



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

Middle School

December 8th, 2023

Q2 Service logs are due Wednesday, January 10.

Middle School Midterm Exams will be on Thursday(12/14), Friday (12/15), and Monday (12/18)

The Last Day of School, prior to Christmas Break, is Tuesday, December 19th. It will be a full day of school. We return from Christmas Break on Wednesday, January 3rd.

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.**

Friday, December 15 is our Tacky Christmas Sweater Day at CCS! Students will be allowed to wear appropriate tacky Christmas sweaters to school that day.

- Students in K-5 may wear either their school uniform jumpers or pants, or CCS sweatpants.
- Middle School students may wear school uniform skirts or pants, blue jeans, or CCS sweatpants.

- All students must wear their uniform shoes.
- Any students not participating must wear their normal uniform.

Join the Fun! Camp4Real Kids Night Out is Coming to Charlottesville Catholic on Dec. 15! Kids Night Out (KNO) is a three-hour drop-off event featuring a catered dinner and an exciting lineup of engaging P.E.-style games and activities for children in kindergarten through 6th grade! Family fun with an impact! Camp4Real is proud to support the CCS community and will donate a portion of the event proceeds right back to our school! Discounted early registration is now open! [Click here](#) to learn more and snag your child's spot!

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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-46668632-middle>

Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week the 6th graders finished their US Government unit. Next week we will be reviewing for their midterm exam.

7th: This week the 7th graders learned about the Allied invasion of Europe on D-Day. Next week they will begin reviewing for their midterm exam.

8th: This week the 8th graders learned about the life and death of Julius Caesar. Next week they will begin reviewing for their midterm exam.



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

Math 6 (Garland): We started reviewing for the math exam. We will use this week to finish the review. Math 6 students will take their midterm exam on Friday, December 15th, at 8:10am.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): We quizzed on equations and applications today. Next week, we will review for the midterm. 8th graders will take their Pre-Algebra Midterm on Thursday, December 14th, at 8:10am. 6th graders will take their Pre-Algebra Midterm on Friday, December 15th at 10:00am. 7th graders will take their Pre-Algebra Midterm on Monday, December 18th, at 8:10am

Geometry (Garland): We have started and will continue reviewing for the midterm exam. Geometry will take their midterm on Thursday, December 14th, at 10am.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we took our Test on Fractions & Their Operations and we started to work with decimals. Decimals will **not** be on the midterm exam, however will be counted in 2nd Quarter material/grades. Next week is a big week :) Monday at the beginning of class, The Math 7 Exam Review - 1st Semester is due. It is a 25 point homework assignment weighted twice in the gradebook. This assignment will not be accepted late or incomplete. We will use class time this week to answer any questions, practice and prepare for the Math 7 Exam. Math 6/7 A will take their exam on Friday, December 15th from 8:10 - 9:40. Math 6/7 B will take their exam on Friday, December 15th from 10:00 - 11:30. Math 7A will take their exam on Monday, December 18th from 8:10 - 9:40.

Algebra (Reid): This past week we took a Test on Slope, Graphing & Writing Equations of Lines. This was a big test and good preparation for the 1st semester exam :) Next week is a big week :) Monday at the beginning of class, The Algebra 1 Exam Review - 1st Semester is due. It is a 25 point homework assignment weighted twice in the gradebook. This assignment will not be accepted late or incomplete. We will use class time this week to answer any questions, practice and prepare for the Algebra 1 Exam. Algebra 8A will take their exam on Thursday, December 14th from 10:00 - 11:30. Algebra 8B will take their exam on Thursday, December 14th from 8:10 - 9:40. Algebra 7B will take their exam on Monday, December 18th from 10:00 - 11:30.

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

6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan): Next week is dedicated to exam review. Over the weekend, students should finish filling out their exam study guide because we will be correcting the answers on Monday.

The exam is on Monday, Dec. 18.

6th Grade Literature (Hernandez): This week, we read and analyzed the first four chapters of Paulsen's *Hatchet*. We discussed the author's use of imagery and figurative language. Next week, we will continue to discuss *Hatchet* and prepare for the midterm exam.

7th Language Arts (Hernandez): This week, we finished our background research presentations on *Animal Farm* and reflected on the first five chapters of the book. We also read a piece by George Orwell about his experiences as a young man. Next week, we will continue analyzing this piece and prepare for the midterm exam.

8th Language Arts (Hernandez): This week, we continued with the first five chapters of *Unbroken* and read and analyzed Laura Hillenbrand's personal narrative, "A Sudden Illness." Next week, we will continue with "A Sudden Illness" and *Unbroken* and prepare for the midterm exam.

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

6th(Mehl): This week we continued our Bible readings focused on the Patriarchs. In particular we read stories about Isaac and Jacob. We also talked about Advent and the Jesse Tree. We especially used the Sunday readings to reflect on what exactly it is that we are waiting for during this wonderful season. Finally, we took some time to discuss and review for the midterm exam. This will be our focus next week as well, with our exam coming up on Thursday.

7th(Mehl): This week we continued our Bible readings focused on the Gospel of Luke. We have been doing readings from Luke, such as the Parable of the Lost or Prodigal son and the cleansing of the ten lepers, to show how Jesus welcomed sinners, outcasts, and foreigners. We also talked about Advent and the Jesse Tree. We especially used the Sunday readings to reflect on what exactly it is that we are waiting for during this wonderful season. Finally, we took some time to discuss and review for the midterm exam. This will be our focus next week as well, with our exam coming up on Friday.

8th(Fallica and Bryan): Students took an assessment on Church Fathers and Church Councils this week and continued to learn about the Roman Empire through text and bible readings and their in-class Map project. Additionally, students reflected on Advent and the bible stories highlighted in the Jesse Tree. Students received their study guide for the exam on Friday, December 15. Q2 service logs are due January 10.

Science— m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week we practiced using a dichotomous key to identify tree species. We also started a discussion on adaptations as well as viruses. Next week we will continue investigating bacteria.

7th: This week we started our acid base project as we are building bottle rockets. We also concluded the chemistry notes discussing the 5 categories of chemical reactions. Next week we will experiment with decomposition and combustion reactions.

8th: This week we investigated earthquakes and practiced triangulating data from a seismograph to determine the epicenter of the earthquake. We also started to learn how to engineer a pop-up book which is our next project. We will start to create Volcano pop-up books. Next week we will start with investigating maps.

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

6th(DeMaio): Sixth graders continue to learn about adjectives and use them with personal pronouns to speak and form sentences. They also received a treat to watch an age-appropriate movie in Spanish related to Christmas. Next week they will learn about infinities and how to express likes and dislikes.

7th(DeMaio): The students are learning about personal pronouns, infinities, and how to express like or dislike in Spanish. The following days they will be doing activities to help prepare them for the written exam on December 14th. They took the oral exam today and I am happy to say that in general they prepared very well and had an excellent result.

8th(Mehl): This week we did a reading from our novella *Pobre Ana*, to practice the types of reading comprehension questions that will appear on the exam. We also continued to study demonstratives. As time permitted, we discussed and reviewed for our upcoming midterm exam. This will be our focus next week, with our exam scheduled for Monday, December 18.