



# The Panther Pulse



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As we approach the end of 1st semester, all students will have both NWEA testing and final exams. While these tests can be stressful, with a little preparation and some helpful tips, students can ace them with ease. Here are some tips to help everyone succeed:

- 1. Start studying early for final exams:** Don't wait until the last minute to start studying. Begin reviewing your notes and studying for your exams at least a week in advance.
- 2. Create a study schedule for final exams:** Make a schedule that includes plenty of time for studying for all of your classes but also gives you breaks to recharge. Stick to your schedule and avoid procrastinating.
- 3. Practice, practice, practice:** Take practice tests and quizzes to get a better understanding of the material. Use the review materials that your teachers provide for you. This will help you identify areas where you need to focus your studying.
- 4. Before NWEA and final exams, get a good night's sleep:** Make sure you're well-rested before your exams. Lack of sleep can negatively affect your performance and your ability to focus.
- 5. For all exams, stay calm and confident:** On the day of the exam, take a deep breath and stay calm. Remember that you've prepared for this and you're ready to succeed.

By following these tips, you'll be well on your way to passing your exams and finishing the semester strong.

2023-24	Middle School 1st Semester Final Exam Schedule	
	December 18 Monday	December 19 Tuesday
Period 1	8:05 - 8:45 (40 min)	1st Period Final Exams 8:05 - 9:05
Period 2	2nd Period Final Exams 8:49 - 9:49	9:09 - 9:34 (25 Min)
Period 3	9:53- 10:37 (44 min)	3rd Period Final Exams 9:39 - 10:39
HR	10:41-11:07 (25 min)	10:43 - 11:08 (25 min)
Period 4	4th Period Final Exams 11:11-12:11	4th Period 11:12 - 11:42
Period 5	12:11 - 1:24 Regular Lunch Schedule	5th Period Final Exams 11:46 - 1:16 B Lunch Schedule 12:16 - 12:46 C Lunch Schedule 12:46 - 1:16
Period 6	6th Period Final Exams 1:28 - 2:28	1:20 - 2:00 (40 Min) MS Locker Clean Out
Period 7	2:32 - 3:05 (33 min) MS Christmas Treats	7th Period Final Exams 2:04 - 3:05



## PLEASE EXCUSE MY DEAR AUNT SALLY

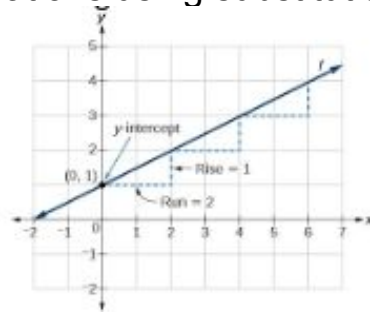
6th grade students are heading into chapter 6 which includes Order of Operations. Students will be learning the mnemonic device, **Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally**. This will help them to remember when working on an expression to first work on **P**arenthesis, then **E**xponents, followed by **M**ultiplication and **D**ivision, and lastly **A**ddition and **S**ubtraction. In this chapter, students will also learn about powers and exponents, and get an introduction to algebra. Math gets a little more difficult when the alphabet gets involved!



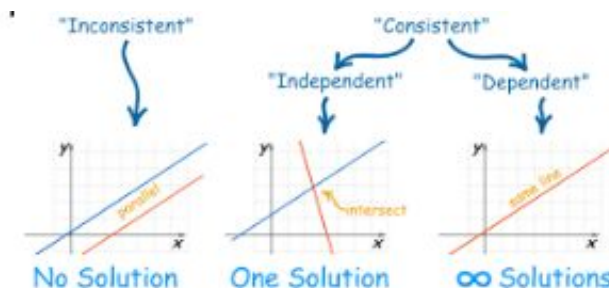
Please encourage your child to work on their monthly Aleks topics. This is one-way students get math topics that are just right for their level. We often talk about students needing to read every day to be better readers; students also need to practice math every day to be better math students. Find math in everyday situations; ask your child to tell you what time it is from an analog clock, and quiz them about the elapsed time. Think about allowing your child to go to the counter and pay with cash and check to see if they've received the correct change. In the kitchen, quiz them about doubling a recipe. Have fun this holiday season!

### Mr. Bruckner's Eighth Grade Math Classes

In December eighth grade math students will continue creating and interpreting graphs that show how two variables are related. Students will learn to solve systems of equations using substitution and the graphing method.



Algebra students will learn how to solve systems of linear equations. A system of linear equations is a set of two or more linear equations that contain two or more variables. Not all linear systems have exactly one solution. Based on their solutions, systems are classified as consistent, inconsistent, independent, or dependent.





### **6th Grade Student of the Month: Cadence Nunley**

- Favorite Ice Cream: Cookie Dough
- Favorite Subject: Math
- Favorite Color: Light Purple
- Hobbies: Gymnastics & Cross Country
- I want to be a doctor when I grow up!
- Nominating Teacher: Miss Gimre - Cadence did a great job this month working with her classmates and staying on top of assignments. She is respectful and comes to class with a positive attitude!



### **6th Grade Student of the Month: Edward Hochstedler**

- Favorite Ice Cream: Strawberry
- Favorite Subject: Math
- Favorite Color: Red
- Hobbies: Football & gaming w/ friends
- I want to be in the Army when I grow up!
- Nominating Teacher: Mr. Hemmick - Edward is a hard worker. Every day, I see him work hard in class to improve his behavior and academics. Edward makes others around him laugh and helps keep the class on task. I know Edward doesn't love school, but his attitude is improving all the time and I enjoy having him in class



### **7th Grade Student of the Month: Addy Miller**

- Favorite Ice Cream: Moose Tracks
- Favorite Subject: Social Studies
- Favorite Color: Black
- Hobbies: Bass & electric guitar, & writing stories.
- I want to be a psychologist when I grow up!
- Nominating Teacher(s): 7th Grade Team - Addy always comes to class ready to participate and with a good attitude. She works hard on the assignments and completes them well. She loves music and is pursuing her hobby of playing guitar outside of school. Keep up the great work, Addy!



### **7th Grade Student of the Month: Jaxon Luckey**

- Favorite Ice Cream: Vanilla
- Favorite Subject: ELA
- Favorite Color: Green
- Hobbies: Football, gaming, & playing with my dogs.
- I don't know what I want to be when I grow up yet.
- Nominating Teacher(s): 7th Grade Team - Jaxon participates well in the class discussions and finds connections between the material we study and his world. He is consistent and does excellent work!



### **8th Grade Student of the Month: Chloe Buck**

- Favorite Ice Cream: Vanilla
- Favorite Subject: Art
- Favorite Color: Purple
- Hobbies: Drawing & writing
- I don't know what I want to be yet when I grow up.
- Nominating Teacher(s): Mrs. Orewiler - Chloe is purposeful about always getting work in, and doing work well. When she is absent she asks what she missed, and works hard to catch up. She is also willing to participate in class.



### **8th Grade Student of the Month: Kora Carpenter**

- Favorite Ice Cream: Vanilla
- Favorite Subject: ELA
- Favorite Color: Pink
- Hobbies: Reading
- I want to be a detective when I grow up
- Nominating Teacher(s): Mrs. Jarck - Kora has done an exceptional job of getting her grades up after a rough start to the school year. She has done a complete turnaround in my class and in others, and ended up with all A's and B's for the first quarter. I am so proud of her positive attitude, perseverance, and grit!