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Friday, 04/11/25, Newsletter

Middle School

We are excited to see our young men and young ladies at the school dance this Saturday evening. Good luck to track as they compete tonight. Next week is Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. We will have an 11:30am dismissal on Thursday, April 17th.

Important Nurse Announcements:

Rising 7th grade students must provide updated immunization forms showing that they have received a Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis vaccine (Tdap) and the 1st Meningococcal (MenACWY) vaccine. HPV vaccine is recommended but not required by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Students **WILL NOT** be allowed to start school without the appropriate immunization records. Please start sending them in from now.

Important School-wide Announcements:

- We hope you can join us for the 2025 Charlottesville Catholic School Gala Auction, which will be held on Saturday, May 3 at the Omni Hotel. The Gala Auction is a fabulous evening for the CCS community to come together and support the school! Featuring cocktail hour and a seated dinner, live and silent auctions, and a number of fun raffles, this is our school's biggest fundraising effort each year—you don't want to miss it! [Purchase your Gala Auction tickets here!](#)
- Mark Your Calendars – Field Day is Coming!
Field Day will take place on Friday, May 23, from 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM! This is a half-day event, and we'll need around 50 parent volunteers to help make the day successful and fun for our students. We'll need help with setup before and cleanup after the event, so if you're available outside the 8:00–11:30 am time frame, we'd greatly appreciate the extra hands! The official volunteer sign-up sheet will go out after Easter Break, but we wanted to spread the word early so families can plan ahead and request time off if needed. If you're interested in helping or have any questions, feel free to reach out to Ms. Varney. (m.varney@cvillecatholic.org)
- Holy Thursday, April 17th, is the Passion Play and an 11:30am dismissal
- Easter/Spring Break is from April 18th - April 27th. School resumes on Monday, April 28th.

Important Announcements for Middle School:

- We need many more volunteers to hang the Annual All CCS Art Show on May 2, 3, or 4. Parent and student volunteers are needed. Refreshments will be provided for volunteers by the lovely Monica Jordan. Please see the signup [here](#) to help. Thank you for your support!
- We Would love to have more bread bakers for Holy Comforter Soup Kitchen. Great fun meaningful way to earn service hours (community or church). Great items have been fools, biscuits, loaf breads, garlic bread....patrons have loved the variety! Deliver to school TUESDAY mornings. Please sign up [HERE](#)
- The Math Team meets Fridays during prep time (normal dismissal days) and is open to all middle schoolers who enjoy sharpening their problem-solving skills. Next school year, the team will register with Math Counts (<https://www.mathcounts.org/>) and compete with other local middle school math teams. In the meantime, we will continue to meet most Fridays and work on a variety of individual and group problems.
- April 12th is our next FANS event, the spring dance from 7pm - 9pm in our gymnasium
- Reid and Patrick will come visit the middle school on Thursday, April 17th for a RAPS session. This time will be devoted to life lessons rooted by scripture.

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 started learning about the 1950s, focusing on changes in American culture, the civil rights movement, and foreign policy. Next week they will move into the 1960s and take a test on the 1950s and 1960s test on Friday.

7th Grade US History: This week the 7th graders learned about 9/11 and the war on terror. Next week they will be writing an essay on the 3 most important events of the 1990s-2000s.

8th Grade World History: This week the 8th graders learned about the Maya, the Aztec and the Inca and finished their Renaissance Projects. Next week they will be discussing the Spanish Conquistadors.

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

Math 6 (Garland): This past Friday, we looked at solving one step inequalities. This coming week, we will work with inequality word problems. I will quiz the students, prior to spring break, on their inequality skills.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): Last week, I assessed the students' ability to solve more advanced word problems, involving the percent proportion, on Friday. This week, we will finish our current unit by exploring the simple interest formula. After that, we will start a graphing unit centered around the slopes of lines.

Geometry (Garland): This past week, we looked at the relationship between ratios of perimeter, area, and volume of similar shapes. We will do an assignment on this on Tuesday. For our final class prior to spring break, we will do an Algebra 2 extension of taking equations of circles from standard form to vertex form. Students will be introduced to “completing the square”.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week, we finished up our unit on Ratios, Rates & Proportions. The kids got their test review on Wednesday or Thursday (whichever was their block day) and it was due today (04.11). The kids will be having their next test on Monday (04.14) and Tuesday (04.15) on Ratios, Rates & Proportions. Since we are not having a block day next week with a shortened day on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, I am breaking the test into two smaller portions so that everyone will have a chance to finish. The first smaller section will be completed on Monday and the second smaller section will be completed on Tuesday. The kids also gained digital access to the 2nd Semester Math Exam Review on Monday, April 7th. This assignment will be due on Tuesday, May 20th at the beginning of class. It will be a 20 point quiz grade weighted twice in the gradebook. It will not be accepted late or incomplete. I sent an email home to all of the families explaining the purpose of the assignment. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me so we can chat 😊

Algebra (Reid): This past week, we finished our unit on Factoring & Solving Equations Using Factoring. The kids have worked very hard on this unit and I am super proud of them...Factoring is tough stuff! They have definitely put in the work and I couldn't be prouder of them 😊 They got their test review on factoring & solving equations using factoring on Friday (04.11) and it is due on Monday (04.14). The Test on Factoring and Solving Equations Using Factoring will be split up into two smaller sections on Tuesday (04.15) and Wednesday (04.16) so that the kids will have enough time to complete the test since we don't have a block day next week due to our shortened day on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The kids also gained digital access to the 2nd Semester Algebra Exam Review on Monday, April 7th. This assignment will be due on Tuesday, May 20th at the beginning of class. It will be a 20 point quiz grade weighted twice in the gradebook. It will not be accepted late or incomplete. I sent an email home to all of the families explaining the purpose of the assignment. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me so we can chat 😊

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

6th Grade English Composition (Kerrigan): This week, we wrapped up our unit on Adverbs. **Next week, there will be an adverb test on Tuesday, and a VPP Lesson 16-18 vocab test on Wednesday.** After break, our last grammar unit of the year will be subordinate clauses and conjunctions.

6th Grade Literature Vocabulary (Kerrigan): This week, we spent a good amount of time writing IRAs in class. It went beautifully, as I was able to provide editorial support to the students as they were writing. **The next IRA will be an oral presentation on May 14.**

Meanwhile, we will be midday through reading *A Bridge to Terabithia*, having read through Chapter 8, when Easter break begins. We will resume our analysis of *Bridge to Terabithia* after break. Have a restful and rejuvenating break!

7th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, students worked on and submitted their 7th IRA. We continued with reading comprehension for *City of the Beasts* and students had an opportunity to try out some magical realist creative writing (more of this to come). They also had a chance to do corrections on their previous reading quiz and will take a second reading quiz on Ch. 7-11 of the book on Monday. Please help your student to keep up with the reading so that they can be prepared for the quiz. Next week, we will also start to get into analysis of *City of the Beasts*.

Our final IRA of the year will be completed **in class** starting Tuesday, May 13th. I will send a separate email outlining procedures for this.

8th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, students worked on and submitted their 7th IRA. We continued with chapters 4 and 5 of *Lord of the Flies*. Students had an opportunity to reflect on the theme of leadership in the book and practiced looking at the novel as an allegory of the human condition. Students prepared an outline for an essay they will write next week on leadership. They also completed a written analysis quiz on chapters 4 and 5. In addition to the essay next week, students will create a skit/play based on Ch. 5.

Theology— d.mehl@cvillecatholic.org

6th(Mehl): This week we took our weekly quiz on Tuesday's Mass readings, and students wrote reflections after the Mass. We prayed the Stations of the Cross. We had our test on the Patriarchs, with a focus on Jacob. We also completed our skits on the Liturgy of the Word. We are looking forward to Holy Week next week.

7th(Mehl): This week we took now weekly quiz on Tuesday's Mass readings, and students wrote reflections after the Mass. We continued our reading together of the Passion narrative as told in the Gospel of Mark. We had our test on the Gospel of Luke. We are looking forward to Holy Week next week.

8th(Mehl): This week we took our weekly quiz on Tuesday's Mass readings, and students wrote reflections after the Mass. We prayed the Stations of the Cross. We completed watching the video of Bishop Barron's excellent discussion of the Seven Deadly Sins. We look forward to Holy Week next week.

Science— m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th Grade Life Science: This week we worked on our Animal Projects in Class. Students are researching an animal and designing a prosthetic device to assist with mobility of their animal. Next week we will continue with Ecology.

7th Grade Physical Science: This week we reviewed renewable vs nonrenewable energy with our digital escape room. We also started to investigate electricity. Students are learning about charge, current and circuits. We will continue to build circuits next week.

8th Grade Earth Science: This week we finished the documentary on new technologies that can be used to address CO2 emissions. We started to investigate the hydrosphere and started with the hydrologic and carbon cycle. Next week we will continue with the hydrosphere.

Spanish—d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org

Spanish 1 [Part 1–7th grade] (DeMaio): This week, seventh-grade students began the topic "pasatiempos: ¿A dónde vas?=Hobbies: Where Are You Going?" They are learning new vocabulary such as places like the mall=centro comercial, the park=el parque, the pool=la piscina, and others. They are also learning to conjugate the verb "ir" and asking questions. On Tuesday, they took a grammar test related to the verb "ser" and plurals in adjectives. Next week, more on this topic: listening, writing, and speaking activities.

Spanish 1 [Part 2–8th grade](DeMaio): This week, eighth-grade students began learning the topic "Experiencias: De Vacaciones" Grammar: Preterite in -er and -ir verbs. On the long block they start working on an oral presentation project in which they must talk in the past tense about their past vacations. They have time to work on this project during class until April 23rd. The students also took a grammar test related to past-tense conjugation and the direct present tense.

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