



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
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Friday, 12/13/24, Newsletter

Middle School

This coming week will be our last week of school prior to Christmas Break. Middle School Midterm Exams are on Tuesday (12/17), Wednesday (12/18), and Thursday (12/19). There will be an 11:30am dismissal on Friday, December 20th. Wishing the students nothing but success during Midterm week!!

Important School-wide Announcements:

- We have an 11:30 Dismissal on Friday, December 20th. No STEAM/JK aftercare
- Christmas Break runs from December 21st - January 5th
- School resumes on January 6th
- Christmas Break is a great time to make sure that uniform pieces fit students properly (especially lengths for pants, skirts, and jumpers), and for boys to get haircuts.

Important Announcements for Middle School:

- Midterm exams will be on Tuesday(12/17), Wednesday (12/18), and Thursday (12/19).
- Thursday, December 19th, will be a free dress day for Middle School students who have less than 2 dress code infractions since the last free dress day and/or have not earned a demerit.
- Friday, December 20th, will be tacky Christmas Sweater Day.
- Our next FANS event, a Winter Dance, is scheduled for Friday, January 31st, 2025, from 7pm - 9pm

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 prepared for their Midterm Exams. Next week they will demonstrate all the new things they have learned on their exam.

7th Grade US History: This week the 7th grade prepared for their Midterm Exams. Next week they will demonstrate all the new things they have learned on their exam.

8th Grade World History: This week the 8th grade prepared for their Midterm Exams. Next week they will demonstrate all the new things they have learned on their exam.

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

Math 6 (Garland): We have been preparing for the Midterm exam and will continue to do so this coming Monday. Exams start on Tuesday, and for 6th graders, they will take their math exam on Thursday, December 19th.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): We have been preparing for the Midterm exam and will continue to do so this coming Monday. Exams start on Tuesday. 6th grade Pre-Algebra will have their exam on Thursday, December 19th. 7th grade Pre-Algebra will have their exam on Wednesday, December 18th. 8th grade Pre-Algebra will have their exam on Tuesday, December 17th.

Geometry (Garland): We have been preparing for the Midterm exam and will continue to do so this coming Monday. Exams start on Tuesday. 8th grade Geometry will have their exam on Tuesday, December 17th.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we continued our work with decimal operations. The kids handed in their Exam Review on Friday which was a 25 point homework assignment weighted twice in the gradebook. It will not be accepted late. This weekend, I will be changing any missing or late work in the gradebook to "Missing" which will function as a grade of 0. I do this so you as families will be aware of what your child's grade could be if they do not turn in those missing assignments before the end of the 2nd quarter and your child still has time to turn those assignments in to me. On Monday, we will continue to prepare for the upcoming exam this week. The 7th graders will take their exam on Wednesday, 12.18.24 and the 6th graders will take their exam on Thursday, 12.19.24.

Algebra (Reid): This past week, we finished up working with finding the line of best fit and making predictions using that trend line. The kids handed in their Exam Review on Friday which was a 25 point homework assignment weighted twice in the gradebook. It will not be accepted late. This weekend, I will be changing any missing or late work in the gradebook to "Missing" which will function as a grade of 0. I do this so you as families will be aware of what your child's grade could be if they do not turn in those missing assignments before the end of the 2nd quarter and your child still has time to turn those assignments in to me.

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

6th Grade English Composition (Kerrigan): This week we did extension review for the midterm. The study for English Composition is due Monday for a project grade. Please remind your students to not leave it at home!

6th Grade Literature Vocabulary (Kerrigan): We are at a stopping point with *A Long Wall to Water*. Students should be caught up through Chapter 15, in reading and in comprehension questions, by Monday. After break, we will be finishing the book and writing a five-paragraph comparative essay on the characters in the novel. For the midterm, students have a study guide. They should be using their notes, comprehension questions, HW checks, quizzes, tests and Quizlets to review.

7th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): We finished the first three chapters of *Animal Farm* this week and started a research project on background relating to Orwell and the themes of the book. We have started working on exam review, including preparing the essay section of the exam in advance. We will continue with this on Monday.

8th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, we finished *The Outsiders* with a final reflection on the purpose and voice of the author as well as a quiz on the symbols in the book. 8th grade completed a writing project in which they imagined interviewing one of the characters. We have started our exam review and will work on the essay section of the exam on Monday.

Theology— d.mehl@cvillecatholic.org

6th(Mehl): We started the week with Mass for the Immaculate Conception. We took a reading quiz on Confession, in preparation for Tuesday, when we spent class in the Chapel for both Confession and Adoration. On Tuesday. We took time to learn about Our Lady of Guadalupe, for whom we had a prayer service on Thursday. We also had time to review for the semester exam, which is next week on Tuesday. The students have a study guide posted, which gives them past assessments that they can use for practice.

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Science– m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th Grade Life Science:

This week we discussed adaptations and how they are important for survival. We specialized in discussions on bird adaptations as well as iguanas in the Galapagos. We also worked on our science fair projects.

7th Grade Physical Science:

This week we experimented with the chemistry of fireworks and worked on our science fair projects.

8th Grade Earth Science: This week we worked on our pop-up books and learned about Earthquakes and Volcanoes.

Spanish– d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org

Spanish 1 [Part 1–7th grade] (DeMaio): This week seventh graders worked on their Spanish written presentations about describing themselves and a friend or family member. They began learning new vocabulary and grammar (-ar verbs, subjects pronouns) in the topic 'Tu día en la escuela=Your Day at School' They also had the opportunity to study to prepare for the midterm exam and on Friday, they played games and answered questions related to the topics.

Spanish 1 [Part 2–8th grade](DeMaio): 8th graders this week had a vocabulary quiz related to the topic "Vamos a un restaurante=Let's Go to a Restaurant" and on Tuesday they took a test on the conjugation of the verb Venir=to come. They also did activities in their workbooks on the conjugation of the verbs ser and estar and on how to order food in a restaurant. During the long block and on Friday they reviewed and studied for the midterm exam. And once they return from their winter break they are going to start working on a written presentation about their favorite restaurant.