



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

Middle School

*****Please remember next Friday, October 21st, school will be closed.*****

On October 27th, the Middle School will have a service day, where we will depart CCS after mass and volunteer within the community. That day will be a Blue/Gold day for attire and all students will have to pack a brown bag/disposable lunch that day. (Please make sure to not schedule Yay Lunch for your student that day) Kids are more than welcome to bring their water bottles. One of our projects for the elementary day of service is to make bags for the HAVEN to hand out. The goal for each class is to collect 100 of the items below. (please note there are specific items for grades 6 - 8 to bring in):

6th grade: Pocket tissues and wipes

7th grade: Washcloths

8th grade: Disposable razors

Our next FANS event will be a Middle School Halloween Dance on October 28th, from 7pm - 9pm, in the school cafeteria. Permission slips are due back to your child's homeroom teacher by Thursday, October 20th. Your support helps make FANS events successful. Here is a link to sign up to bring in snacks for the dance: [Halloween Dance Snack Sign Up Form](#)

On October 31st, Grades 6 - 8 will have a Halloween Tag Day.

For Tag Day, students must be in their uniforms, but may wear Halloween-themed accessories. Parameters for those accessories are as follows:

Allowed:

Socks
Belts
Earrings
Necklace
Ribbons
Halloween bracelets
Headbands with stabilized decor
(i.e. cat ears)

Not Allowed:

Hats
Sunglasses
Wigs
Masks
T-shirts
Headbands with flying objects
Anything flashing
Costumes/teeth/fangs

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6th: This week the 6th graders learned about the beginning of the Civil War. Next week they will explore the major figures of the conflict.

7th: This week the 7th graders learned about the Harlem Renaissance and the rebirth of African American culture.

8th: This week the 8th graders learned about the Greek city states of Athena and Sparta. Next week they will explore the life of Alexander the Great.



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Math 6 (Garland): On Friday, we tested on Integer Operations. This coming week, we will start our 3rd unit, entitled "Rational Numbers". Our initial focus will be on writing, simplifying, comparing, and ordering fractions.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): We finished last week by revisiting Scientific Notation, and analyzing it through the lens of negative exponents. By the end of this coming week, we will have reviewed our entire unit of Algebraic Expressions. I plan on testing the unit on Monday, October 24th.

Geometry (Garland): This past Friday, we had some fun playing a parallel game that focused on angles of transversals. At the beginning of the week, we will quiz on Angles of Transversals. During our block day, we will review for a test on Angles of Transversals. The test will be taken on Thursday, October 20th. Please remember that your Town Projects are due Monday, October 24th.

Math 7 (Reid): This week on Tuesday or Wednesday we took our 2nd test of the quarter on Integers, Order of Operations & The Coordinate Plane. Our next unit will be on Rational Expressions (affectionately known as Learning To Love Fractions!) We also talked about

how the Notebook Check for 1st Quarter will be on Thursday, October 20th. The kids will need their computers for the notebook check.

Algebra (Reid): This week on Tuesday we took our 2nd test of the quarter on Solving Equations & Word Problems. Our next unit will be on Solving & Graphing Inequalities. This will eventually also include compound inequalities. We also talked about how the Notebook Check for 1st Quarter will be on Thursday, October 20th. The kids will need their computers for the notebook check.

Composition, Literature, and Language

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

6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan): Students spent the week continuing to dissect sentences into subjects and predicates, while also identifying prepositional phrases. There is a test on subjects, predicates, and diagramming sentences this **Monday, Oct. 18**. I am always available for grammar support during prep time on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays; students can use the clipboard on my desk to sign up. With advance notice, I am also available in the mornings before school.

In *Vocabulary Power Plus*, we completed Chapter 6 this week, and we will be reviewing words from Chapters 4-6 next week for the test **Thursday, Oct. 20**. To study, students can use the digital flashcards and the practice quiz on my Quizlet class at this [link](#). Quizlet customer service has informed me that if students access the study sets directly from my class, there is not a limit on usage.

6th Grade Literature (Kerrigan): On Tuesday this week, we wrapped up discussions of our *A Long Way from Chicago* novel and students worked on completing the study guides for the test, which was divided into two parts on Thursday and Friday. All *LWFC* novels should have been returned to Mrs. Kerrigan on Friday. Next week we will begin *Hatchet*!

Binder checks will be on **Monday, Oct. 18**. Students will hand in their binders after Literature class Monday afternoon. A complete list of what should be in the table of contents for Literature is under General Info on Google Classroom in the Literature course. The Grammar and Vocabulary table of contents are both under General Info in the English Composition course. I encourage any students struggling with organization to come to me for help organizing their binders.

Our binders are filling up quickly! Students are likely to **need to upgrade to a 3"** to fit all the first-semester documents in one binder. Thank you for your support with this!

7th Language Arts (Lowdon): The IRA is due this Tuesday, October 18. Next week I will introduce a grammar powerpoint and a new vocabulary list. Tests/quizzes will be announced. Students are to read Chapter 10 in *The Giver* for Monday. Our field trip to the Fralin Museum occurs this Tuesday! Thank you, drivers!

8th Language Arts (Lowdon): Students took a test on a grammar powerpoint on Friday. A new vocabulary list will be introduced next week. The IRA is due Tuesday, October 18. Students are to read pages 114-138 in *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Monday.

Religion – a.sisman@cvillecatholic.org

6th: Students took their first test this week on Chapters 2-4 in the Handbook. They began the next chapter on the books of the Old Testament. Their Faith Timelines are due on Monday. I look forward to seeing the final products of all their work! Service logs were also due this week. A new service log has been distributed to students to begin their next quarter of work. Please remind your children to do service throughout the entire quarter and not wait until the last week to complete. Each Friday morning, we have a middle school school sign-up for service to be completed during Prep, giving plenty of opportunities throughout the quarter. There are some upcoming service opportunities listed below.

7th: Students began a study on the Gospel of John this week, discussing the author's use of metaphor and symbolism to explain deep spiritual meanings. Students will have a test on Chapters 19, A, 20, and B next week. Service logs were also due this week. A new service log has been distributed to students to begin their next quarter of work. Please remind your children to do service throughout the entire quarter and not wait until the last week to complete. Each Friday morning, we have a middle school school sign-up for service to be completed during Prep, giving plenty of opportunities throughout the quarter. There are some upcoming service opportunities listed below.

8th: Students finished a chapter on Church in the Middle Ages, including the Charlemagne, the East-West Schism of 1054, the Crusades, and the Papal and Spanish Inquisitions. They will take a test on Church History Chapters E-G on Monday, which will cover early Christianity through the Middle Ages. Service logs were also due this week. A new service log has been distributed to students to begin their next quarter of work. Please remind your children to do service throughout the entire quarter and not wait until the last week to complete. Each Friday morning, we have a middle school school sign-up for service to be completed during Prep, giving plenty of opportunities throughout the quarter. There are some upcoming service opportunities listed below.

Service Opportunities:

St. Thomas Aquinas: There are still a few slots left to help with yard work tomorrow, October 15th. Volunteers must be accompanied by an adult and bring some clippers if possible. There will be donuts for volunteers!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca4ad28a1f8c70-stthomas>

Church of the Incarnation Ministry Fair: help us spread the word about Charlottesville Catholic School <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094eaea62ea7fd0-church>

Service Opportunities Suggestions doc (also linked in Google Classroom):

https://docs.google.com/document/d/13B_A-MNCaiEwBQUSB7dvLu65li8FrGL3yCNz7ZhNfUA/edit?usp=sharing

Science – m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week we worked on the phases of Meiosis and Mitosis to build a foundational knowledge for our next unit on genetics. Students started an in-class project where they are building an educational board game teaching either mitosis or meiosis. In addition,

students were taught the basics of 3-d design in Tinkercad as they are designing and printing a prototype of their board games pawn piece. Next week we will discuss genetics.

7th: This week we explored the atomic level of atoms. We discussed protons, neutrons and electrons. Students received a copy of the periodic table as we will start to learn how to use it. Next week we will continue with the periodic table.

8th: This week students worked on their 3-d designs and prints to carry their payloads to Mars. They assembled their rockets. Next week we will discuss the Earth's spheres and launch our rockets.

Spanish—j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

This week we continued working with verbs. Students have been learning the definitions of verbs, how to conjugate regular present tense verbs and how to use them in a sentence. This is a complex topic, but students are making good progress. After a lot of practice and preparation during the block classes, students took a quiz on Thursday. Students will then start on the next project, creating a verb book!

By learning how to conjugate verbs students are able to express so much more in Spanish. They can describe different actions and who does said action. It gives students the ability to form sentences and communicate in Spanish. It is amazing to hear them put together sentences and actively use the language. They have improved so much in less than two months!

Music- k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org

This week in music class, we are continuing to start our unit for 6th and 7th grade on group piano lessons, and in 8th grade- we are starting melodica lessons. In piano classes, we are learning about circle of fifths, scales and arpeggios as well as fun warm-ups before starting in our lesson book series. We are using the Piano Adventures adult all in one piano books, if students would like a copy at home. These instruments will stay at school, but I am attaching links on here in case you would like to buy it, or books at home to practice. We will be rehearsing with these instruments until the end of the semester, where as a final project, students will have to present a song to the class, either in solos, pairs, duos or trios.

Special announcement: Thank you so much for the headphones! It was very helpful! Our school has purchased headphones, so students do not need to bring headphones in anymore. There is an option if students would like to perform in small groups during our Christmas concert if they would like to.

Thank you so much! Happy music making and happy fall!

Musically,

Ms. Kate Wisbey

Here is a list of links in case your student would like to have these items at home, if it catches their interest. It is NOT REQUESTED OR REQUIRED. Practicing can be done at home, but grades are based on what is learned DURING class time.

Piano:

[Amazon.com: RockJam 61 Key Keyboard Piano With Pitch Bend Kit, Keyboard Stand, Piano Bench, Headphones, Simply Piano App & Keynote Stickers : Musical Instruments](#)

Melodica:

[Amazon.com: EastRock 32 Key Melodica Instrument Keyboard Soprano Piano Style with Mouthpiece Tube Sets and Carrying Bag for Kids Beginners Adults Gift Blue : Musical Instruments](#)

Piano Book:

Book 1/beginner:

[Adult Piano Adventures All-in-One Piano Course Book 1 - Book With Media Online: Faber, Nancy, Faber, Randall: 9781569392386: Amazon.com: Books](#)

Fun books:

[Faber Adult Piano Adventures Books 1 Set \(4 Books\): All-In-One Piano Course Book 1, Popular 1, Christmas 1, Classics 1: Nancy Faber, Randall Faber: Amazon.com: Books](#)

Intermediate/advanced:

[Adult Piano Adventures All-in-One Piano Course Book 2: Book with Media Online: Faber, Nancy, Faber, Randall: 9781616773342: Amazon.com: Books](#)

FUN BOOKS:

[NEW SET! Faber Adult Piano Adventures Level 2 Books Set \(3 Books\): All-In-One Piano Course 2, Classics 2, Popular 2: Amazon.com: Books](#)

Melodica book:

[101 Easy Melodica Songs: Melodica sheet music for beginners - Kindle edition by Banarsë, Daren. Arts & Photography Kindle eBooks @ Amazon.com.](#)