



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

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Middle School

- **Thursday, March 23rd, the 8th graders will be traveling to Washington, D.C.**
- **Friday, March 24th, school will be closed for a student/teacher holiday**
- **Monday, March 27th, school will be closed for a teacher work day**

Uniforms

Many of the students have grown in the last few months. Please check your child's uniforms to make sure they have not gotten too tall for them. Also, many of the boys are in need of haircuts. As a reminder, spring uniforms will start on Monday, April 3.

From the handbook:

Hair:

- Hair should be clean, combed, groomed away from the face so as not to cover the face.
- No hair dying, or streaking.
- No shaved or intentionally bald heads. No designs shaved into hair.
- No spiked hair or tails.

Boys: Hair must not extend over the ears or below the top of the shirt collar. No ponytails. Sideburns must be straight, trimmed, and must not extend beyond the lowest opening of the ear. Bangs should not extend past the eyebrows. Students must be cleanly shaven every day (no mustaches, beards, or goatees).

Girls: Conservative hair clips, headbands, bows, and ribbons should be school colors only.

Makeup/Nail Polish/Earrings:

- Makeup is not permitted.
- Clear, colorless fingernail polish is permitted only for girls in grades 6-8.
- Artificial fingernails are not permitted.
- Earrings are to be studs only.

During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship



with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week the 6th grader compared the plans of Booker T Washington's and WEB Dubois' to help African Americans gain more civil rights. Next week we will discuss the rise of the women's rights movement of the late 1800s.



7th: This week the 7th graders learned about the Vietnam War and the March from Selma to Montgomery Alabama. Next week they will take their 1960s unit test.

8th: This week the 8th grade learned about the start of the Age of Exploration. Next week we will discuss Mesoamerican civilizations.

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

Math 6 (Garland): This past week, students are starting to comprehend initial Algebraic skills of solving one step equations through inverses. (Their work is just as important as their answers) This coming week, we are going to start solving equations that have fractions and decimals in them, revisiting the skills associated with Rational Numbers.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): We finished this past week with sales tax, tip, discounts, and mark-ups. This coming week, we will get more into word problems associated with these life skills as well as discuss percent change. We will also start reviewing for a unit test. I plan on assessing the students on their block day of the following week.

Geometry (Garland): This past week, we finished up the topics in our unit on circles by quizzing and giving an SOL practice. This coming week, we will review Monday, and Test on Tuesday. Tuesday will be this class's last meeting of the week due to the 8th grade trip to Washington.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we continued to solve 2 step equations and we also started to solve word problems. The progress everyone is making is wonderful! I am so proud of the kids and all of their hard work, asking questions, paying attention to details. The kids have really been working hard! We will be gearing up for a test on solving equations and word problems before spring break! Our 3rd quarter binder check will be on Tuesday, March 21st.

Algebra (Reid): This past week we have been working on learning the laws of exponents, or as we like to call them "The Power Rules". We have been learning and practicing them in

class as well as anywhere Mrs. Reid runs into any of the Algebra 1 students. Please ask your child to tell you the power rules. We will have our 3rd quarter binder check on Tuesday, March 21st. We will have our test on the Laws of Exponents on Thursday, March 30th. This test grade will be the first test grade of the 4th quarter.

Composition, Literature, and Language

Arts—e.kerrigan@cvillecatholic.org & l.lowdon@cvillecatholic.org

6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan): We started a targeted unit on adverbs this week. We also took our *Vocabulary Power Plus*, Lessons 13-15, test. Next week, we will take a break from vocabulary because the students have a vocab quiz in Literature on Abel's Island vocabulary. The list of vocab words for the quiz are on Google Classroom.

6th Grade Literature (Kerrigan): Some final grades for the quarter are coming up next week! Please make sure your student is on track to hand in their IRA on Tuesday. Also, students have an *Abel's Island* vocabulary quiz on Tuesday and an *Abel's Island* test on Thursday.

7th Language Arts (Lowdon): The IRA is due on Tuesday. We have begun reading *Merchant of Venice* this week; our first stop was learning about the life and work of William Shakespeare. Ask your student about a word or phrase coined by Shakespeare! There is a test on Wordly Wise, lesson 9, on Tuesday.

8th Language Arts (Lowdon): The IRA is due on Tuesday. We have looked at the historical background of the novel, *Animal Farm*, by George Orwell. In class we have been working on slides depicting the history and beliefs/practices of a famous world religion. On block day students used the slides to write an outline (due Tuesday). We will write a rough draft of this paper as soon as the outlines have been completed and approved by me.

Religion— a.sisman@cvillecatholic.org

6th: It is great to be back! I miss my little Michael Augustine, but also love seeing the students again! We picked up where Mrs. Devane left off and discussed Joshua and the Judges, including Deborah and Samson. We learned that we must all be strong and wise by competing in a physical and mental challenge. Service logs were also due this week. If your child has not turned it in, it is not too late - they can hand it in next week with a late penalty. There is also an opportunity to serve at the Knights of Columbus Meatless Soup Suppers from 6-7 each Friday during Lent. You can sign your child up here:

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8th: It's great to be back! I miss my little Michael Augustine, but also love seeing the students again! 8th grade has begun a chapter on honoring God (Ch. 40), but much of our focus this week has been on faith buddies and St. Patrick's Day activities. Service logs were also due this week. If your child has not turned it in, it is not too late - they can hand it in next week with a late penalty. There is also an opportunity to serve at the Knights of Columbus Meatless Soup Suppers from 6-7 each Friday during Lent. You can sign your child up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA4AD28A1F8C70-soup>

Science— m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week we researched a vertebrate of our choice and had to write a report on our animal. In addition, we designed a scale model in Tinkercad of an assistive device to help with our animals mobility if it were to be injured. We also discussed bird beaks and how form fits function. Student engineered beaks that can pick up a variety of diverse food sources. Next week we will continue with ecology and start body systems.

7th: This week we learned about potential and kinetic energy. We discussed different forms of energy and how energy is transferred to a different form. We practiced solving for kinetic energy and gravitational potential energy. We asked and answered how much potential energy does the X-Wing fighter have in the swamp on Dagobah in Star Wars. Next week we will work on our potential energy projects.

8th: This week we wrapped up our broadcasts and completed a deep dive into climate and climatologists. We also introduced how one debates a topic and how to research and prepare for a debate. Next week students will be assigned a role in our debate on forcing a reduction of Carbon Emissions. Students will research their position on the topic in preparation for the debate.

Spanish— j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

7th and 8th: This week we are working with telling time, stating when events start and end and asking questions about times of different events. Students are working with the verbs *terminar* (to end), *empezar* (to begin) and *ser* (to be). We also have been reviewing numbers 1-60 and working on our spelling. Soon the students will be introduced to our next project, which is all about school!