



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

Middle School

- Important: MASS changes to Tuesdays, starting February 7th.
- It is imperative that your child comes to school in proper outerwear for recess. Coats, hats, and gloves are required for the winter months.
- Friday, January 27th, will be our next FANS event, which is tubing at Wintergreen.
- Monday, January 30th, Reed Golomb and Patrick Drury will meet with our middle school to discuss positive leaders and role models. We will also be addressing this within our Advisory Groups.

Battle of the Books

Does your child love to read and compete? St. Edward-Epiphany will be hosting a Battle of the Books this spring. They are hoping to have it on Friday, April 28. We are hoping to have a team for grades 3-5 and a team for grades 6-8. Each team will consist of four to six students. Students would take responsibility for reading books from a [list](#) and then compete in a Family Feud-style competition with students from other schools. If your child would like to compete, please reach out to Mrs. DeVane at l.devane@cvillecatholic.org. She will organize which books each student will read and coordinate for the competition day.

If you would like to volunteer to work with students at CCS, or chaperone field trips, you need to be VIRTUS-trained. The next VIRTUS training session will be Saturday, January 28, at the CCS Library from 1:00-4:00. Capacity is limited to 30 people. You may register at https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0

If you are interested/able, here is the sign-up genius, for a service opportunity, which involves baking for First Presbyterian's Soup Kitchen:

[Sign-up for First Presbyterian](#)

Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week the 6th graders learned about the rise in immigration the United States during the late 1800s. Next week they will have their test on Post-Civil War America on Thursday.

7th: This week the 7th graders finished their World War 2 unit. Next week they will begin exploring the Cold War and post World War 2 America.

8th: This week the 8th graders learned about Ghengis Khan and the rise of the Mongols. Next week they will return to China to explore the Sui, Tang, Song, Yuan, and Ming Dynasties.



Mathematics - j.garland@cvillecatholic.org & j.reid@cvillecatholic.org

Math 6 (Garland): This past week, we started looking at Proportional Relationships. Next week, we will find missing values in proportions and then Quiz on Unit Rates/Proportions on Tuesday. After reviewing, I plan to test, dividing it amongst 2 days, on Thursday, the 26th, and Friday, the 27th on our Proportional Relationships Unit.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): This past week, we started our unit on Geometry, where we will take our equation solving skills and start applying them to diagrams. This coming week, our focus is directed around solving angles using relationships we will discover. I plan on assessing these new found skills on Thursday, the 26th for 8th grade and Friday the 27th for 7th and 6th grade.

Geometry (Garland): This past week, we started our new Unit, entitled, "Quadrilaterals". We looked at identifying/classifying 4 sided figures and proved properties associated with parallelograms. This coming week, we will get into properties associated with diagonals of Rectangles, Rhombuses, Squares, Kites, and Isosceles Trapezoids. By the end of the week, we will investigate and be able to problem solve with the midsegment properties of a trapezoid.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we had MAP testing on Wednesday and Thursday. **A reminder that our 1st test of the 3rd quarter will be on Monday, January 23rd on Number Sense.** We went on to start our unit on Algebraic Expressions where we started to compile an Operations Word List that we will use to translate verbal expressions into algebraic expressions. After we translate expressions, we will look towards simplifying and evaluating expressions.

Algebra (Reid): This past week we started to learn how to write the equation of a line given a point & slope or 2 points. We will continue our work in finding equations of lines that are parallel as well as perpendicular to lines that are given. In the coming 2 weeks, we will complete a "Mountain Range" Project that will incorporate all of the different types of lines and incorporate this into an art project. I'm excited to see what the kids will create!

Composition, Literature, and Language

Arts—e.kerrigan@cvillecatholic.org & l.lowdon@cvillecatholic.org

6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan): This week, we started back up with *Vocabulary Power Plus* and lesson 10. Next week, there is a pronouns test on Monday, and then we will be starting a unit on verbs. In English Composition class, homework is primarily graded upon timely completion. Late assignments only receive a 50% because we go over all of the answers in class on the day the assignment is due. Please make sure your students are not leaving their *Voyages* and *Vocabulary Power Plus* books at home. Thank you!

6th Grade Literature (Kerrigan): This week, we began our next novel, *Maniac Magee*, and to provide context for our book, we took a look at the history of segregation in our country. Students also visited the library to pick out IRA books. The first IRA of Quarter 3 is due on Tuesday, February 14.

7th Language Arts (Lowdon): The rough draft of a short story based loosely on the themes found in *The Pearl* is due Monday. I will be conferencing with each student on their writing before the final draft is due. We began reading a second novella by John Steinbeck, *The Red Pony*. Students will begin a new Wordly Wise lesson on Monday (lesson 4). The first IRA of Quarter 3 is due on Tuesday, February 14.

8th Language Arts (Lowdon): The rough draft of a short story based loosely on the themes/conflicts found in *Lord of the Flies* is due Monday. I will be conferencing with each student on their writing before the final draft is due. There will be a quiz on *Lord of the Flies* on Tuesday/Wednesday. We will be viewing the film adaptation of Thornton Wilder's play, *Our Town*. Viewing and discussing this film represents a rite of passage for 8th graders. Students will begin a new Wordly Wise lesson on Monday (lesson 4). The first IRA of Quarter 3 is due on Tuesday, February 14.

Religion—a.sisman@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week, we studied some of the stories of the patriarchs of the church, including Abraham, Jacob and Joseph. We took some time to talk about what the class would look like. Students will have a quiz next week on their block day.

I am really looking forward to working with the sixth graders over these next weeks. Please reach out with questions or concerns. Lauren DeVane; l.devane@cvillecatholic.org

7th: This week we worked hard on our MAP reading and math assessments. We then took some time to establish expectations and goals for the next few weeks. We began our discussion of Chapter 23, The Structure of the Church, and will work on this topic next week. The Chapter 23 study guide is not due (yet!). We are going to work on it in class and get it turned in next week. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Vada Fallica; v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org

8th: This week, students researched Church Architecture and presented slideshows to their classes to prepare for their Church Projects. Here are the due dates.

Tuesday, January 17: Return signed acknowledgement form

Monday, January 30: Sketch of church due

Friday, February 3: Provide a list of planned materials for church

Friday, March 10: Provide a photo showing approximately 50% completion

Friday, March 31: Final Project Due

I am looking forward to working with your students for the next many weeks. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Heather Bryan; h.bryan@cvillecatholic.org.

Science—m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

Charlottesville Catholic School Science Fair is around the corner and will be an open-house event. All are welcome. Bring your students from 4:30-6:00 pm on Thursday, February 2. Middle school students will have their projects on display throughout the school and will describe their research to you and the judges.

Science Fair judges are needed. If you have an interest in judging our projects and are available to judge in person please send Mr. Bruscia an email: m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org.

6th: This week we discovered the difference between nonvascular and vascular plants. We identified characteristics of plants. We started to understand the process of photosynthesis and will continue this concept next week. Next week we will also dissect a flower.

7th: This week we learned how to balance chemical equations and identify different types of chemical reactions. Next week we will start physics.

8th: This week we learned about the properties of soil and how it is created. We discovered the difference between weathering and erosion. We experimented with soil textures and used microscopes to witness particle sizes of silt, sand and clay. Students learned how to identify soil textures. Next week we will start to discuss fossils and relative age in relation to geologic time.

Spanish—j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

7th and 8th: This week we worked on clothing and weather some more and students started their paper doll project. This project is super fun! Students create a paper doll and write about it. Students always come up with some very creative projects and I can't wait to see what they make! The final project will be due on Thursday. Next week we are going to begin talking about location, rooms of the house and objects of the house!

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PTO

MEETING



Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Coffee
Pastries
Fellowship
Community

8:10 AM in the
CCS Cafeteria

The PTO has some exciting events planned for 2023!
Come learn about how you can be involved!