

# Eighth Grade Edition

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## This Week's News

### New Year's Resolutions

As part of coming back from Christmas Break and refocusing the class for the second half of the year, I handed out this week some classroom New Year's Resolutions for us as a class to work on. They are simple things that sometimes middle schoolers need a reminder about. A copy of the resolutions should be found in your family envelope.

### Subject Update—Literature

Today we finished the last two chapters of *The Count of Monte Cristo*. Next week we will have two days of review over the book, followed up by a test on Wednesday. The week after, we will be viewing the 2002 movie version of the book. After this, we will be starting Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*. The books have arrived for this. If you wish to use your own copy of *The Merchant of Venice*, I have to be told by Wednesday, January 13.

### Subject Update—Religion

Today in religion we started studying Holy Week in the life of Jesus, which starts at his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, goes through his arrest, suffering, and death, and ends triumphant again with Easter. As part of this unit, we will be making a timeline of events during this week, and also study the final words of Christ on the cross.

### Questions?

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I'm always happy to hear feedback.

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## LEST Team Practices

LEST is coming soon, and it is time to practice for several of the events. Each week from now until LEST, Spelling and Knowledge Bowl teams will

meet on Mondays after school, and Science and Math teams will meet on Tuesday after school. These practices will last till 4:00. If you cannot

make it, let me know.

