



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Middle School

- Exams will be Tuesday - Thursday of next week. Schedule: [Exam Schedule Fall 2021 - Google Docs.pdf](#). 8th grade parents, please note that the Religion Exam was changed to Tuesday and the History Exam was moved to Thursday. Students have been told of this change.
- We are looking forward to the FANS event on Wednesday. Please pick your child up at CCS at 4:00.
- Thursday is Ugly Sweater Day.
- Dismissal on Friday is at 11:30. There is no Aftercare offered on Friday.
- We hope you all have a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week the 6th graders prepared for their midterm exam, reviewing everything we have done so far this year. Next week they will take their History Exam on Wednesday.

7th: This week the 7th graders prepared for their midterm exam, reviewing everything we have done so far this year. Next week they will take their History Exam on Tuesday.

8th: This week the 8th graders prepared for their midterm exam, reviewing everything we have done so far this year. Next week they will take their History Exam on Tuesday.



Mathematics - j.garland@cvillecatholic.org & l.devane@cvillecatholic.org

Math 6 (Garland): This past week, students finished up decimal computation. A midterm review was released in Google Classroom. I will allow them to use a handwritten study sheet, which can be worked on over the weekend and finalized by this coming Monday, to

use on the exam. Students may work on creating this over the weekend. We will address any questions or concerns about the midterm review on Monday.

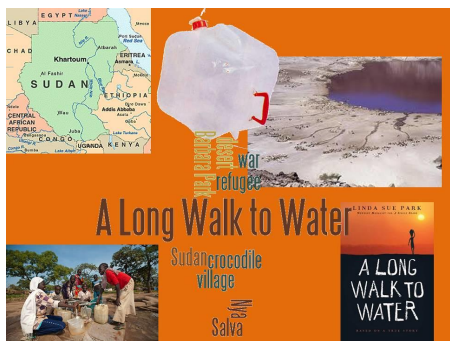
Pre-Algebra (Garland): Students continued to work on solving equations this past week. An exam review was released in Google Classroom for their midterm. I will allow students to use a standard sized notecard (provided to the kids) on the exam, in which they may write (not type) on the front and back. Students may work on creating this over the weekend. We will address any questions or concerns about the midterm review on Monday.

Geometry (Garland) A midterm review packet, notes, and outline were passed out to the students on Thursday. An answer key to the review packet was provided in Google Classroom. I will allow students to use a standard sized notecard (provided to the kids) on the exam, in which they may write (not type) on the front and back. Students may work on creating this over the weekend. We will address any questions or concerns about the midterm review on Monday.

Math 7 (DeVane): Students worked on solving equations and their exam reviews this week. They have problems to work on (solutions posted in Google Classroom). They can also work on their study sheet that can be used on the exam.

Algebra (DeVane): Students reviewed linear equations and took a test. They also worked on their exam reviews this week. They have problems to work on (solutions posted in Google Classroom). They can also work on their study sheet that can be used on the exam.

Language Composition and Literature



6th: Literature - Mr. Hendrick was our guest speaker this week! He spent time with us on Monday to provide background information about Sudan and the civil war that has plagued the country for years. We began reading *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park. It is the survival story of Salva and Nya, two children living in Southern Sudan twenty three years apart. Salva is one of the "Lost Boys" that eventually makes his way to the United States. Nya is a young girl who ends up benefiting from Salva's water project years later. We will

use the novel to compare and contrast characters, discuss literary conflict, examine personification, and continue strengthening our analysis of text.

Linda Sue Park also wrote poetry. This week we wrote Haikus.

Next week our exam is on Wednesday. We will review on Tuesday. Study guidance is in google classroom. Our Q2 IRA #2 is due January 11.

6th: This week we identified antecedents for pronouns, learned about intensive & reflexive pronouns and the difference between subject and object pronouns. We also reviewed

lesson 6 vocabulary words and played vocabulary Bingo. Next week we will review for and take our midterm exam. The exam is on Thursday.

7th: Students took a test on *The Red Pony* on Friday. The literature exam is scheduled for Tuesday morning; the English composition exam is on Wednesday. Comprehensive study guides for both exams are in Google Classroom. We will begin a short unit on poetry when we return from Christmas break. The second IRA for Quarter 2 is due Jan. 11, 2022.

8th: Mrs. Sisman's homeroom read the final chapter in *Lord of the Flies* this week; Mrs. Devane's homeroom is to read Ch. 12 over the weekend. The exam is on Thursday, Dec. 16 and will include questions on *Lord of the Flies* in addition to the other short stories and *Brown Girl Dreaming*. A comprehensive study guide is in Google Classroom. The Memoir Project due date was extended from Jan. 7 to Jan. 10 to give students one more weekend to work on the project. They are to read a second book for Quarter 2 but will not complete a written IRA assignment because they are working SO hard on their memoir projects. The Memoir Project is mandatory (and I can't WAIT to see them!!).

Please join me in congratulating Caroline Weber (1st Place) and Evy Pham (3rd Place) in winning the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest, 2021! We are awaiting the announcements about winners of the DAR and Writer's Eye contests.

Religion



6th: This week was a busy week in religion! On Tuesday, students were given the opportunity to pray in Eucharistic Adoration. During this time, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in a monstrance on the altar while we quietly reflect on Jesus as God's gift to us and lay all our anxieties and burdens at his feet. Priests were also available to hear confessions on Tuesday. In addition, we talked about Saint Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe (the patron saint of the Americas), whose feast days are December 9th and 12th, respectively. It is my hope that the students will share this fascinating story with you. We also wrapped up a chapter on the Human Person with a quiz. Next week, the 6th grade will take the Religion Midterm on Thursday, December 16. A study guide has been posted in Google Classroom, and we will review in class before Thursday.

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Science

6th: This week we reviewed for the midterm by going for a walk around the school discussing various specimens that reflect the content we covered since the beginning of school. We had a brief discussion on Kingdom Animalia as this is where we will pick up when we return from Christmas break.

7th: This week we reviewed the last test and discussed the midterm. We also investigated careers of chemists and discovered the chemistry used to create batteries. We also spent time learning how to use google sheets to create a data table and charts.

8th: This week we completed our experiments testing our objects we sent to space and created a 1-slide report containing our results. We worked on our data tables and charts for our science fair projects. We also started a discussion on volcanoes.

Spanish - j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

8th: This week the students completed and presented their family trees! I had so much fun learning more about the students' families, or hearing about the families they made up. There were some very cute presentations where each family member was a different friend of the student. I love the creativity that went into the projects and the students did a great job presenting! On Friday the students completed the oral part of the midterm. They were asked several questions at random that we had been practicing throughout the semester and had to respond as if it was a casual conversation.

Next week the students will take the rest of the midterm. The remaining parts are listening, writing, reading and drawing. For the listening section the students will hear a short story (one paragraph long) and have to answer questions based on what they heard. For the writing section students will respond to a variety of questions covering material from the first semester. The reading section is similar to the listening section, in the sense that

students will read a short one paragraph story and then respond to questions about it. For the drawing section, students will be given five phrases and will have to draw a picture that represents them. For example "la silla y el escritorio" and the students will need to draw a chair and a desk.

The midterm is entirely in Spanish and I really recommend for the students to practice at home! They were given an in depth study guide last week and it can also be found on Google Classroom. We will have one final review day on Monday and the students will take their midterm on Tuesday.

It has been such a pleasure to teach the 8th graders this semester and I am so excited for next semester!