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Friday, 12/06/24, Newsletter

Middle School

Happy December/Advent. We have just one more week of regular classes, and then Middle School starts their midterm exams. **Please note that we have Mass this coming Monday, December 9th, to honor the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Students are expected to be in formal dress that day. We will not have Mass on Tuesday, December 10th. Students are expected to be in normal uniform that day. We will have a prayer service on Thursday, December 12th, to recognize the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Middle School Midterm Exams are on Tuesday (12/17), Wednesday (12/18), and Thursday (12/19).

Important School-wide Announcements:

- Mass will be on Monday, December 9th (not Tuesday) to recognize the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary...students are expected to be in Formal Dress
- We will not have Mass on Tuesday, December 10th...students are to wear normal uniform that day
- We will have a prayer service, at 8:15, on Thursday December 12th to recognize the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe...students are to wear normal uniform that day
- 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
- Every Advent and Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered for CCS students, as well as Adoration, which is a special quiet time of reflection spent in front of the Blessed Sacrament. We're in need of some parent support to usher students from the confessionals (library/conference room) to the chapel. Especially during the student lunch time frame of 11:30-1, we need people present in the chapel. Please consider helping out in this special way by selecting slot(s) from [this sign up sheet](#).
- Join us on Tuesday, December 10 from 5:00 to 8:00pm for CCS Night at Chick-fil-a @ Barracks Rd! Just tell the cashier (in restaurant or drive thru) that you're with CCS Spirit Night and 15% of your net food purchase will be donated back to school. Mobile Orders count too – use code CCSPTO.
- We are excited to be hosting Coffee & Muffins at St. Thomas Aquinas 4 weekends this year (October 27, December 15, January 26, and April 6). In order to do this, we will need volunteers to both bake muffins and staff the table each of the Sundays (Middle School students can do either one, and may count the time for church or community service). Muffins will need to be delivered to school no later than 8:15AM on preceding Friday (for December

15, muffins will be due by Friday, December 13). If you would like to help, please [sign up here](#)—any CCS parent can volunteer to staff the CCS.

- From the PTO: We will celebrate our incredible CCS faculty and staff by hosting a Christmas luncheon on December 18. We are seeking donations of food items and volunteers to monitor recess. Please [sign up here](#) if you are able to assist. Thank you for helping to make this a special event!

Food donations should be dropped off during the morning carline on 12/18 (there will be a cart for collections at both carlines).

Important Announcements for Middle School:

- Midterm exams will be on Tuesday(12/17), Wednesday (12/18), and Thursday (12/19).
- The Village School will host their annual GEM (Girls Excelling in Math) tournament on Saturday, March 22. Girls in grades 4 through 8 may participate. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mrs. DeVane at l.devane@cvillecatholic.org.

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 graders finished their Progressive unit. Next week they take their Progressive Era Unit Test and then move into midterm exam preparation.

7th Grade US History: This week the 7th graders took their World War 2 Unit test. Next week they will work on their 1940s research projects as well as preparing for the midterm exam.

8th Grade World History: This week the 8th graders finished their mini unit on Islamic Civilizations. Next week they take their unit test on the Roman Republic, Roman Empire, Byzantine Empire and the Islamic Caliphates.



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

Math 6 (Garland): The students were tested, the past week, on the Rational Numbers Unit. This coming week, we will focus on exam preparation, addressing what to study, how to study, and when to study.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): This past week, we learned how to solve problems involving “2 Let Statements.” Essentially students define two expressions, centering around 1 variable, and solve real world problems. This coming week, we will review Algebraic Word Problems and quiz on Tuesday, December 10th. This coming Wednesday, December 11th, we will start reviewing for the midterm exam.

Geometry (Garland): This past week, we started a new unit on Right Triangles, by focusing on the Pythagorean Theorem. On Monday, we will investigate Special Right Triangles (short cuts to the Pythagorean Theorem). This new unit will not be part of the midterm exam because it will extend into January. I will formally do a midterm review with the students on Thursday, December 12th.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we worked on multiplying and dividing decimals. The kids will have their last test of the 2nd quarter **after** Christmas Break. It will be on their block day either Wednesday (01.08.25) or Thursday (01.09.25). This test will be on decimal operations. **Next week, the Math 7 Exam Review is due on Friday, December 13th at the beginning of class. It will be a 25 point homework assignment weighted twice in the gradebook. It will not be accepted late or incomplete.** The 2nd quarter binder check will be on Tuesday, January 7th. This is a 20 point quiz grade weighted twice in the gradebook and will not be dropped as a lowest quiz grade.

Algebra (Reid): This past week we learned how to find the equation of various types of lines. We are able to find the equation of a parallel and a perpendicular line. We also started to find the line of best fit given real life data. Next week, we will continue to find the line of best fit from real world data and use it to predict different values. **Next week, the Algebra 1 Exam Review is due on Friday, December 13th at the beginning of class. It will be a 25 point homework assignment weighted twice in the gradebook. It will not be accepted late or incomplete.**The 2nd quarter binder check will be on Tuesday, January 7th. This is a 20 point quiz grade weighted twice in the gradebook and will not be dropped as a lowest quiz grade.

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

6th Grade English Composition (Kerrigan): This week has been heavily focused on study skills and learning to prepare for exams. We have discussed chunking exam review into sections, calendaring, completing study guides and reviewing with tests, quizzes, class notes and flashcards. Students had review quiz #1 today, and they will have review quiz #2 next Friday, to help pace them through their studying.

6th Grade Literature Vocabulary (Kerrigan): Students have received a study guide to use in their exam preparation. If your child has not yet created a Quizlet account, I encourage you to help them do so.

We also have started our next novel study on *A Long Walk to Water*. This book will not be on the exam.

The next IRA is due Jan. 7, the Tuesday we return from Christmas break.

7th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, we started to reflect on the themes of Orwell's *Animal Farm*. We also completed our class spelling bee. Next week, we will work on *Animal Farm* as well as our midterm exam review (Chapters 1-3 of *Animal Farm* will be included on the exam).

The next IRA is due January 7th, the Tuesday after we return from Christmas break.

8th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, we continued working on *The Outsiders*. We also completed our class spelling bee. Next week, we will finish *The Outsiders* with a quiz on the symbols in the text on Wed. the 11th and Thurs. the 12th. Students have a writing project connected to the book due on Friday the 13th. We will also begin our midterm exam review next week.

The next IRA is due January 7th, the Tuesday after we return from Christmas break.

Theology— d.mehl@cvillecatholic.org

6th(Mehl): This week we did assignments on the meaning of Advent. We also took the Chapter 2 test on God's plan for salvation. The students did reflections based on the tenet of the month, which is accepting, and read a short biography of St. Margaret of Castello, an extraordinary saint whose life teaches lessons of acceptance at a profound level. Next week we will read about the Old Testament in Catholic Connections and prepare for the semester exam. Tuesday's class is set aside for reconciliation and adoration. A reminder that service logs are due on January 8, which is the Wednesday after we return from Christmas break.

7th(Mehl): This week we did assignments on the meaning of Advent. We also took the Chapter 19 test on the Gospels. The students did reflections based on the tenet of the month, which is accepting, and read a short biography of St. Margaret of Castello, an extraordinary saint whose life teaches lessons of acceptance at a profound level. Next week we will do readings from the Gospel of Mark and prepare for the semester exam. Tuesday's class is set aside for reconciliation and adoration. A reminder that service logs are due on January 8, which is the Wednesday after we return from Christmas break.

8th(Mehl): This week we did assignments on the meaning of Advent. We also took the Chapter F test on the Church fathers. The students did reflections based on the tenet of the month, which is accepting, and read a short biography of St. Margaret of Castello, an extraordinary saint whose life teaches lessons of acceptance at a profound level. Next week we will continue our study of the Acts of the Apostles and prepare for the semester exam. Tuesday's class is set aside for reconciliation and adoration. A reminder that service logs are due on January 8, which is the Wednesday after we return from Christmas break.

Science— m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th Grade Life Science:

This week we discussed the kingdom Fungi. We learned characteristics of fungi and how it can be used to replicate leather in fashion. We dissected mushrooms and reviewed how

they release spores. Next week we will work on science fair projects and learn about adaptations.

7th Grade Physical Science:

This week we learned about the 5 types of chemical reactions. We experimented with elephant toothpaste and did a series of combustion demonstrations. Next week we will have time to work on science fair projects and a few more experiments.

8th Grade Earth Science:

This week we modeled landforms and discussed types of volcanoes. We demonstrated the theory of plate tectonics using graham crackers and pudding. Next week will discuss and map earthquakes.

Spanish—d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org

Spanish 1 [Part 1–7th grade] (DeMaio): This week the 7th grade students have started working on their written presentation "Y tú ¿Cómo eres?" They have to submit this project next week, Wednesday the 11th. They have also done written and listening activities on this topic. Vocabulary review, grammar review, adjectives, definite and indefinite articles. On Friday they started the new topic Tu día en la escuela=Your day at school with new vocabulary and new grammar that they will learn about subject pronouns, present tense of -ar verbs.

Due date written presentation "Y tú ¿Cómo eres?" Wednesday the 11th
Midterm Exam on Tuesday, December 17th.

Spanish 1 [Part 2–8th grade](DeMaio): The 8th graders continue learning vocabulary and grammar from the topic Let's go to a restaurant! They have done activities in their workbooks and audiobooks. They have learned to conjugate the verb venir=to come and to differentiate it from the verb ir=to go. They reviewed the verb to be and have also learned about adjectives ending in -ísimo. On Friday they took a vocabulary quiz related to the topic ¡Vamos a un restaurante !in which they have to recognize the vocabulary of utensils as well as how to describe other people according to their hair color, if they are tall or short, among others.

Test: Conjugation verb venir=to come, Tuesday, December 10th.
Midterm Exam on Tuesday, December 19th