



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

Middle School

Happy New Year!! Here are some important upcoming dates/reminders:

- Tuesday, January 10th, 7th and 8th grade have their IRA's due to Ms. Lowdon
- Thursday, January 12th, is the end of the second quarter.
- Friday, January 13th, school is closed for a teacher/student holiday, due to the end of the quarter
- Monday, January 16th, school is closed for MLK day
- Tuesday, January 17th, the middle school will be doing the Math MAP test
- Wednesday, January 18th, the middle school will be doing the Reading MAP test
- Friday, January 20th, 2nd Quarter Report Cards will be released
- Friday, January 27th, will be our next FANS event, which is tubing at Wintergreen. Permission slips have been sent home with your student and are due back to your child's homeroom teacher by Thursday, January 12th.
- 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.

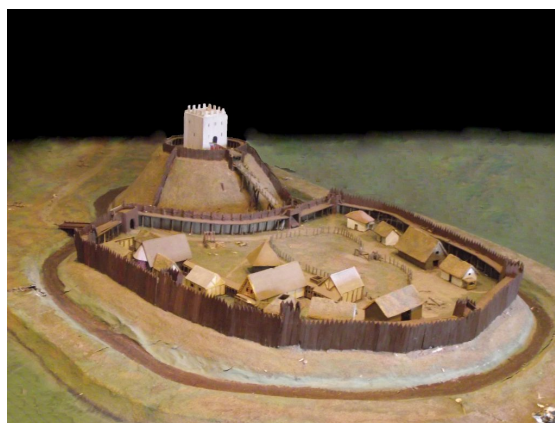
If you would like to volunteer to work with students at CCS, or chaperone field trips, you need to be VIRTUS-trained. The next VIRTUS training session will be Saturday, January 28, at the CCS Library from 1:00-4:00. Capacity is limited to 30 people. You may register at https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0

Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week the 6th graders started learning about Reconstruction. Next week they will start learning about Westward Expansion.

7th: This week the 7th graders learned about the manner in which the Soviet Union and the United States entered World War 2. Next week they will take their World War 2 Test.

8th: This week the 8th graders began their Middle Ages unit. Next week they will explore the Norse civilizations.



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

Math 6 (Garland): This past week, we got into a new unit, entitled, "Proportional Relationships". This coming week, we will get into Equivalent Ratios, Tables, and Graphs. This coming Thursday, we will quiz on Ratios and Equivalent ratios.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): Last week, we focused on solving inequalities, relating this skill back to solving equations. This week we will focus on solving inequality word problems and a mini/in-class project will be assigned, where students create, diagram, and solve their own inequality word-problems. I will assess inequalities through a take-home test, given on the 12th.

Geometry (Garland): This past week, we got into Trigonometry, solving sides/angles of right triangles using the ratios of Sine, Cosine, and Tangent. Next week we will use these skills to solve more complex area problems and revisit proofs, focusing on congruent Right Triangles, Hypotenuse Leg, and Hypotenuse Angle.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we learned about scientific notation and learned how to compare numbers in various representations (fractions, decimals, percents, scientific notation. Next week we will conclude our unit on Number Sense and prepare for our next test. The next test on Number Sense will be when we start the 3rd quarter. Next Thursday, January 12th, the kids will have their 2nd quarter Binder Check which is a quiz grade. The format is exactly the same as last time. It will not be accepted late and it must be completed during class time on Thursday. Please remind your child to bring their computer to class next Thursday and ask them to show you their organized binder 😊

Algebra (Reid): This past week we learned about functions and function notation. Following functions, we will be learning how to write the equation of a line from given data as well as data that we collect in the real world and use it to predict future events. This unit on

Functions & Equations of Lines is a fun one! We will be doing the Hula Hoop Activity and we will conclude this unit with a project that combines Algebra and Art 😊 Next Thursday, January 12th, the kids will have their 2nd quarter Binder Check which is a quiz grade. The format is exactly the same as last time. It will not be accepted late and it must be completed during class time on Thursday. Please remind your child to bring their computer to class next Thursday and ask them to show you their organized binder.

Composition, Literature, and Language

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

6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan): This past week, we started our unit on pronouns. Students are learning proper usage for subject and object pronouns in a sentence. Given the short weeks, we will not resume *Vocabulary Power Plus* until after the four-day weekend.

6th Grade Literature (Kerrigan): This past week, we finished *A Long Walk to Water* and began discussing the writing process in regards to a compare and contrast essay on the main characters in our book. Students began on Friday with some brainstorming and will continue with a preliminary outline due next week. The next IRA is also due Tuesday and should be handed in digitally on Google Classroom.

7th Language Arts (Lowdon): The IRA is due on Tuesday. We begin a new vocabulary unit next week and finish reading *The Pearl*. There will be a writing assignment related to *The Pearl*; the due date will be the following week. In grammar, we begin a unit on conjunctions and their proper use in writing.

8th Language Arts (Lowdon): Congratulations to our winners in the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest: Gavin McGinn, Deanna Soika, and Lupe Trinidad! The IRA is due on Tuesday. We will continue to read *Lord of the Flies* next week. Students are to finish Chapter 8 for Monday. We begin Lesson 3, Worldly Wise vocabulary, next week. In grammar, we will review the proper use and diagramming of conjunctions.

Religion—a.sisman@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week, 6th grade studied covenants of the Bible, including God's covenants with Abraham, the people of Israel, David, and the New Covenant. There will be a test next week on Chapters 5-8. We watched a portion of the funeral mass for Pope Benedict XVI and read about his life. We also had a field trip to help with PACEM efforts on Friday. Students made beds, sandwiches, hard boiled eggs, folded laundry, and beautified the space with inspirational quotations and artwork. Finally, service logs were due Friday and new logs were distributed for the third quarter.

Service opportunity: First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen Baking

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7th: This week, 7th grade discussed the mission of the Church. There will be a test next week on Chapters 21, C, D, and 22. We also watched a portion of the funeral mass for Pope

Benedict XVI and read about his life. Finally, service logs were due Friday and new logs were distributed for the third quarter.

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8th: This week, 8th grade learned about the Church today, including the most recent 6 popes as well as our roles in the Church. There will be a test next week on Chapters H, I, J, and K. We also watched a portion of the funeral mass for Pope Benedict XVI and read about his life. Finally, service logs were due Friday and new logs were distributed for the third quarter.

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Science—m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

Happy New Year! This week all grades focused on understanding the requirements for finishing the science fair project over the next 4-weeks. Charlottesville Catholic School is excited to host this event on Thursday, February 2, from 4:30-6:00 pm. This year we are able to have the event as an open house and community event. Not only will judges be invited but also members and fans of our community.

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Spanish—j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

7th and 8th: Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful break, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year! This week I went over the midterm with students and we reviewed verb conjugation. At the end of the week we began our new unit on weather and clothes!

During the second semester I will be offering an elective for students who need extra support in Spanish class. If you think this would be beneficial for your student and would like me to add them to my list, please let me know.