



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

Middle School

Friday, October 27th, 2023

- **Mass will be next Wednesday(All Saints Day), not Tuesday. Students will be expected to be in Mass attire on Wednesday and normal uniform on Tuesday!**
- **Conferences on November 9th and 10th are reserved for our 7th Grade and 8th Grade families due to 6th grade conferences being held previously in September. Families may only sign up for two conferences per student. If you find that you need an additional conference, please email the teacher directly.**
- **November 9th is an 11:30am dismissal due to parent/teacher conferences for 7th and 8th grade families. November 10th, school is closed to students due for the very same reason.**

St. Gabriel's Gazette

The Journalism elective has released their first edition of the St. Gabriel's Gazette! Click [here](#) to read it online and find out about some of the school's latest happenings!

- Tuesday, October 31, will be our Halloween Parade for students in JK-2nd Grade, and Halloween Tag Day for students in 3rd-8th. The parade will be held at 8:15am. JK-2 parents are welcome to join us--we will have you line up along the sidewalk and blacktop as long as we are able to be outside; you do not need to come into the building.

Students in JK-2 may wear an appropriate Halloween costume to school, but they must be able to remove it, and be in their school uniform, if it is uncomfortable or distracting. Masks and props are not permitted, and students should be in their school-approved shoes.

For Tag Day, students in grades 3-8 must be in their uniforms, but may wear Halloween-themed accessories. Parameters for those accessories are as follows:

- **Allowed:** socks, belts, earrings, necklace, ribbons, bracelets, headbands with stabilized decor (i.e. cat ears)
- **Not Allowed:** hats, sunglasses, wigs, masks, t-shirts, headbands with flying objects, anything flashing, teeth/fangs, costumes

Virtual Good News! Book Fair

CCS is happy to announce that we will be holding a virtual Good News! Book Fair from November 7-November 17th! All book orders should arrive at your home in time for Christmas presents. Want a sneak peak? Go to:

<https://goodnewsbookfair.com/virtual-fair>. More information will be coming shortly!

Veterans Day Prayer Service

We will be honoring our veterans on November 9 with a Veterans Day prayer service and flag planting ceremony. Please join us in the gym at 8:15AM. Our families and close veteran friends are welcome to join us. This is a very special school tradition. CCS students who participate in scouts may wear their scouting uniform to school that day.

Altar Server Training

We have been so grateful for the return of our altar server ministry at our CCS school Masses! Due to the success, we have another opportunity for training for more students to get involved! **Those students who would like to get involved in this ministry must be Catholic and in 4th grade or up.** Middle school students will be eligible to put altar service towards school OR church service. If interested, mandatory training (for new servers) will be held on Monday, November 13th in the Chapel from 3:30pm-4:15pm. This training is optional for existing CCS altar servers. Sign-up by contacting Megan Pearing, Religion Coordinator at m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org.

Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week the 6th grade finished their unit on the American Civil War. Next week, on their block day, they will take their Civil War Unit Test.

7th: This week the 7th grade finished their 1930s Unit. On Friday they will take their 1930s Unit Test.



8th: This week the 8th Grade began learning about the Greek city states, Athens and Sparta. Next week they will learn about the conflicts between the Greeks and the Persians.

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

Math 6 (Garland): This past week, we worked with fraction addition and subtraction. I plan on quizzing students on Monday. We will then get into multiplication and division of rational numbers. With Halloween approaching, the students will plot some "spooky" Halloween math designs.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): This past week, I tested the kids on our second unit, entitled, "Algebraic Expressions". With Halloween approaching, the students will plot some "spooky" Halloween math designs. On Wednesday, we will start solving equations, where the steps of work are just as important as the answer. It helps to justify algebraic reasoning and foreshadows Geometric Proof.

Geometry (Garland): Today, we investigated why there are 180 degrees in a triangle and the Exterior Angle Theorem. Both concepts introduced students to formalized Geometric Proofs. This coming week, we will work these 2 skills and use them to develop formulas for angles in Polygons.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we worked on translating words to algebraic symbols. The kids have worked very hard and done a great job with this. We created an Operations Word List that helps them connect what words and phrases indicate the various mathematical operations (+, -, *, /). **We are working towards the next test on Simplifying, Evaluating & Translating Expressions on Friday, November 3rd.** We also cleaned out our binders and put our 1st Quarter papers in Mrs. Reid's filing cabinet.

Algebra (Reid): This past week we worked on solving inequalities to include compound inequalities and word problems. **We are working towards our next test on Solving Inequalities & Word Problems on Friday, November 3rd.** Our next unit will be on slope & graphing lines. We also cleaned out our binders and put our 1st Quarter papers in Mrs. Reid's filing cabinet.

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

6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan):

6th Grade Literature (Hernandez): We continued reading and discussing *A Long Way from Chicago*. Students analyzed the character traits of Grandma Dowdel as they appear in the first half of the book. Next week, we will continue with reading and analyzing the book. Looking ahead, our next IRA will be due Tuesday the 28th (right after the Thanksgiving break). Please help your 6th grader to pace themselves in their reading.

7th Language Arts (Hernandez): We continued reading and discussing *The Giver*. We analyzed quotes from the book and looked at the dystopian themes in the novel

(surveillance, totalitarianism, etc.). This work will help students to prepare for our comprehension/analysis quiz on Ch. 7-16 of *The Giver* on Monday. We will finish the novel next week and prepare to test on it the following week. Looking ahead, our next IRA will be due Tuesday the 28th (right after the Thanksgiving break).

8th Language Arts (Hernandez): We continued reading and discussing *The Outsiders*. We reflected on the relationships between the characters and how the conflicts are developing leading up to the climax/turning point of the novel. We will continue these discussions next week and prepare to test on the book the following week. Looking ahead, our next IRA will be due Tuesday the 28th (right after the Thanksgiving break).

Theology– d.mehl@cvillecatholic.org & v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org & h.bryan@cvillecatholic.org

6th(Mehl): This week we read Chapter 4 of Catholic Connections, which is on the Holy Trinity. The students read key passages on the Trinity in the Gospels of Matthew and John. We watched some videos on the Trinity and discussed how difficult it was to comprehend, while at the same time being fundamental to our faith. On Monday we will have a quiz on Chapters 3 and 4 of Catholic Connections. In the next couple of days, we will also be doing the Virtus lesson on physical boundaries and safe touching rules.

7th(Mehl): This week we read Chapter 22 of Catholic Connections, which is on the Mission of the Church. The students read key passages in the Bible, where different people, such as Samueal, Mary, and Peter were called into the service of our Lord. On Monday we will have a quiz on Chapters 21 and 22 of Catholic Connections. In the next couple of days, we will also be doing the Virtus lesson on boundaries and personal rights.

8th(Fallica and Bryan): This week students completed the first chapter of Church History and will take a test on Monday, October 30. They will continue work on their “Dear Jesus” letter, which is being written from the perspective of a person living in Jesus’ time who is experiencing persecution for their faith. Weekly on Wednesdays, students spend time in chapel where we focus on a particular scripture and complete a journal assignment. Looking ahead, we will soon be preparing for the annual Church Project! We are going to take a tour of Saint Thomas Aquinas with Father Walter on November 13th. This tour will set us up to launch our Church Project. We will need drivers to help us on the 13th. Thank you in advance.

Science– m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week we continued to work on our mitosis board games and 3d designs. Next week we will start to discuss genetics and punnett squares.

7th: This week we started to discuss different types of bonds. We started with ionic bonds and experimented with different types of homemade slime. Next week we will experiment with covalent bonds.

8th: This week we started our Mission to Mars projects. Students are building rockets, 3-d printing parts and writing letters about their logic of food decisions for the mission. Next week we will work to conclude astronomy and move onto the geosphere.

Spanish—d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org & d.mehl@cvillecatholic.org

6th(DeMaio): This week with the sixth grade students we reviewed nouns: The gender of nouns, plural nouns and articles. They also learned about the celebration "El día de los muertos"= "day of the dead" and colored skulls to decorate the class memorial altar. Next week they will start with the topic: Los pronombres personales= Personal pronouns.

7th(DeMaio): This week the students received an end-of-quarter treat and watched the movie "Where the Wild Things Are" . They worked with the book in its Spanish version and did activities to identify what they learned in class regarding nouns. Next week they will learn about the traditional Mexican celebration "The Day of the Dead." Also a basic review of cardinal and ordinal numbers and how to tell time in Spanish. In grammar they will focus on personal pronouns and identifying Wh questions in Spanish.

8th(Mehl): This week we introduced two new grammatical topics, affirmative tú commands and the present progressive tense. For the first time, we used video lessons and exercises from SpanishDictionary.com, which we will continue to use in the future. We also did reading and response exercises from our novella *Pobre Ana*. On Monday we will have a test on the Chapter 6A vocabulary, which focuses on objects in the bedroom, colors, and comparisons.