



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
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Friday, 10/06/23 Newsletter

Middle School

School will be closed on Monday, October 9 for a teacher work day.

We will not be having Mass on Tuesday, October 10, as all priests in the Diocese of Richmond will be attending the annual Priest Convocation. Students do not need to be in their formal dress uniforms that day.

Next Friday, October 13, we will celebrate our National Blue Ribbon Award. Parents are welcome to join us. We will gather at 2:00PM on the playground blacktop. If you would like to join us, please park in carline so that dismissal is not delayed.

5K/Fun Run Participants: Your bib packet is in your child's backpack! PLEASE do not mix up your chipped bib numbers for the 5K, this is how you will get results (your bib number is printed on the label with your name and t-shirt size if you do mix it up). Please remember to wear your t-shirt AND bib at the 5K/Fun Run!

New Service Opportunity: The Soika family is requesting help with a Harvest festival at Ivy Rehab for Kids at Zion crossroads location on sat Nov 11 located at 73 Jefferson Ct. If interested in participating or finding out more information, please visit the sign-up genius, using the following link:

[Harvest Festival Signup for November 11th](#)

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month! Each October, the Shelter for Help in Emergency recognizes [Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#) with a series of events designed to encourage conversation and spread awareness of domestic/intimate partner violence in our community. It is a time to provide hope for those currently living with abuse, honor survivors who are free from their abuser, and remember the victims whose lives were taken too soon. Please visit our [website](#) for a list of DVAM events and activities.

Sign up to volunteer for the Shelter's 5K Run/Walk.

<https://forms.gle/DYR9yhczXuqgvmbX8>

EXCITING MUSIC OPPORTUNITY: Charlottesville Symphony Orchestra is giving free tickets away to our school! Tickets may be limited and are first come, first serve. Tickets are given for free to ALL CCS Students and families! Tickets include concerts for: November 12, February 11th, March 17 and April 21st.

Deadlines for requesting tickets are:

Wednesday, November 8, 5:00, for November 12

Wednesday, February 7, 5:00, for February 11

Wednesday, March 13, 5:00, for March 17

Wednesday, April 17, 5:00, for April 21

If you would like a ticket, please fill out this google form, again:

<https://forms.gle/WuKKZ23DJMHHUA327>

Tickets will be held under your school's name at the Will Call table in the lobby of the MLK, Jr. Performing Arts Center where they can be picked up any time after 2:30 the day of the concert. Enjoy!

Church Service: St. Thomas is looking for regular adorers at the following times. Middle Schoolers can group together to go and pray together!

<https://stauva.flocknote.com/note/22822369>

EDGE Middle School Youth Group at Saint Thomas needs snacks! Please consider signing up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48ADAE2FA6FA7-staedge#/>

2nd Quarter Church Service Opportunity: St. Thomas Aquinas at UVA could use help in the gardens on Saturday, October 28. It will be from 9 - 11. Parents are welcome to join in.

Service will start promptly at 9:00 outside the front entrance to the church facing Alderman.

Students MUST wear closed shoes. They should wear long pants and bring garden gloves and small garden clippers. Water and snacks will be provided. If it is going to be raining all morning, the rain date is November 11.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-44987398-msservice>

Service Opportunity: Looking for a great way to jump on Church Service? First Presbyterian is in need of bakers for their Soup Kitchen! Monica Jordan could use 3-4 middle schoolers per week to EACH make 24 servings (24 cookies, brownies, 2-3 cakes/pies of any type, etc) On average they serve 75-115 people per week! Please drop off at CCS front desk Monday or Tuesday mornings. Softer items are preferred (sheet cake, cookies, brownies etc) FYI - no allergy restrictions i.e. nuts/peanut butter items are fine. Items do NOT need to be individually wrapped nor cakes need to be pre-cut. For every 2 dozen/2 cakes = 1 hour service. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

Another Service Opportunity: Good morning parents and students. Charlottesville Catholic School has set up dates for Middle School students/families to set up and volunteer, by serving coffee and donuts, at both Church of the Incarnation and St. Thomas Aquinas for church service. We have a date coming up in September at Incarnation. On

these volunteer days we ask that our students wear their formal dress. You do not have to attend either church to volunteer your time to represent CCS. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration!!

[Church of the Incarnation Coffee and Donut Sign Up Form](#)

[St. Thomas Aquinas Coffee and Donut Sign Up Form](#)

Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week the 6th graders wrote their first essay and learned about the evolution of the Civil War in 1862. Next week they will have a quiz on their block day.

7th: This week the 7th graders wrote their first essay and learned about the Prohibition movement. Next week they will have their 1920s test on Tuesday.

8th: This week the 8th graders wrote their first essay of the year. Next week they will take their River Valley Civilizations Test on Tuesday.

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

Math 6 (Garland): We continued our work on integer operations by focusing on multiplication and division. This coming week, I will assess your kids by giving a take-home quiz on Multiplication and Division Tuesday evening, and then on their collective knowledge of integer operations, Friday, October 13th. We will then relate integers to moves on the coordinate plane.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): This past week, we started Unit 2 on Algebraic Expressions. This week, we will dive into the skill set of Combining Like Terms, the Distributive Property, and Simplifying Expressions. A Focus will be placed on translating words to mathematical expressions, to hone in on developing Algebraic Reasoning.

Geometry (Garland): We finished up our first unit, this past Friday, by going over solving Angle Pairs. Students will review for their first unit test this coming Tuesday, and I will assess them on Thursday, October 12th. We will start our next unit, Angles of Transversals, on Friday.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we continued using Order of Operations (GEMDAS) with both expressions written in all numbers as well as variable expressions where we needed to evaluate the expression. On Friday, the kids got their next test review called, "Test Review - The Coordinate Plane, GEMDAS and Evaluating". The 2nd test of this quarter will be on the block day this week (either 10.11 or 10.12). The 1st Quarter Binder Check will be on Tuesday, October 17th. The binder check will be a 20 point quiz grade weighted twice and it will not be accepted late. Please talk with your child and make sure they are reading

through Google Classroom every night to make sure they know exactly what is expected of them in terms of practice and upcoming assignments.

Algebra (Reid): This past week we continued solving equations with word problems involving types of consecutive integers as well as distance = rate * time.. On Friday, the kids got their next test review called, "Test Review - Solving Equations & Word Problems". The 2nd test of this quarter will be on the block day this week (either 10.11 or 10.12). The 1st Quarter Binder Check will be on Tuesday, October 17th. The binder check will be a 20 point quiz grade weighted twice and it will not be accepted late. Please talk with your child and make sure they are reading through Google Classroom every night to make sure they know exactly what is expected of them in terms of practice and upcoming assignments.

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

6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan): This week we finished lesson 4 of *Vocabulary Power Plus* and started studying prepositions and prepositional phrases. We will continue our study of prepositions next week. Students should be working on memorizing their prepositions in the preposition song.

6th Grade Literature (Hernandez): This week, we started reading Richard Peck's *A Long Way from Chicago*. We started exploring the character of Grandma Dowdel as she appears in the first story through the eyes of her nine-year-old grandson. We will continue with this book next week. Our second IRA is due Tuesday the 17th. Please help your 6th grader to choose an appropriate book and pace themselves in their reading.

7th Language Arts (Hernandez): This week, we began reading Lois Lowry's *The Giver*. We also finished our work on "The Cone" short story with student presentations. Students planned their characters for our speculative fiction writing project and began a rough draft due on Tuesday. I am looking forward to reading the 7th grade projects! Our second IRA is due Tuesday the 17th.

8th Language Arts (Hernandez): This week, we began reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. We reflected on the conflicts that the author introduces in the first chapter of the novel. Students worked on a rough draft of their personal narratives and will finish the project with a peer review by a critique partner and a final draft. Our second IRA is due Tuesday the 17th.

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

6th(Mehl): This week we continued our general look at salvation history in the Old Testament. We did a careful reading of the passages in Genesis on original sin and Cain and Abel. We also spent extra time on the readings for this Sunday, exploring the important metaphor of the vineyard as it appears in both the Old Testament and in the Gospels. As a reminder, service logs are due on October 18.

7th(Mehl): This week we continued our study of the Acts of the Apostle. We did crossword puzzles on Pentecost and the Early Church and also on St. Paul. We also spent extra time on the readings for this Sunday, exploring the important metaphor of the vineyard as it appears in both the Old Testament and in the Gospels. As a reminder, service logs are due on October 18.

8th (Fallica and Bryan): This week, students began their study of Church History, beginning with life in the Early Church, the persecution of Christians, and the martyrs who died for their faith. To make a personal connection with the early Christians, our chapel time included reading scripture from the Acts of the Apostles, Mark, other books of the bible to better understand the peace that God can provide for us when we have faith in Him, especially through challenges and hardships. Our book study, "Do Hard Things," fits in beautifully to empower our students to be the change they want to see in the world today. Service logs are due on October 18.

Science— m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th:

This week we presented about cells and organelles. We experimented with onion cells and investigated pond water under the microscope. Next week we will discuss mitosis and meiosis.

7th:

This week we started to discuss the atomic structure of atoms. Next week we will start to discuss the periodic table.

8th:

This week we learned the phases of the moon and made a teaching aid which we used with the kindergarten students. Students used Oreo cookies to model the phases. Next week we will continue our lunar habitats and discuss tides and seasons.

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

6th(DeMaio): The sixth grade students have continued doing activities related to the alphabet. They also worked on a group activity in which they must answer questions related to the pronunciation and names of the letters of the alphabet in Spanish. Next week they will continue reviewing the calendar and nouns.

7th(DeMaio): This week the seventh graders took the alphabet quiz. We have also concluded the topic of the calendar and will focus on numbers, time and nouns related to class vocabulary.
next week.

They worked this week on making their own monthly calendar and giving an oral presentation in front of the class. Answering questions related to the calendar. For

example: ¿Qué día es hoy?=What day is it today? ¿Qué día es mañana?=What day is tomorrow? ¿Cuándo es tu cumpleaños=When is your birthday?

8th(Mehl): This week we had our test on the review material we have been covering. We did an exercise on conversational reading, which involved the students' reading a story and then answering in Spanish my questions about the story. They had to answer questions both from the perspective of a reader and from the perspective of a character in the story. We started watching a mystery set in Spain, which is designed for students of this level. We used Quizlet to explore some new topics, and next week we will look at new grammar and vocabulary.