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Friday, 11/15/24, Newsletter

Middle School

We had a wonderful time meeting with parents/guardians of the 7th and 8th grade families. Can you believe that this coming week will be our last week of classes prior to the Thanksgiving Break? **As a reminder, we will be in winter dress after Thanksgiving. Please visit the uniform policy to make sure your child is prepared. It is very important that uniforms fit properly. The students have grown so very much since the beginning of the year. For the parents of our young ladies, plaid skirts are to be no shorter than two inches above the knee. Pants need to hit the ankle, or very close to, and not fit too snug. Please help us out at home. We want to avoid dress infractions.**

Important School-wide Announcements:

- Wednesday, November 20th, marks the end of the 2nd interim period
- School will be closed, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, from 11/25 - 11/29. When we return back to school on Monday, 12/2, students are expected to be in winter dress.

Important Announcements for Middle School:

- If you or your child are interested in the Virginia Intergenerational Model United Nations through UVA, please visit the website linked [here](#).
- Midterm exams will be on Tuesday(12/17), Wednesday (12/18), and Thursday (12/19).

Important Up and Coming Dates:

- Wednesday, November 20th, is the end of the second quarter interim period.
- School will be closed November 25th - November 29th for Thanksgiving Break.
- Friday(12/6), will be our next Blue and Gold Day
- The week of December 9th, we will have Mass on Monday, as opposed to Tuesday, and a prayer service on Thursday due to the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady Guadalupe.
- Friday, December 20th, is an 11:30am dismissal, which starts Christmas Break (12/23 - 01/03)

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](#)

Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th Grade US History: This week the 6th grade began learning about the inequality of the Gilded Age in America. Next week they will explore the Progressive era and read parts from Upton Sinclair's novel *The Jungle*.

7th Grade US History: This week the 7th graders learned about America's involvement in World War 2 and the attack on Pearl Harbor. Next week they will finish their WW2 unit with a test on Friday.



8th Grade World History: This week the 8th graders learned about the rise and fall of Julius Caesar and the end of the Roman Republic. Next week they will explore the highs and lows of the Roman Empire as they decide who the worst and best emperors of Roman history were.

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

Math 6 (Garland): This past week, students worked on their computation skill of dividing by decimals. This coming week, we will really make sure addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of decimals is really understood/mastered because I plan on assessing the kids on Friday, November 22nd.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): Students finished this past week by working on solving equations with special solutions ("infinite solutions" or "no solution") This coming week, we will work on solving equations by clearing fractions. Students will be assessed on their equation solving skills on Friday, November 22nd.

Geometry (Garland): This past week, we started to explore congruent triangles and their corresponding parts. This coming week, students will start to develop the feel for triangle congruence proofs and explore the shortcuts of SSS, SAS, ASA, and AAS as ways to prove all triangles congruent. They will also be exposed to HL and HA as means to prove right triangles congruent. We will focus more on that within our Right Triangle Unit, which commences on December 6th.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week the kids finished the unit on Fractions & Their Operations by multiplying and dividing fractions. On Wednesday or Thursday this week, they got their Test Review on Fractions & Their Operations. This is due on Monday, November 18th. **The kids next test will be on Wednesday (11.20) or Thursday (11.21) whichever is their block day.** Our next unit will be on Decimals & Their Operations. Please check in with your child and their progress on the 1st Semester Math 7 Exam Review. This is a living document and I will add problems to it as we gain skills throughout the rest of the

semester. This will be a 25 point homework grade weighted twice in the gradebook. It will not be accepted late or incomplete. **This will be due on Friday, December 13th.**

Algebra (Reid): This past week the kids continued their work with graphing lines. They learned how to change the form of a line from standard to slope intercept form and graph the line. They also learned how to write the equation of a line given a point & a slope and also from two points. On Monday of next week, the kids will get their Test Review on Slope and Graphing Lines. **The kids next test will be on Wednesday (11.20) or Thursday (11.21) whichever is their block day.** Our next unit will be on Finding Different types of lines such as parallel, perpendicular and the line of best fit. Please check in with your child and their progress on the 1st Semester Algebra 1 Exam Review. This is a living document and I will add problems to it as we gain skills throughout the rest of the semester. This will be a 25 point homework grade weighted twice in the gradebook. It will not be accepted late or incomplete. **This will be due on Friday, December 13th.**

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

6th Grade English Composition (Kerrigan): Next week, we have a noun test on Thursday, and the VPP lesson 7-9 test on Friday. Test preparation will be throughout the week.

6th Grade Literature Vocabulary (Kerrigan): The third IRA of the week was due on Tuesday. We finished *Hatchet* this week, and the *Hatchet* test is on Wednesday. Our descriptive writing project for *Hatchet*, which includes a visual representation of Brian's setting as well, will not be due until the Monday after Thanksgiving.

7th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, students submitted the third IRA of the year. We continued our analysis of *The Giver*. 7th grade also started a drawing assignment representing visuals from the text. Next week, we will finish the book and do more work on worldbuilding.

8th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, students submitted the third IRA of the year. We also continued with our study of *The Outsiders* with an analysis quiz on the first five chapters. We continue with the novel next week.

Theology— d.mehl@cvillecatholic.org

6th(Mehl): This week we continued Chapter 2 of *Catholic Connections*, which introduces the students to the Bible and God's plan for salvation. The students wrote notes from the slideshow introduction and completed the reading guide. We will finish this chapter next week with the open-note quiz and the chapter test.

7th(Mehl): This week we continued Chapter 19 of *Catholic Connections*, which is on the Gospels. The students wrote notes from the slideshow introduction, and completed the reading guide and an additional worksheet. They will be able to use all of these on the open-note quiz, which we will have next week, along with the chapter test.

8th(Mehl): This week we took a quiz on the Acts of the Apostles video. The quiz was based on the assignment that the students did the previous week. We started Chapter F in the Church History text, covering the Church Fathers. Students took notes from the slideshow presentation and completed the reading guide, all of which they will be able to use on the open-note quiz that we will have next week. Next week we will continue studying the Church fathers, while also continuing our journey through the Acts of the Apostles, using the video as our guide.

Science— m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th Grade Life Science: This week we continued to work with dichotomous keys. We also spent some time working on our science fair project research. We also started to discuss viruses and bacteria which we will continue next week.

7th Grade Physical Science: This week we launched our baking soda rockets and tested various compounds to determine their pH. Next week we will discuss different types of chemical reactions and their equations.

8th Grade Earth Science: This week we tested our knowledge of orienteering and reading contour maps. We have a strong understanding of latitude and longitude and will apply this as we start next week with the geosphere.

Spanish— d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org

Spanish 1 [Part 1–7th grade] (DeMaio): This week the sixth grade students took their test on Monday about the topic "what do you like to do" results coming soon. They continue learning about the new topic, vocabulary in context, adjectives and indefinite articles. Next week they will take a **vocabulary quiz on Tuesday November 19th**. Study guide is in the google class. They also have to do homework. They had the opportunity to watch the movie "El libro de la vida=The Book of Life" and work on it by answering questions related to the theme of the Day of the Dead. Normally when I decide to show a film it is with the purpose of teaching about culture, they watch it in Spanish to develop their listening skills and learn more vocabulary.

Spanish 1 [Part 2–8th grade](DeMaio): This week the eighth grade students did several activities using possessive adjectives and next **Tuesday, November 19th, they will be doing a test related to this topic**. They also made their presentations on topics related to grammar concepts. While the groups were presenting, the audience had to pay attention to answer questions related to each topic. Among the themes they presented were: Gerunds, the verbs to know and to know, the verb to be able to, possessives, among others. Next week they will continue learning more about the new topic "Vamos a un restaurante=Let's go to a restaurant" They also have to check for homework.

Christmas Spirit Week

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Monday
Dec. 2
“Cozy Day”

- Loose fitting pj bottoms or sweatpants; comfy t-shirts or sweatshirts
- **NO slippers, crocs, leggings, onesies, or pj sets/nightgowns**
- Middle school: sneakers of choice
- JK-5: school sneakers

Tuesday
Dec. 3
Mass Day

- **No Spirit Wear dress up this day**
- **All students must be in formal dress uniforms for Mass**



Wednesday
Dec. 4
“Christmas Tag Day”

- Students must be in regular uniforms
- Christmas-themed accessories:
 - Necklaces, earrings, bracelets
 - Headbands or hair accessories
 - Socks, hats



Thursday
Dec. 5
“Sports Shirt Day”

- Students may wear a sports jersey or t-shirts (local team through major leagues)
- Middle school: jeans or uniform bottoms, sneakers of choice
- JK-5: uniforms bottoms and shoes

Friday
Dec. 6
“Blue & Gold Plus Day”

- Normal Blue & Gold Day dress requirements
- Blue or gold accessories:
 - Necklaces, earrings, bracelets
 - Headbands or hair accessories
 - Socks, hats

