



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

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## Friday, 10/11/24, Newsletter

### Middle School

I am in shock as I type this...the end of the quarter is this coming Friday (a week from today). How is this possible? **Please note, on Friday, October 18th, we will have an 11:30 dismissal so teachers can work on finalizing their grades.**

#### **Important School-wide Announcements:**

- **Saturday, October 12th is the CCS 5k. Please come out and run/walk this event.**
- Our first Speaker Series session for this year will be presented by Mrs. Marie Decker, our Social Emotional Learning Specialist. From CASEL.org: *“Social-emotional learning helps all young people thrive personally and academically, develop and maintain positive relationships, become life-long learners, and contribute to a more caring, just world.”* Join us on Thursday, October 24 at 7:00PM as Mrs. Decker presents “Supporting the Whole Child–Why SEL?”. At this session, you will learn about the five competencies (self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, relationship building, and social awareness), and how they are related to school, family, and community, in order to support the whole child and their success in the academic setting. RSVP using the link below. **\*\*Please note that this is an adult-only event, and childcare will not be provided.\*\*** [October 24 Speaker Series RSVP](#)
- Next Friday, October 18 is the end of the 1st quarter, and an 11:30AM dismissal day for students. STEAM Aftercare and JK Extended Day will be in session for registered students.

#### **Important Announcements for Middle School:**

- **8th graders only! SAVE THE DATE! Silent Disco in the CCS gym. November 14 6:00-8:00. Thank you to Monica Jordan for the donation of a lifetime!!**
- **October 25th is going to be such an awesome day in Middle School. 6th and 7th grade will be headed on a field trip to Blue Mountain (we will need parent drivers for this) AND we will be having our first Middle School Dance(parent volunteers will be needed to help decorate and take down at the end of the night) of the year from 7pm - 9pm. Danceable costumes, that are modest, will be allowed!!**

Here are some future dates that you will find useful:

- Every Thursday in October, we gather outside (weather permitting) to say the Rosary, at 8:05am, after homeroom
- Friday, October 18th, is the end of the 1st quarter AND students have an 11:30am dismissal. Middle School will have its first RAPS session. Reed Golomb and Patrick Drury will be speaking with our kids to offer spiritual/social guidance.
- Friday, October 25th, will be our first dance from 7pm - 9pm

#### **Service Opportunities:**

- 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](#)

#### **Middle School Singers Needed!**

- **Middle school students who would be interested in participating with Ms.Wisbey on November 18th at Western Albemarle High School to sing in our City Choir, please sign this form! No auditions are necessary!** Practices are: PREP TIME Monday and Fridays Oct 28, November 1st, November 4th, November 8th, November 11th and Friday, November 15th. There are three songs that will be performed. If students choose not to attend the practices during PREP time, they will be responsible for knowing and practicing all 3 songs at home.
- **Please e-mail Ms.Wisbey if you have questions at [k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org). There are also opportunities to audition for District and All-State Choir! Please sign this form if you are interested:Please sign this form if you are interested:**
- <https://forms.gle/Z678DJwY3CW6n2Kc9>

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

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6th Grade US History: This week the 6th graders worked on writing their first essay of the year. Next week they will begin learning about the Reconstruction Era of US History.

7th Grade US History: This week the 7th graders learned about the Great Depression. Next week they will learn about FDR and the New Deal.

8th Grade World History: This week the 8th graders learned about Iron Age India and the rise of Buddhism. Next week they will be exploring the Persian Empire.



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

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Math 6 (Garland): This past week, we worked on some Halloween inspired graphs. This coming week, I will quiz the students on their multiplication and division integer skills. We

will also be preparing to assess their abilities on integer computation by having a test on Thursday, October 17th.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): This past week, we started a systematic way of simplifying expressions; distributing first (if needed) followed by combining like terms. On Monday, I plan on quizzing the students on their skills of translating and simplifying Algebraic Expressions. For the remainder of the week, we will explore adding and subtracting monomials and revisit scientific notation through the lens of exponents.

Geometry (Garland): This past week, we discovered angles associated with transversals, which kicks off a new unit on Parallel Lines. This coming Monday, I will assign a "Parallel Town Project" that will be due on October 21st. This project will involve creating a town based on pre-set parameters of angles associated with parallel lines. Most of the week will be used to explore these skills and work on the project within class.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week the kids took their 2nd test of the quarter on Order of Operations (with integers) and Simplifying Completely. Next week the kids will have their 1st quarter binder check. We have looked at an example of what it will look like so that the kids feel comfortable with taking it on Tuesday, October 15th. It will be a 20 point quiz grade weighted twice in the gradebook. It also **is not** a quiz grade that will be dropped, because it is not a daily mini quiz. Next week, we will continue to work with algebraic expressions by evaluating them and translating them into symbols.

Algebra (Reid): This past week we worked with compound inequalities, solving and graphing their answers on a number line. Next week the kids will have their 1st quarter binder check. We have looked at an example of what it will look like so that the kids feel comfortable with taking it on Tuesday, October 15th. It will be a 20 point quiz grade weighted twice in the gradebook. It also **is not** a quiz grade that will be dropped, because it is not a daily mini quiz. Next week, we will continue to work with inequality word problems as well as solving absolute value inequalities.

## Composition, Literature, and Language Arts - [r.hernandez@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:r.hernandez@cvillecatholic.org) & [e.kerrigan@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:e.kerrigan@cvillecatholic.org)

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6th Grade English Composition (Kerrigan): This week, we learned about independent clauses, compound sentences, and the diagramming of them. Importantly, next week is the last week of the quarter, and there is a *Vocabulary Power Plus* Lessons 4-6 **test on Thursday**.

6th Grade Literature Vocabulary (Kerrigan): This week, we have been delving into characterization and the morality of choices with chapters 4-6 in *A Long Way from Chicago*. Students should finish Chapter 7 and the related questions over the weekend, and we will finish the book on Monday.

On Monday, there is a quiz on chapters 4-6, and a **test on Wednesday** on the entire book.

Our second IRA of the quarter is due this coming **Tuesday the 15th**.

7th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, we completed peer review and editing of the speculative fiction project to produce a final draft. I have enjoyed reading the speculative fiction stories as they develop. 7th grade also worked hard on an analysis quiz on *Dandelion Wine*. Next week, we will continue with *Dandelion Wine*.

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8th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, we finished working on "Wartime Sunday" and "The Silent Season of a Hero" by G. Talese with an analysis quiz. We also looked at some peer writing examples to improve our writing skills. To that end, we have a second narrative writing project due in two weeks. We are moving on from sports to end our narrative nonfiction unit with reflections on space/place and family.

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## Theology— [d.mehl@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:d.mehl@cvillecatholic.org)

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## Science— [m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org)

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6th Grade Life Science: This week in science we played our engineered board games and harvested DNA from Wheat Germ. Next week we will start to discuss genetics.

7th Grade Physical Science: This week we experimented with liquid nitrogen and continued to engage with the periodic table. We introduced concepts of bonds, and the difference between molecules and compounds. Next week we start to discover how we name compounds and the different types of bonds.

8th Grade Earth Science: This week we discussed the Artemis program in advance of CCS receiving a Moon Tree. We explored the conditions in which humans must consider to be

able to exist in a lunar habitat. Students started to design their concept drawings. Next week we continue pioneering projects in Astronomy.

## Spanish—[d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org)

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Spanish 1 [Part 1–7th grade] (DeMaio): This week, sixth grade students took their written and oral tests with the topics they learned during the first quarter. They are also continuing to work on their My Hispanic Country project, which they must submit on October 18th. They also started learning about the topic “Mis amigos y yo” subtopic ¿Y que te gusta hacer? =And what do you like to do? They are learning vocabulary and doing writing and listening activities.

Spanish 1 [Part 2–8th grade](DeMaio): Eighth grade students took their written test this past Tuesday. They have another little test on the conjugation of the verb ir=to go. This coming Monday, they have been preparing in class for this test. They know that the information and study guide can be found in their Google Classroom. Next week they will learn to conjugate the verb jugar = to play plus vocabulary related to sports.