



**Charlottesville
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Friday, 10/04/24, Newsletter

Middle School

Happy October! It is hard to believe the season of Apple picking and Cider tasting is upon us. **Please remember, that Monday, October 7th, students will not have school due to a teacher work day. When we return to school on October 8th, we will not have Mass, due to the annual Diocesan Priest Convocation. Students are expected to be in their normal school uniform.**

Important School-wide Announcements:

- Sunday, October 6th, is our Family Fall Festival. Come out and join us for fun and fellowship!! You might recognize some staff in the dunk tank!!
- Saturday, October 12th is the CCS 5k. Please come out and run/walk this event. 5K/Fun Run Volunteers Needed–We have lots of ways you can help! Please check out the opportunities and [sign up if you can](#). We depend on volunteers to make this event a success.
- Crozet Speech and Language Clinic will be conducting speech and occupational therapy screenings in October. If you have concerns about your child's speech development and would like him/her to be screened, please contact Mrs. DeVane (l.devane@cvillecatholic.org) by Friday, October 11.

Important Announcements for Middle School:

- **Join Us in Helping Those in Need**–Next week, on *Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday*, Faith and Action is joining Bishop Knestout to raise funds for people affected from Hurricane Helene by having a Bake Sale.

We need your help!

- We need everyone to bake yummies over the weekend and bring them beginning on Tuesday (and every day after!) to Mrs. Bryan's room.
- You can make anything from cookies to brownies and more. When you make something please bring it in a baggie. (Bought items are ok too)
- Please put an individual portion in each bag.
- Middle School students can earn 1 hour of church/school/community service for baking two dozen goods.

Thank You!! Please contact Mrs. DeVane @ l.devane@cvillecatholic.org or Mrs. Bryan @ h.bryan@cvillecatholic.org with any questions.

- **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!!**
- **Drawing Portfolio - Mondays 10/14 - 11/18**
Middle School students who want to develop their drawing portfolio are invited to spend Mondays with Mrs. Devlin. Monday afternoons from 3:10 until 3:40, Mrs. Devlin will open the Art Studio to students who wish to spend focused time drawing. Students who are interested in applying for the Reflections Summer Governor's School Program for students gifted in the visual arts are encouraged to take advantage of this drop-in opportunity. Mrs. Devlin requests only that parents email to confirm that students will be participating - V.devlin@cvillecatholic.org
- **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. 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>

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
- Sunday, October 6th, is our Family Fall Festival
- Monday, October 7th, school will be closed for a Teacher Work Day
- Tuesday, October 8th, we will not have Mass (students should be in regular uniform that day)
- 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:

- We are excited to be hosting Coffee & Muffins at St. Thomas Aquinas 4 weekends this year (October 27, December 15, January 26, and April 6). In order to do this, we will need volunteers to both bake muffins and staff the table each of the Sundays (Middle School students can do

either one, and may count the time for church or community service). Muffins will need to be delivered to school no later than 8:15AM on preceding Friday (for October 27, muffins will be due by Friday, October 25). If you would like to help, [please sign up here](#)—any CCS parent can volunteer to staff the CCS table.

- Martha's Market is not just a marketplace; it is a community-driven initiative dedicated to supporting women's health and the fight against breast cancer. Last year, thanks to the tireless efforts of our volunteers and the generous support of our community, the Women's Committee raised nearly \$185,000. These funds were instrumental in providing 200 free breast health exams to women who are underinsured or uninsured in our community. We also continued contributing to Marianne's Room assisting more than 1,000 women with wigs, scarves, lotions, shampoos, advice and more during their cancer journey as well as funding the spring Fly Fling trip as part of the healing journey. To make this year's event even more successful, we need volunteers to assist with various tasks, including:

-Set- Up: Carrying boxes, unloading cars, and **potentially** directing traffic as vendors set up their booths. We have 45 incredible vendors who will be setting up **between 6 and 9am.** (Early, I know!)

-Break- Down: Assisting vendors with packing up, ensuring the venue is clean and organized after the event, and **potentially** directing traffic. Breakdown will take from 4 to 5:30pm.

-Balloon Delivery: At 10:00 we need a few volunteers to pick up pre-ordered balloon bouquets from The Party Starts Here in Barracks Road and deliver them to about a dozen participating businesses at or close to the downtown mall.

Volunteering at Martha's Market is a fantastic opportunity for students to contribute to a meaningful cause, gain valuable experience, as well as earn community service hours. Volunteers' efforts will make a significant impact on the success of the event and the health and well-being of women in our community. If students and/or parents are interested in volunteering, please have them reply to Kedra Houser at kedra@frostmontessori.com. She will provide all the necessary details and ensure volunteers are well-prepared for the day. Coffee and donuts will be available to those willing to come in for the early shift!

- One of our middle school parents has organized two wonderful opportunities for students to receive church and/or community service. Please note that middle school students have a service hour commitment for church and community each quarter of the school year and this is a great way to take care of this. You may use the following links to find out information/sign up for time slots:

[Baking for First Presbyterian Church](#)

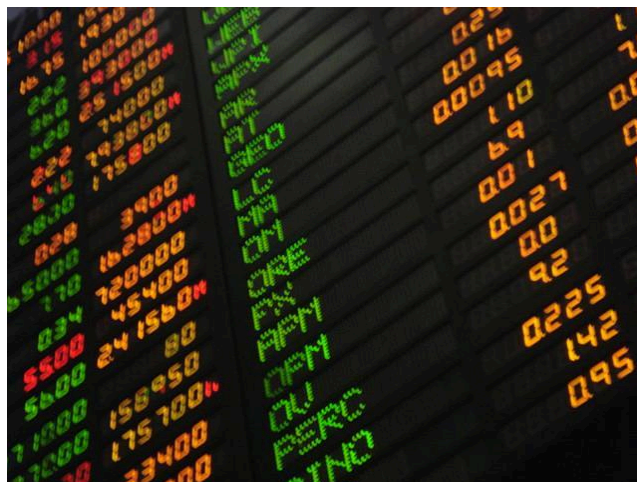
[Baking for Holy Comforter Church](#)

- CCS Mass Choir: Attention all 3rd through 8th grade students! Do you like to sing? Join us for Mass choir on Tuesday mornings to help provide beautiful music for our liturgies. Students may sign up for as many weeks as they would like. More information can be found on the Sign Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-50743257-mass#/>

Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th Grade US History: This week the 6th graders finished their Civil War Unit. Next week they start learning about the postwar south.

7th Grade US History: This week the 7th graders finished their 1920s unit beg. Next week we will move into the 1930s by exploring the stock market crash of 1929. They are also competing in a virtual stock market competition. Be prepared for your children to be looking for stock tips!



8th Grade World History: This week the 8th graders finished their River Valley Civilizations unit. Next week they will begin learning about Iron Age Empires, starting with the Muaryan and Gupta empires.

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

Math 6 (Garland): This past week, we focused on integer multiplication and division. This coming week, we will advance our "Pre-Algebraic knowledge" by working with integer operations and GEMDAS. We will then assign directions to integers by exploring their positions on the coordinate plane.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): This past week, we started unit 2, entitled, "Algebraic Expressions". This coming week, we are going to focus on Combining Like Terms, the Distributive Property, and a systematic way of simplifying expressions; distributing first (if needed) followed by combining like terms.

Geometry (Garland): This past week, we worked with Angle Pairs, finishing up Unit 1. When students return on Tuesday, we will review for a test on "Logic, Coordinate Geometry, and Terminology". Students will test this coming Thursday. On Friday, we will start to discover angles associated with transversals, which kicks off a new unit.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we continued to work with the idea of simplifying completely. The kids learned that there can be no parentheses and no like terms in their final answers. This may mean that they need to distribute to get rid of the parentheses and combine any like terms they have. Next week, the kids will have their 2nd test of the quarter on Using Order of Operations & Simplifying Completely on their block day next week (10.09 or 10.10). The kids will also have their 1st Quarter Binder Check on Tuesday, October 15th. This is a 20 point quiz grade weighted twice in the gradebook and will not be dropped as a lowest mini quiz grade.

Algebra (Reid): This past week the kids took their 2nd test of the quarter on Solving Equations & Word Problems. We also started to solve and graph inequalities. Next week, the kids will continue with solving and graphing compound inequalities. The kids will also have their 1st Quarter Binder Check on Tuesday, October 15th. This is a 20 point quiz grade weighted twice in the gradebook and will not be dropped as a lowest mini quiz grade.

Composition, Literature, and Language Arts -

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6th Grade English Composition (Kerrigan): This week, we wrapped up our unit on prepositions with a test and completed lesson 5 in *Vocabulary Power Plus*. Next week, we will study lesson 6 vocabulary, as well as compound sentences.

6th Grade Literature Vocabulary (Kerrigan): This week, we enjoyed using the performance space for our slides presentations and read through Chapter 3 of *A Long Way from Chicago*. Students should be reading Chapter 4 over the weekend, and we will continue in our novel study next week.

7th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, we worked on three different assignments. Students created a padlet showing themes and other story elements for "Jack-in-the-Box." They also worked on the rough draft of the speculative fiction writing project and read more of *Dandelion Wine*. Next week, we will do peer review for the project and submit a final draft. We will also do some analysis activities related to *Dandelion Wine*.

Students should be reading their IRA books. Our second IRA of the quarter is due **Tuesday, October 15th**.

8th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, we read two narratives from the great G. Talese, "Wartime Sunday" and "The Silent Season of a Hero." These two works finish up sports-related narratives. Next week, we will start to close out our narrative nonfiction unit with essays about family, nature, and a sense of place. We will start working on a second first-person narrative which will be due at the end of the first quarter.

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Theology— d.mehl@cvillecatholic.org

6th(Mehl): This week we read and discussed a long prayer on obtaining humility written by St. Therese of Lisieux, whose feast day we celebrated in Mass on Tuesday. We also talked about her parents, Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin, who are our models of the tenet of the month, which is collaborators. The students worked in groups to read and present passages of the Gospels, in which Jesus is teaching us how to pray through his words and actions. We ourselves prayed the first decade of the Rosary together as a school on Thursday morning. Next week we will have a test on Chapter 50 of Catholic Connections, the topic of which is the Our Father, specifically focusing on the seven petitions.

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Spanish—d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org

Spanish 1 [Part 1–7th grade] (DeMaio): This week the sixth grade students reviewed the 21 Hispanic countries, reviewing the definitions of being Hispanic, Latino, and heritage.

They also finished with the review topic to "para empezar" by closing with the topic "The weather." They started learning a new topic ""Mis amigos y yo " subtopic ¿Y que te gusta hacer? =And what do you like to do? By the end of this chapter students will be able to: Listen to and read about activities people like and don't like to do. Talk and write about what you and others like and don't like to do. Describe your favorite activities and ask others about theirs. Students will use: Vocabulary, Activities, Expressing likes and dislikes, Grammar: Infinitives, Negatives, Expressing agreement or disagreement.

Ellos también realizaron el quiz relacionado con el clima y continúan trabajando es su proyecto "Mi país hispano"

Important dates: written test will be Tuesday, October 8st. Oral test for 7-1 is on Wednesday, October 9th and for 7-2 on Thursday, October 10th. The students can access all the information learned on Google Class and they have a physical copy of the study guide.

Spanish 1 [Part 2–8th grade](DeMaio): This week the eighth grade students reviewed the 21 Hispanic countries, reviewing the definitions of being Hispanic, Latino, and heritage. They finished with the review of the topic "Tu día en la escuela"= "Your day at school" and started this week with the topic "Los Pasatiempos"= "Hobbies" subtopic "¿Adónde vas?"=Where are you going? By the end of this chapter students will be able to: Listen and read about leisure activities and schedules. Talk and write about places to go and activities in their free time. Exchange information about weekend plans. **Culture:** Understand the meaning and role of children in the Spanish-speaking world. Compare leisure activities in the Spanish-speaking

United States. The students will use: vocabulary, leisure activities, and places in the community.
Grammar: The verb ir, Asking questions.

They also participated in the contest related to the movie "Pachama" which showed the indigenous culture of the country of Peru, the Incas and other small tribes. They had fun with this activity of questions and comparisons with Christianity and how the conquistadors acted during the colonization in Latin America.

Important dates: "Tu día en la escuela test" Tuesday, October 8th. The students can access all the information learned on Google Class and there will be a study guide.