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Friday Newsletter

Middle School

December 15th, 2023

On behalf of the middle school team, we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please note that our last day of school is Tuesday, December 19th, and **school will be closed from Wednesday, December 20th - Tuesday, January 2nd. We return to school on Wednesday, January 3rd.**

- On Monday, December 18th, students will complete their midterm examinations. (For those students still needing to make-up midterms, they will be expected to take those assessments when they return from break, during their block classes on Wednesday and Thursday)
- On Tuesday, December 19th, we will have our Middle School FANS event to go see the movie "ELF" at the Regal Cinema (students will return from the movie prior to car line, so normal middle school pickup will happen)

Here are some key dates when we return from Christmas Break:

- **Q2 Service logs are due Wednesday, January 10.**
- **January 12th: 11:30 dismissal, due to it being the end of second quarter and the semester. There will be no aftercare!**
- **January 15th: School will be closed for in observance of Martin Luther King Day**
- **January 18th: Reading MAP Test for Middle School Students**
- **January 24th: Math MAP Test for Middle School Students**

Even though the weather is turning colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:

- Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.
- If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
- If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on.
- **Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.**

Spring Service Opportunity:

Please consider signing up your child/children to work morning carline for one week. Students should be dropped off at 7:40 at the front lobby. It can count toward school service hours.

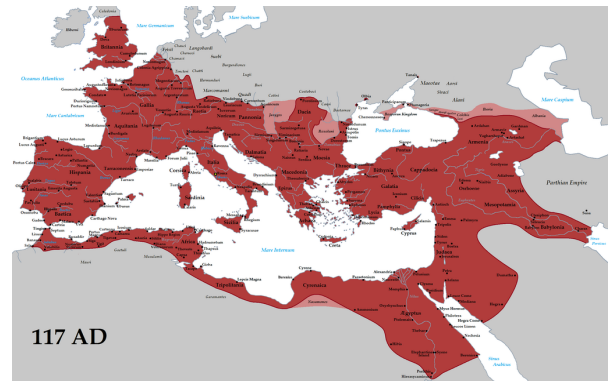
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Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week the 6th graders prepared for their Midterm exam. On Monday they take the test so make sure you study!

7th: This week the 7th graders took their midterm exam. When they get back from break they will begin learning about the Reconstruction era of American history.

8th: This week the 8th graders took their midterm exam. When they get back from break they will begin learning about the Roman Empire.



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

Math 6 (Garland): Your homework over the next two weeks is to have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Celebrate...you made it through exams!!! When we return from break, we will start discussing Proportional Relationships.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): 7th graders will take their exam this Monday and then all of Pre-Algebra can celebrate...you made it through exams!! Your homework over the next two weeks is to have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! When we return from break, we will start discussing Inequalities.

Geometry (Garland): Your homework over the next two weeks is to have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Celebrate...you made it through exams!!! When we return from break, we will start discussing Right Triangles and Trigonometry.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we took our 1st Semester Exam! 7th grade...you will take your exam on Monday :) I am SO PROUD of all of you and your hard work in the 1st semester! You have accomplished many great things and I can't wait to see what you will do 2nd semester! PLEASE take all of Christmas Break to enjoy your family and friends and just relax :) I will see you in the New Year when we will continue our work with decimals.

Algebra (Reid): This past week we took our 1st Semester Exam! 7th grade...you will take your exam on Monday :) I am SO PROUD of all of you and your hard work in the 1st semester! You have accomplished many great things and I can't wait to see what you will do 2nd semester! PLEASE take all of Christmas Break to enjoy your family and friends and just relax :) I will see you in the New Year when we will continue our work with finding different kinds of lines like the line of best fit, parallel and perpendicular lines. Be ready to hula hoop when you get back :) Also parents, if you could donate some graph paper for the kids to use, I would appreciate it. The kids have gone through my stash and some still go to look for graph paper when they work on assignments in class. Thank you for considering this request :)

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

6th Grade Literature (Hernandez): 6th grade made it through the literature midterm exam! We will continue with *Hatchet* after the break. We will also participate in the Spelling Bee. A list of Spelling Bee words was sent home this week. Looking ahead, our fourth IRA is due January 9th. Merry Christmas!

7th Language Arts (Hernandez): 7th grade made it through the literature midterm exam! We will continue with *Animal Farm* and some grammar revision after the break. We will also participate in the Spelling Bee. A list of Spelling Bee words was sent home this week. Looking ahead, our fourth IRA is due January 9th. Merry Christmas!

8th Language Arts (Hernandez): 8th grade has been busy preparing for our midterm exam on Monday. We will continue with *Unbroken* after the break. We will also participate in the Spelling Bee. A list of Spelling Bee words was sent home this week. Looking ahead, our fourth IRA is due January 9th. Merry Christmas!

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

6th(Mehl): This week we survived the midterm exam. I hope everybody has a wonderful and relaxing break with family and friends. I look forward to starting class again in January! We will continue our study of the Patriarchs. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

7th(Mehl): This week we survived the midterm exam. I hope everybody has a wonderful and relaxing break with family and friends. I look forward to starting class again in January! We will continue our study of the Gospels. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

8th(Fallica and Bryan): Congratulations! Your students have completed their Theology exams. Next week, students will receive information for their Church Project. Merry Christmas and Have a happy New Year!

Science— m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week we discussed adaptations as both physical and behavioral characteristics needed for survival. We emphasized Ornithology. We compared and contrasted virus and bacteria and prepared for the midterm working with Snowman Punnett Squares.

7th: This week we tested our baking soda rockets and reviewed the chemistry of fireworks. We practiced conducting the flame test and demonstrated decomposition and combustion reactions.

8th: This week we practiced how to engineer a pop up book as well as reviewed how to find coordinates on the globe.

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

6th(DeMaio): This week the sixth grade students did a brief review of what they learned last quarter. They also did activities related to personal pronouns and adjectives. Today they were given time to study for their exams tomorrow.

7th(DeMaio): This week the seventh grade students were working on a project in class which consisted of designing a poster with the topics learned during the past quarter and with the goal of helping them study for the written exam. They had the option of creating a song in which they had to use important vocabulary and information.

8th(Mehl): We spent this week preparing for Monday's midterm exam. The break is almost here, and I send my warmest wishes now for a wonderful and relaxing break with friends and family. I look forward to starting class again in January. We will get back to demonstratives and then past tense verb forms. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!