURSDAY

Exploratory Electives

Study Skills:

Topics: Unit 3 Note Taking Practice-Outline
HW: **How to take notes**
Class Work: HW help and Organization

Speech:

Topics: **Debates**
Assignment: Daily work on outlining speech

Computers:

CW: **Program usage: powerpoint, excel, etc.**

P.E. 5th-8th
VOLLEYBALL
UNIT 😊

Departmentalized Subjects

Math 6.5: Lessons 26-28 TEST (tbd)

Math 7/6: Lessons 26-29

Math 8/7: Lessons 27-30

Geography:

Topics: Cultures of the World
HW: Language Project **due Mon.**
Quizzes: Daily (Mon. & Tues.)
TEST: Review **Tues** & Test **Wed**

Science:

Topics: Chapter 3 Volcanoes-
HW Volcano Project
TEST: Review **Tues.** Test **Wed.**
Projects: Volcano- introduced Monday

Portfolio 6- Reading Work by Thurs.

7th Literature: *Short Stories Conclude!*

P.O.V.: *Amigo Brothers, and ZOO*

Daily Quizzes # 11

Unit FINAL Thurs.

All Literary Focus, Vocabulary & Comprehension

ALL CYC is due day of Final

8th Literature: *Short Stories Conclude!*

Theme: *Flowers for Algernon*

Daily Quizzes # 15 & 16

Unit Final Thurs.

All Literary Focus, Vocabulary & Comprehension

Announcements & Reminders

Class Service Project

Hygiene Drive- all year!

We will be collecting travel size hygiene products and packaging various items in Ziploc baggies. We are doing a monthly donation to restock our GLS help closet.

VOLLEYBALL & SOCCER PRACTICE ALL WEEK

MONDAY: Practice

TUESDAY: Practice

WEDNESDAY:
Skills Practice(opt)

THURSDAY: Practice



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Question: "What does the Bible say about gossip?"

Answer: The Hebrew word translated "gossip" in the Old Testament is defined as one who reveals secrets going about as a talebearer or scandal-monger. This is one who has gotten out of people secrets about themselves and their families, and then goes about telling his tales from house to house, to the great detriment of those whose secrets he is entrusted with, as well as to those to whom he tells them, as well as to his own. Gossip is distinguished from sharing information by its intent. The gossip-monger has as his goal building himself up by making others look bad and by exalting his superior knowledge of others.

In the book of Romans, Paul reveals the sinful nature and lawlessness of mankind, stating how God was pouring out His wrath upon those who were rejecting His laws. Because they had turned away from God's instruction and guidance, He gave them over to their sinful natures. "They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them" ([Romans 1:29b-32](#)). We see from this passage how serious the sin of gossip is and that it characterizes those who are under God's wrath.

Another group who was and is commonly known for indulging in this sinful behavior is widows. Timothy cautions widows against entertaining the habit of gossip and of being idle. "Thus they bring judgment on themselves, because they have broken their first pledge. Besides, they get into the habit of being idle and going about from house to house. And not only do they become idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying things they ought not to" ([1 Timothy 5:12-13](#)). Because women tend to spend a lot of time in each other's homes or working closely with other women and getting involved in many people's lives, they hear and observe a variety of conversations or situations which have the potential to become distorted, if what they see is not kept private. Timothy stated that widows get into the habit of going from home to home, looking for something to occupy their idleness. Idle hands are the devil's workshop, and God cautions against allowing that sin to enter our lives. "A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man [or woman] who talks too much" ([Proverbs 20:19](#)).

Women are certainly not the only ones who have been found guilty of this sin. Anyone can engage in the act of gossip simply by repeating something heard in confidence. The book of Proverbs has a long list of verses that cover the dangers of gossip and the potential hurt that results when care is not taken to think of others and how they might react if something they wanted kept private is revealed. "A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his tongue. A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret" ([Proverbs 11:12-13](#)).

The Bible tells us that "a perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends" ([Proverbs 16:28](#)). Many a friendship has been ruined over a misunderstanding that started with gossip. Those who engage in this behavior do nothing but stir up trouble and cause anger and bitterness, not to mention hurt, among friends. Sadly, some people thrive on this and look for opportunities to destroy others. And when such people are confronted, they deny the allegations and answer with excuses and rationalizations. Rather than admit wrong, they blame someone or something else, or attempt to make it sound like the sin committed isn't so bad. "A fool's mouth is his undoing, and his lips are a snare to his soul."

The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts" ([Proverbs 18:7-8](#)). Those who guard their mouths and tongues keep themselves from calamity ([Proverbs 21:23](#)). So we must guard our tongues and refrain from the sinful act of gossip. If we surrender our natural desires to the Lord, He will help us to remain righteous. God rewards the just and the righteous, so we should all strive to remain as such.

PRAYER: Dear Heavenly Father, help us to seek you for direction, reevaluate our priorities, and examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith in every area of our lives, guide us throughout this week and empower us to teach your Word