



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### Middle School

- Middle school will have their January free dress day on Tuesday, January 25.
- Catholic Schools Week is January 31 - February 4, 2022. All of our activities can be found here: [CSW 2022 Flyer](#)
  - As part of Catholic Schools Week, we will be hosting a food drive. A list of most needed items can be found here: [Food Bank most needed items.pdf](#)

### Social Studies - [r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org)

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6th: This week the 6th graders learned about Ellis Island and the rise of immigration to the US in the late 1800s. Next week we will be reading about the consequences of the growth of cities and its impact on the lives of Americans.



7th: This week the 7th graders learned about the Cold War of the 1950s. Next week they will learn about pop culture of the 1950s and the Cuban Missile Crisis.

8th: This week the 8th graders learned about the European Middle Ages. Next week they will explore the late Chinese Dynasties and the rise of the Mongols.

### Mathematics - [j.garland@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:j.garland@cvillecatholic.org) & [l.devane@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:l.devane@cvillecatholic.org)

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Math 6 (Garland): Wow, who would have thought we would have made a snow day so productive!! We tested this past Friday on decimal operations. Next week, we will revisit changing fractions to decimals (and vice versa) as well as negative numbers with fractions. I plan on doing a Unit Test on Rational Numbers on January 28th.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): Wow, who would have thought we would have made a snow day so productive!! We continued our work with Word Problems and Equation solving. Our goal for next week is to finish up Solving Equations and applications. I plan on testing

Pre-Algebra 6 on Monday, January 24th and then Pre-Algebra 7 and 8 on Monday January 31st. After this topic, we will get into solving inequalities.

Geometry (Garland): Wow, who would have thought we would have made a snow day so productive!! I assigned a snow day project this past week that hopefully, allowed your student to start looking more at the outside world Geometrically. Next week, we will continue our work with Trigonometry and Proving Right Triangles congruent. The goal is to finish out the week with a test review and test on Right Triangles the week after next.

Math 7 (DeVane): Thank you to the students for the hard work they put in on our virtual day. They did a great job answering questions and working to get their work done. Besides the Performance Series test, we reviewed our unit on expressions, equations, inequalities, and the coordinate plane. They will have a test on Monday to finish up the unit. Our next unit will cover ratios, rates, proportions, and percentages. We will probably have two tests to cover the material.

Algebra (DeVane): Thank you to the students for the hard work they put in on our virtual day. They did a great job answering questions and working to get their work done. Besides the Performance Series test, we worked on direct variation. Next week we will cover inverse variation, review and test on writing and graphing equations, parallel and perpendicular lines, and direct and inverse variation.

## Language Composition and Literature

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6th: Literature - Despite the weather, we had a great week and made significant progress. We completed our novel, *A Long Walk to Water*, and found it to be a very moving experience. The author did an amazing job eloquently connecting the two characters and their journeys. We wrapped up our comprehension, vocabulary, and characterization work and are ready for our test. Next week we will take our test on Tuesday, and then we will complete our Performance Series assessment during our block (either W or Th).

6th: We started the week with an online class. It was helpful that we were able to have the students take their materials home on Friday. The class was seamless for the kids who had their materials. There was make-up work for those that didn't have their books. We finished the pronouns unit and will take the test next week. We also finished vocabulary lesson 7 and took the test on Friday. After I tally the votes for the class read aloud, I will start reading the book next week.

7th: We continued to study/read/appreciate poetry this week! Students will take an open-note test on Tuesday next week. There is a Wordly Wise test, Lesson 11, on Monday. In grammar, we learned some new vocabulary for grammatical constructs we have studied. Next week we begin our study of *Merchant of Venice*, a play by Shakespeare, by learning about the life and times of Shakespeare. Also, we will research topics featured in their history class and work on composing a strong research paper.

8th: Students took a test on Wordly Wise Lesson 7 this week. We will wrap up our study of the play, *Our Town*, next week and begin our next novel, *Where the Red Fern Grows*.

***The Reading Performance testing takes place during block day on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Eat/sleep well in preparation for doing exceptionally well on these tests!***

## Religion

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6th: The 6th Grade just wrapped a unit on Creation, The Human Person and Covenants. Next, we will delve further into the Covenants of the Old Testament. We are also weekly praying Lectio Divina in chapel with the upcoming Sunday Readings. I encourage you to discuss the readings, which can always be found on the USCCB website, with your child(ren). You might be surprised how much insight they have!

7th: The students turned in a map project this week with a focus on the New Testament Letters. They learned about the communities to which Christianity had spread and the themes that early church leaders had to address. We are also weekly praying Lectio Divina in chapel with the upcoming Sunday Readings. I encourage you to discuss the readings, which can always be found on the USCCB website, with your child(ren). You might be surprised how much insight they have!

8th: The 8th grade finished a unit on morality and making good choices. Next, we are going to pivot to Church History and study the Church in the Middle Ages. We are also weekly praying Lectio Divina in chapel with the upcoming Sunday Readings. I encourage you to discuss the readings, which can always be found on the USCCB website, with your child(ren). You might be surprised how much insight they have!

## Science

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6th: This week we continued with learning about invertebrates. We also dissected a squid and discussed adaptations for protection and transportation. Next week we will start a project on invertebrates before we start to uncover vertebrates.

7th: This week we discussed forces that can affect motion. We reviewed the difference between weight and mass. We investigated friction, air resistance and gravity. Next week we will investigate the forces of flight and collisions.

8th: This week we discussed the rock cycle and the three types of rocks. We looked at different samples of rock. Next week we will discuss how rocks weather and the process of erosion.

## Spanish - [J.osteen@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:J.osteen@cvillecatholic.org)

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8th: This week we continued to work on the school unit. Students now know how to say school supplies and classes in Spanish. On Wednesday and Thursday students designed classrooms and were able to use location phrases to describe where each classroom object was located. Additionally, we have been working on saying what classes we like or do not like and why.

This semester we have already focused a lot more on speaking and the students completed an oral quiz on Wednesday and Thursday. The quiz was on basic conversation and everyone did very well! ¡Buen trabajo a todos!