



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday, 01/24/25, Newsletter

Middle School

Happy Friday. We are so excited to get into Catholic School Week this coming week. It is a great time to celebrate Catholic Education and all that students, our families, and our staff accomplish!!

Important Nurse Announcements:

Rising 7th grade students must provide updated immunization forms showing that they have received a Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis vaccine (Tdap) and the 1st Meningococcal (MenACWY) vaccine. HPV vaccine is recommended but not required by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Students **WILL NOT** be allowed to start school without the appropriate immunization records. Please start sending them in from now.

Important School-wide Announcements:

- **January 27th - January 31st is Catholic Schools Week**

This year, Catholic Schools week goes from Sunday, January 26th - Saturday, February 1st. To honor this time at Charlottesville Catholic School, we will be having a Food Drive (to support the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank), a Catholic Bee (to test our students' Catholic Knowledge), a Door Decorating contest (done by Advisory), and some changes in uniform requirements throughout the week. Listed below, are the uniform requirements/changes for the week:

Sunday, January 26th...Students are encouraged to wear their uniforms to Mass and services this weekend. Sign up to host the CCS information table after Mass at the following parishes:

[Church of the Incarnation](#)

[St. Thomas Aquinas](#)

[Sts. Peter & Paul](#)

[Our Lady of the Rosary](#)

Monday, January 27th...students may be in free dress if they bring in a \$5 cash donation (donations go directly to Catholic Charities that support the California Fire Relief)

Tuesday, January 28th...students must be in formal dress for Mass

Wednesday, January 29th...in honor of celebrating our nation, middle school students will be allowed to wear a blue top with blue jeans or uniform bottoms (no leggings or sweatpants)

Thursday, January 30th...regular uniform

Friday, January 31st...Blue/Gold Day (please follow the Blue/Gold policy in the student/parent handbook)

Looking forward to celebrating the value/impact of Catholic Education.

- CCS will be holding two Virtus training sessions (Saturday, February 8 and Saturday, March 22) from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. If you plan to chaperone any spring field trips, you need to be VIRTUS-trained, so please consider signing up for one of these two sessions. You may register at this link: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0

Important Announcements for Middle School:

- Does your middle school student love the challenge of problem solving and want to build their skills and confidence in math? We will be starting a math club on Fridays during prep soon. They hope to start a Math Counts team next year. Please reach out to Mrs. DeVane for more information.
- Our next FANS event, a Winter Dance, is scheduled for Friday, January 31st, 2025, from 7pm - 9pm (forms have been distributed to students, prior to the start of the school day, in homeroom)

Service Opportunities:

- Bake Sale items needed - bring items to Mrs. Devlin Tuesday, January 28th and Wednesday the 29th to raise money for Blue Star Families. 2 dozen items, packaged to sell, counts for 1 hour of either school or community service
- Below, we have made a Google Sheet with service opportunities that we will keep updated(it also details what each opportunity may be counted as):
[Middle School Service Opportunities](#)

Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th Grade US History: This week the 6th graders learned about the impact World War I had on people at home. Next week they will dive into the reasons America joined the war.

7th Grade US History: This week the 7th graders learned about the Berlin Airlift and discussed the trial of the Rosenbergs. Next week they will explore the 1950s civil rights movement.

8th Grade World History: This week the 8th grade learned about British history and the Norman Conquest. Next week they will return to China and learn about Tang Dynasty China.

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

Math 6 (Garland): This past week, students used proportions to help solve for pricing of items along with looking at a unit rate with a denominator of 1, to determine item cost. On Monday, students will be quizzed on Unit Rates. We will then use the remainder of the week to prepare and test on Proportional Relationships (test will be Thursday)

Pre-Algebra (Garland): Students were assigned a quiz on solving inequalities this past Friday. We will review for a unit Test on Equations and Inequalities on Monday and the students will test on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we will start our Geometry unit by focusing on Angle measurement and classification. Students will calculate measures of angles by evaluating expressions. Afterwards, they will have to correctly classify angles based upon their Algebraic results.

Geometry (Garland): This past week, we revisited triangle congruence proofs, focusing on right triangles. This coming week, we will wrap up our unit on "Right Triangles" by having students assess with a Take Home Test given on the Thursday, January 30th and due Friday, the 31st.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we wrapped up our unit on Decimal Operations & Comparing Numbers in Different Forms. The kids tested on this on Friday. Next week, we will start to learn about the mathematical properties in our number system in preparation for starting to solve equations. If you could please check in with your child and ask them if they have enough pencils, pens and highlighters I would really appreciate it 😊 Many students are coming to class and saying that they don't have these materials and we use them every day in class. Thank you 😊

Algebra (Reid): This past week we wrapped up our unit on Writing Equations of Lines (parallel, perpendicular & line of best fit) & Functions. The kids tested on Friday. On their block day, we started our next unit on Systems of Linear Equations. We learned how to solve them by graphing and will learn to solve them by the substitution and elimination methods next week. If you could please check in with your child and ask them if they have enough pencils, pens and highlighters I would really appreciate it 😊 Some students are coming to class and saying that they don't have these materials and we use them every day in class. Thank you 😊

Composition, Literature, and Language Arts - r.hernandez@cvillecatholic.org & e.kerrigan@cvillecatholic.org

6th Grade English Composition (Kerrigan): This past week, we continued our studies of pronouns with subject vs. object pronouns, possessive pronouns, and contractions. There is a **pronoun quiz on Monday**. We also completed Lesson 12 in vocabulary this week. The **lesson 10-12 test is next Friday**.

6th Grade Literature Vocabulary (Kerrigan): This week, students took their MAP reading tests on Wednesday and Thursday. We also studied some of the long-lasting implications of Jim Crow laws and historical redlining in preparation for reading our next novel, *Maniac Magee*, a story set in a racially-divided town.

7th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, we continued with our analysis of *Animal Farm* with more background research presentations and a written reflection on chapters 1-7. Students also took the MAP Reading test on Wednesday and Thursday. Next week, we will continue with *Animal Farm* and read Orwell's classic essay, "Shooting an Elephant." Please make sure your student fills in the IRA #5 Google form due this coming Tuesday the 28th.

Students should be reading for the next IRA, due **Tuesday, February 11th**.

8th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, we continued with our analysis of Part 1 of Hillenbrand's *Unbroken*. Students also took the MAP Reading test on Wednesday and Thursday. Next week, 8th graders will take an analysis quiz on Parts 1 and 2 of *Unbroken*. Please make sure your student fills in the IRA #5 Google form due this coming Tuesday the 28th.

Students should be reading for the next IRA, due **Tuesday, February 11th**.

Theology— d.mehl@cvillecatholic.org

6th(Mehl): This week we completed Chapters 3 and 4 of Catholic Connections, which are on God the Father and the Holy Trinity, and took a reading quiz on them. We also had a test on the Books of the Old Testament. We are looking forward to Catholic Schools Week next week.

7th(Mehl): This week we did select readings from the Gospel of Mark, focusing on Jesus' ministry. After preparing a reading guide on the passages, the students took a reading quiz. We also had a test on the Books of the New Testament. We are looking forward to Catholic Schools Week next week.

8th(Mehl): This week we did Chapter G in our Church History textbook, which covers the Church in the Middle Ages. The students completed a reading guide on the chapter and then took a reading quiz. We also had a test on the Rosary. We are looking forward to Catholic Schools Week next week.

Science— m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

The Society of Women Engineers at the University of Virginia invites middle school students to register for our **USTEP (University Student Taught Engineering Program)** held on Sunday, February 23rd, 2025. (~9:00AM to 2:00 PM) at the UVA campus in Charlottesville, VA. More information about the event and the link to the application can all be found on our website: www.virginiaswe.org/ustep.

The registration deadline for USTEP (University Student Taught Engineering Program) is **January 25th at 9:00 am EST**.

SCIENCE FAIR

Charlottesville Catholic School Science Fair is upon us. Next week Thursday all of the hard work from when the project was assigned September 8 culminates into our annual event. We currently have over 30 judges that will arrive next Thursday to CCS to judge the 97 projects between 4:30pm and 6:00pm. I want to invite all of you to visit this open house, family event. I ask that if a judge approaches a project that you provide them the opportunity to listen and learn about the projects through questioning. This is a great opportunity for your students to share their efforts with the community and practice their public speaking.

- Attire is CCS uniform or Business Professional within the guidelines of the CCS dress code.
- After School study hall is available. Students are welcome to stay between the end of carline and the 4:30 start of the program. They should bring an extra snack and a change of clothes if that is what they decide.
- If your plan is to collect your students from carline please make sure they are back to school and at their project ready to present at 4:15pm
- Students will have their belongings under the table at their projects so at 6:00 pm they can be dismissed to you. Students have been asked to leave their science fair project boards at the end of the evening.

Thanks again for all of your effort in motivating, supporting and seeing this project through the finish line.

If you are interested in judging projects please email me at m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org .

6th Grade Life Science:

This week we discussed formats for slide and oral presentations. We also concluded the kingdom Plantae by investigating how leaves work and learning about seed dispersal. We also practiced writing Claims with Evidence and Reasoning. Next week we will finalize our science fair projects and transition into the Animal Kingdom.

7th Grade Physical Science:

This week we continued motion. We learned about the formulas for Speed, Velocity, and Acceleration. We started with Newton's first law of motion and started to learn about the influences of friction. Next week we will continue with the forces of flight.

8th Grade Earth Science:

This week we explored weathering and soil. We experimented with different soils to test their texture and observe their composition. Next week we will start to explore geologic time and investigate fossils.

Spanish—d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org

Spanish 1 [Part 1–7th grade] (DeMaio): This week, seventh graders completed several grammar activities with personal pronouns and began conjugating regular -ar verbs. They also took a quiz this Friday on personal pronouns. Next week we begin the topic "Tu sala de clase=Your classroom" Grammar: The verb *estar*, plural of nouns and articles.

Important dates:

Monday 27th Test "Your day at school"

Tuesday February 4th Grammar Test: Personal pronouns and -ar verbs
They also have to be aware of Friday's homework.

Spanish 1 [Part 2–8th grade](DeMaio): This week the 8th graders did several activities in their workbooks and the SAVVAS program. They work in a lot of grammar: Making comparisons learning when and how to use more than... *menos que*=less than... adjectives like *bueno*= good, *malo*=bad, adverbs *bien*=good and *mal*=bad and comparatives *mejor que*=better than, *peor que*=worse than, *mejor que*=greater than, *menos que*=less than, the Superlatives *más*=more and *menos*=less *mejor que* better than/=peor que=worse than. On Friday, they took a quiz to recognize the vocabulary in this topic. They started conjugating verbs *poder* y *dormir*=to be able and "to sleep. They had a pop quiz this Friday related to the vocabulary "En mi dormitorio". Next week starts the new topic: *¿Cómo es tu casa?*=What is your house like? + vocabulary. Grammar: Affirmative *tú* commands, The present progressive tense.

Important dates:

Monday 27th Test " Vocabulary recognition topic "En mi dormitorio"

Tuesday February 4th Grammar Test: Grammar Test: Comparativos, verbos *poder* y *dormir*.
They also have to be aware of Friday's homework.

We are excited to be offering a variety of after-school clubs. Below you will find some information on the offerings. Each CCS staff-led club will cost \$175.00 per session. The cost will go towards supplies and compensation for teachers. Please read about the clubs below and contact the instructor if you are interested in signing up or have further questions. Payment for the classes will be through FACTS.

Tap Dance - Mrs. Mitchell (c.mitchell@cvillecatholic.org)

Grades K - 3 on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:35

Dates: February 3, 24

March 3, 10, 24, 31

April 7, 14

May 5, 12

This energetic and exciting class is designed to provide young dancers with an introduction to the fundamentals of tap dance. Early exposure to the rhythms and unique mind-to-foot connection associated with tap dance will allow students to progress and excel at the art as they move through life.

Students will need tap shoes for the class.

Guided Art - Mrs. Shank (c.shank@cvillecatholic.org)

Grades Kindergarten and First Grade on Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30

Dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 1, 8, 15, 29

May 6, 13

This club offering is a guided art exploration. It will consist of making art and crafts with different art mediums.

Origami Club - Mrs. Hirano (s.chung-hirano@cvillecatholic.org)

Grades 2-8 on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30

Dates: February 24

March 3, 10, 24, 31

April 7, 14, 28

May 12, 19

Students will learn the art of origami. Through this art, they will improve their hand-eye coordination.

Sewing Club - Mrs. Meszaros (h.meszaros@cvillecatholic.org)

Grades 3-5 on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30

Dates: February 24

March 3, 10, 24, 31

April 7, 14, 28

May 12, 19

Make-up days May 2 and 16, if needed

Students will learn basic hand and machine sewing skills, as well as build collaboration skills and promote creativity and community. Students will learn simple embroidery and hand stitches.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC
SCHOOL CELEBRATES



Catholic Schools Week **2025**

JAN 27-31

• *Monday*

**Celebrating
Our
Community**

\$5+ donation Dress
Down Day to benefit
California wildfire relief
efforts (Commonwealth
Catholic Charities)

• *Tuesday*

**Celebrating
Our
Students**

Mass at 8:15AM
All are
welcome!

• *Wednesday*

**Celebrating
Our
Nation**

Patriotic shirts (JK-2
red; 3-5 white; 6-8
blue) with jeans or
uniform bottoms

• *Friday*

**Celebrating
Faculty, Staff,
Families, &
Volunteers**

Blue & Gold Day
Living Rosary
Catholic Bee
Faith Rally
Adoration

• *Thursday*

**Celebrating
Vocations**

Visits from Fr. Hesko
and Fr. Suarez to talk
with students about
vocations

**Wednesday &
Thursday: Bake Sale to
benefit Blue Star
Families of Central VA**

**ALL WEEK: Food Drive for the Blue Ridge Area
Food Bank**

