



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

Middle School

- **Spring Uniforms start this coming Monday, April 3rd, 2023**
- **There will be an 11:30am dismissal, with no aftercare, on April 6th, 2023**
- **School will be closed for Easter/Spring Break: Friday, April 7th - Sunday, April 16th.**

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 csrricebowl.org to learn more.



Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week the 6th graders began learning about the causes of World War I. Next week they will explore the technology used during the war that made it the first modern war.

7th: This week the 7th graders learned about the 1970s and the presidencies of Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. Next week we will discuss Jimmy Carter.

8th: This week the 8th graders learned about the Maya, Aztec and Inca civilizations. Next week they will discuss the conquistadors from Spain who came into conflict with those Mesoamerican civilizations.

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

Math 6 (Garland): Last week, we got into writing and graphing inequalities. Next week, we will use our skills of solving equations to help us solve one step inequalities. When we return from break, we will refresh these skills.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): We finished this past week assessing the percent proportion. Next week, we will get into Simple Interest. When we return from Spring Break, an in class project will be assigned that combines all of the skills we have learned to allow students to realize the cost of planning a 200 person event. The project is entitled, "The Gala Project".

Geometry (Garland): This past Thursday and Friday, we derived area formulas based on the area of a triangle and rectangle. Next week we will adapt area and volume formulas to find the area and volumes of composite three-dimensional shapes. When we return from Spring Break, we will discuss ratios involved with perimeters, areas, and volumes of similar figures.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we worked hard on solving word problems! The kids might have felt like they ran a marathon in math this week! We have been working very hard on reading comprehension in math as it pertains to translating word problems into algebraic equations. We also did a matching activity to try and help the kids reason through various word problems to decipher which operation(s) to use to solve the word problem. Next week, we will be having our test on solving equations and word problems on Tuesday and Wednesday. It will be broken into two parts since we will not have a full block day due to Easter Break.

Algebra (Reid): This past week we tested on our Power Rules (Laws of Exponents) and started to talk about what a polynomial is and how we can classify them by the number of terms and by the degree (highest power). Next week, we will continue to work with polynomial operations by adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing them. The kids may come and ask you the question, "Do you remember FOIL?" I will talk about FOIL, but I will also show multiplying polynomials using a "box" (much like a Punnett Square) in preparation for how we will factor polynomials. I want the kids to understand the dual function of the "box" as it applies to multiplying and factoring polynomials.

Composition, Literature, and Language

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

6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan): This week, we completed lesson 16 in *Vocabulary Power Plus* and began learning about subordinate clauses in our grammar studies. Our study of dependent clauses will transition well into a deeper look at punctuation.

6th Grade Literature (Kerrigan): Take note, the next IRA is due April 25! Students should keep their IRA books in their backpacks for when they are given time in class to read. On beautiful afternoons, we enjoy reading outside. In class, we also have been developing

persuasive writing pieces in the form of rants to share with the class. The rough draft is due Monday.

7th Language Arts (Lowdon): Students will take a Wordly Wise test on Tuesday (lesson 10). The next IRA is due May 2. Next week we will continue to read *Merchant of Venice* in class.

8th Language Arts (Lowdon): Students will take a Wordly Wise test on Tuesday (lesson 11). The next IRA is due May 2. Next week we will continue to read *Animal Farm* in class. A chapter will be assigned to read over the weekend.

Religion— a.sisman@cvillecatholic.org

6th: We have continued our studies on the first kings of Israel and begun a book study on C. S. Lewis' The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Next week we will also discuss the solemn prayers and practices associated with Holy Week and watch the 4th grade's Passion Play.

7th: We have studied the biblical roots of the Mass and begun a book study on C. S. Lewis' The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Next week we will also discuss the solemn prayers and practices associated with Holy Week and watch the 4th grade's Passion Play.

8th: This week students took the 8th grade ACRE testing, which measures their knowledge of the Catholic faith. They also began a chapter on honoring family. Next week we will also discuss the solemn prayers and practices associated with Holy Week and watch the 4th grade's Passion Play.

Science— m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week we continued with the skeleton and muscular system. We discussed different types of joints and muscles. We dissected a chicken wing to experience how muscles work in pairs and how to see the difference between tendons and ligaments. Next week on to the digestive system.

7th: This week students presented their amazing toy inventions that utilize elastic potential energy and a 3-d designed and printed part. Next week we will wrap up energy and move onto the circuits and electricity.

8th: This week students presented their positions on climate change in our mock congressional meeting aimed to pass a bill that would limit CO2 emissions by half over the next 3 years. Next week we move onto oceans and climate.

Spanish— j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

7th and 8th: During the month of March we participated in Locura de Marzo, a global song competition that introduces students to new songs and encourages them to actively engage with culture and language. This week we wrapped up the competition with an album design project, we definitely have some very artistic students!

This week the students also turned in and presented their school projects. They did a great job and it was amazing to see and hear the progress they have made.

Music—k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org

6th and 7th Grade: This past month, our 6th graders have learned a few basics about piano, from where middle C is, to C major Scale and Arpeggios. Advanced students worked on their cadence patterns for the major scales. Students then began to learn Amazing Grace. They are continuing to work on their fingering, as well as reading music and rhythm.

8th Grade: This past month, our 8th graders have learned and written down fingerings and an understanding of the parts of the melodica. Students have begun to learn both C Major and G major scales and Arpeggios and will continue learning scales through the circle of fifths. Students got into small groups and performed “When the Saints Go Marching In” as well as “3 Blind Mice.” Students are continuing to work on rhythm together as a class, as well as reading notes on both treble and bass clef, as well as how to use breath control.



VISITOR: All Students had a in-school visitor, Mr. Perry, the Director of Music Resource Center, who came and talked about the possibilities of coming after school from Monday through Friday, free of charge, anytime from 2:30-5 pm at the Music Resource Center next to the downtown mall to play music, record music, and just enjoy the “Music Maker Space” it creates. Please feel free to email me if you have any questions at k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org!

Middle School Choir:

- Finished working on District choir songs!
- Began to work “Million Dreams” and “This is Me” for the spring open house art show

Middle School Music Improv class:

- working on Billie Eilish songs as an arrangement

Take a listen to our new music improv version of Taylor Swift's antihero song:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k-bQyydYLoyVKwwwCdOjY72eYq1RAO1/view?usp=sharing>