



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

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## Friday Newsletter

### Middle School

November 3rd, 2023

- **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. 7th and 8th Grade Families may only sign up for two conferences per student. If you find that you need an additional conference, please email the teacher directly. A separate email was sent to our 7th and 8th Grade families with conference sign-up links.**
- **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. Students do NOT need to wear their formal dress uniforms that day. CCS students who participate in scouts may wear their scouting uniform to school that day.
- 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.
- Please remember with cooler temperatures settling in, students need to dress appropriately for outside. If there is no precipitation, Middle School students eat outside and do outside recess each and every day.
- Winter Dress begins the Monday after Thanksgiving Break!(11/27/23) Please double-check uniforms now to make sure they fit and order early to insure you have everything you need by that date!

**Pan!:** Join Wendy, John, Michael, and our elementary drama club on a trip to Neverland! Be there as Peter Pan battles Captain Hook, Lost Boys fight pirates, Tiger Lily gets captured, and more! Performances are TOMORROW (Saturday, November 4) at both 1:00PM and 6:00PM in the Performance Hall. There is no cost to attend—hope to see you there!

Charlottesville Symphony Orchestra is offering free tickets to students and their families from Charlottesville Catholic School. Free student and accompanying adult tickets are available for their Masterworks concert on Sunday, November 12 at 3:30pm at Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center. The program features Beethoven's *Emperor* piano concerto and symphonic choral works by American composers.

Please send your information on how many tickets you need for you and your family through our Google Form: <https://forms.gle/VpFxtBV1Foj7o5C49>

The deadline for requesting tickets for this concert is Wednesday, November 8, 5pm.

### **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!

### **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](mailto:m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org).

## Social Studies - [r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org)

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6th: This week the 6th Graders finished their Civil War Unit. Next week they will learn about the parts of the US Government.

7th: This week the 7th Graders finished their 1930s Unit. They take their 1930s unit test on Tuesday.

8th: This week the 8th Graders learned about Ancient Greece and the rivalry between Athens and Sparta.



Next week they will explore the legacy of Alexander the Great and decide if he actually was that great.

## Mathematics - [j.garland@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:j.garland@cvillecatholic.org) & [j.reid@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:j.reid@cvillecatholic.org)

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Math 6 (Garland): This past week, we completed discussing all fraction operations. I will review these skills this coming Monday and test on this topic on Tuesday. We will then shift our focus to computing with decimals.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): We finished this past week solving equations with fractions and decimals in them (Rational Numbers). Next week, we will focus on solving 2 step equations and equations solved by square rooting. I plan to quiz on one and two step equations at the end of this coming week.

Geometry (Garland): This past week, we finished up discussing Angle Measurements in Polygons. This coming week, we will direct our focus on Triangles Inequalities, a step closer to Trigonometry.

Math 7 (Reid): On Friday of this past week we took our 1st test of the 2nd Quarter on Algebraic Expressions. It included the topics of simplifying expressions using GEMDAS, evaluating using GEMDS, simplifying by distributing & combining like terms and translating words to symbols and vice versa. The kids have worked very hard with algebraic expressions and I am so proud of them :) Next week we will start our next unit on fractional operations to include work with signed fractions (positive and negative fractions).

Algebra (Reid): On Friday of this past week we took our 1st test of the 2nd Quarter on Solving Inequalities & Word Problems. The kids have really grown in their ability to communicate mathematically on paper and understand the number of answers there are to a problem. I am really proud of them and their hard work :) Our next unit we have started is based on the ideas of slope & graphing lines. This is opening up a whole new world mathematically for all of the kids. Please be on the lookout for the Vase Activity & Mountain Range projects coming up in the next few weeks.

## Composition, Literature, and Language Arts - [r.hernandez@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:r.hernandez@cvillecatholic.org) & [e.kerrigan@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:e.kerrigan@cvillecatholic.org)

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6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan): This week, we completed lesson 7 in *Vocabulary Power Plus* and studied functions of nouns. Next week, there will be a quiz on subject complements on Monday. We will not be doing a vocabulary lesson because of the shortened week.

6th Grade Literature (Hernandez): We continued reading and discussing *A Long Way from Chicago* with a spooky chapter appropriate for Halloween. We made a comic strip to illustrate the chapter. Next week, we continue with "Things with Wings." Looking ahead, our next IRA is due the Tuesday after Thanksgiving break.

7th Language Arts (Hernandez): This week, we did a quiz on *The Giver* and continued reading and analyzing the text. The students reflected on the story in their journals and completed a drawing assignment. We are ready to finish the novel and take a test next week. Looking ahead, our next IRA is due the Tuesday after Thanksgiving break.

8th Language Arts (Hernandez): We are working our way to the conclusion of *The Outsiders*. The students discussed their favorite (and least favorite) characters and analyzed the symbols in the text. Next week, we will finish the novel and work on a project with a test the following week. Looking ahead, our next IRA is due the Tuesday after Thanksgiving break.

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6th(Mehl): This week we took a quiz on Chapters 3 and 4 of Catholic Connections. We read Chapter 5 and completed the study guide for it, both on paper and electronically. Chapter 5 looks at the structure and content of the Old Testament, which is a primary focus for us as we work toward being able to name all of the books of the Old Testament in order. We did a careful reading with assessment of the Sunday readings, which emphasize the importance of humility. Next week we will focus on particular Bible passages of the Old Testament.

7th(Mehl): This week we did our Virtus training on Boundaries. We reviewed for the quiz on Chapters 21 and 22 of Catholic Connections, which we took at the end of the week. We did a careful reading with assessment of the Sunday readings, which emphasize the importance of humility. Next we will work on Chapter 25, the topic of which is the structure of the Church.

8th(Fallica and Bryan): We took our Early Church History test on Monday and Tuesday this week. We then worked on our Dear Jesus letters. The 8th grade did an amazing job during the month of October (and on Th in November) leading the whole school in the Rosary. We are very proud of the servant leadership they displayed. Next week we will continue with Church History, begin our map project of the Roman Empire during the early spread of Christianity, and continue reading the Acts of the Apostles.

**Science**— [m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org)

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6th: This week we completed an investigation on genetics vs the environment. We discussed how gender is determined with sea turtles and that the warming trend is leading to more female sea turtles being born in some regions. We also conducted an experiment with pumpkins. Next week we will continue with Mendel, heredity and punnett squares.

7th: This week we practiced how to name compounds from chemical formulas and how to create chemical formulas from compound names. We discussed the difference between ionic and covalent compounds and completed a module on chemical bonding and chemical reactions. Next week we will continue with practicing naming compounds.

8th: This week we finished our rocket projects. Next week we start to investigate Earth's geosphere.

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6th(DeMaio): The students learn about the Mexican celebration "Dia de los muertos" = "Day of the Dead." Students help color "calaberas" "skulls" to decorate the altar we set up in class. They also watched part of the movie Coco in Spanish and did activities related to the movie such as answering questions and their comprehension about the topic of the movie. They were also able to look and touch a real sugar skull and watched a video of the process that goes into making these creative sugar skulls. Next week we continue to learn more about subject pronouns through conversational and written activities.

7th(DeMaio): This week the students were doing activities related to ordinal numbers. To write the numbers from zero to one hundred, to recognize them by name and write them correctly. They also learned about the Mexican celebration "Dia de los muertos" = "Day of the Dead." Students help color "calaberas" "skulls" to decorate the altar we set up in class. They were also able to look and touch a real sugar skull and watched a video of the process that goes into making these creative sugar skulls.

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Next week they will continue learning more about cardinal and ordinal numbers and how to tell time in Spanish. Review personal pronouns and identifying Wh questions in Spanish. They will also work on a project in class to make a poster with grammatical information and vocabulary which can be displayed in the classroom to better visualize what they have learned and new things to learn.

8th(Mehl): This week we took a vocabulary test, which contained objects of the bedroom, colors, adjectives, and comparatives. We watched a video and did an exercise on affirmative tú commands. We did some role playing while reading our novella *Pobre Ana*. Several of the students assumed roles of characters in the story and answered questions directed to them, while the rest of the class answered questions about the characters. We also watched the fourth episode of the video series ¿Eres tú, María? Next week we will focus on the present progressive tense.



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