



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

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## Friday, 04/18/25, Newsletter

### Middle School

As we pause today to commemorate Good Friday, we are reminded of the profound love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. On this solemn day, we come together as a school family to reflect on His ultimate act of redemption and how it calls us to live with faith, compassion, and service to others. On behalf of the middle school team, we wish you a Happy Easter and spring break. Please remember that we return to school on Monday, April 28th (and at week's end we will be in May)

#### **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:**

- All Families are invited to our annual Art Show Open House taking place after school on Wednesday, May 7th from 4-6. The Book Fair will have extended hours during this time and food, activities and first-class art will all be provided for you to enjoy. Volunteers are still needed on May 3rd and 4th to hang the Art Show. We are in need of many more adults to help set up and take down the art show this year. Middle Schoolers may also use this as an opportunity to get service hours for any category. Please use this [SignUp Genius](#) to schedule a time.
- **LAST CHANCE FOR GALA AUCTION TICKETS!** You don't want to miss out on the party of the year! [Ticket sales for the 2025 Gala Auction](#) CLOSE THIS FRIDAY, April 18, so make sure that you're registered to attend! We have an incredible lineup of Live Auction items, available to bid on **ONLY** at the event. Silent Auction bidding will open online on April 21. Grab your friends and enjoy an evening of good food, great company and dancing - all while supporting our incredible school!
- **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](mailto:m.varney@cvillecatholic.org))

- Each Thursday in May, we will pray the rosary
- Our next Blue and Gold Day is May 2nd.
- May 5th - 9th is the week of the Art Show and Book Fair
- School is closed on Monday, May 26th, in observance of Memorial Day
- The last day of school is Tuesday, June 3rd. It is an 11:30am dismissal. Our end of the year awards ceremony will also be held on that day.

#### **Important Announcements for Middle School:**

- On Monday, April 28th, the Kona Ice Truck will be at CCS for the middle school during lunch and recess. The event will cost \$5 and will be charged through FACTS. Mrs. DeVane sent an email asking if any family wanted to opt out. If you did not reply to this email, we assume you want your child to participate. If you do not wish your child to participate or be billed, you must email Mrs. DeVane prior to returning from Easter Break.
- May 8th and 14th are MAP testing days in Middle School. May 8th is the Reading MAP test and May 14th is the Math MAP test. Please be mindful of having your student miss during these very important assessments.
- May 23rd, besides being Field Day, is Putt-Putt day for the 8th graders. They will walk to Putt-Putt and then be picked up by parents at that location
- 8th grade exams are Tuesday, May 27th - Thursday May 29th. For Wednesday and Thursday of that assessment period, 8th graders have the privilege of leaving at lunch time, provided their examinations are completed. Start making plans now to arrange for their pickup time.
- 6th and 7th grade exams are Thursday May 29th, Friday May 30th, and Monday June 2nd.
- Monday, June 2nd is our last FANS event of the school year...it is Bowling at Bowlero.
- Monday evening, June 2nd, is 8th grade graduation
- 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.

#### **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](mailto:r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org)

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6th Grade US History: This week the 6th graders learned about 1960s america. When we come back from break we will finish the 60s and take a test on Friday.

7th Grade US History: This week the 7th graders worked on a research project where they chose the 5 most important events from their lifetime. When we come back from break they will share their findings.

8th Grade World History: This week the 8th graders learned about the Spanish Conquistadors. When they come back from break they will begin their unit on important dates in history which is the beginning of our review for their final exam.

## Mathematics - [j.garland@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:j.garland@cvillecatholic.org) & [j.reid@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:j.reid@cvillecatholic.org)

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Math 6 (Garland): Prior to spring break, students were exposed to all skills within our unit of solving equations and inequalities. When we return from spring break, we will review these skills. Students will have a unit test on Thursday, May 1st. We will then start a brand new unit entitled, "Geometry". The purpose of this new unit is two-fold: it puts a visual behind solving equations and allows students to explore shape properties.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): Prior to spring break, we revisit graphing within a coordinate plane to launch a new unit centered around equations of lines. When we return from Easter Break, the students will use tables to graph lines and explore the relationship of coordinate points on a line and slope. Students will be quizzed on Wednesday regarding these new found ideas. For the remainder of the week, we will look at the slope formula which allows us to get slope from two coordinate points, not necessarily plotted on the coordinate plane.

Geometry (Garland): Prior to spring break, we finished all new material within our Area and Volume Unit. When we return from Easter Break, the students will spend the week getting ready for a Unit Test. They will be quizzed and go through a review on the days leading up to Friday, May 2nd, which will be the day of the test.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week, we finished up and tested on our unit on Ratios, Rates & Proportions. When we get back from Easter Break, we will start a unit on measures of central tendency and various ways to display data. Please check in with your child and their progress on the 2nd Semester Math Exam Review to this point. Questions have been added through the last test on Ratios, Rates & Proportions. 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.

Algebra (Reid): This past week finished up our unit on Factoring & Solving Equations Using Factoring. We tested on Tuesday and Wednesday. When we get back from Easter Break, we will start our unit on Solving Quadratic Equations that may (or may not) be able to be factored. This will lead us into working with simplifying square and cube roots 😊 Please check in with your child and their progress on the 2nd Semester Algebra 1 Exam Review to

this point. Questions have been added through the last test on Factoring & Solving equations by Factoring. 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.

## Composition, Literature, and Language Arts - [r.hernandez@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:r.hernandez@cvillecatholic.org) & [e.kerrigan@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:e.kerrigan@cvillecatholic.org)

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6th Grade English Composition (Kerrigan): This week we wrapped two units of study: adverbs and lessons 16-18 in our vocabulary book. When we return from break, we will be studying clauses and punctuation, and we will be finishing our vocabulary book.

6th Grade Literature Vocabulary (Kerrigan): we are midway through our analysis of *Bridge to Terabithia*. **After break, the final IRAs will be presented on May 21.**

7th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, we continued our reading and analysis of *City of the Beasts*. Students took a reading quiz on chapters 7-11 and planned and began writing an in-class essay on the magical realist elements in the book. After the break, we will read other magical realist works to compare the writing styles and talk about the real-world connections behind the book.

7th grade will write the final IRA of the year **in class** starting on **Tuesday, May 13th**.

8th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, we continued with reading and analysis of *Lord of the Flies*. Students planned out skits reenacting the main points of chapter 5. We will continue with this book and themes of evil/sin after the break. Students also wrote an in-class essay on leadership using an outline they had prepared on Friday of last week. I am seeing a lot of growth in essay writing skills for 8th grade. Keep up the good work!

## Theology— [d.mehl@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:d.mehl@cvillecatholic.org)

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6th(Mehl): This week we looked carefully at the readings for Tuesday's Mass, discussing their significance especially in light of this being Holy Week. Students also took the weekly quiz on these readings. We did an extra credit assignment on readings about covenants with Abraham and Moses. We also did some review of topics that will be on the final exam. We will be continuing our journey through the Old Testament when we get back from break. My warmest wishes for a blessed Easter!

7th(Mehl): This week we looked carefully at the readings for Tuesday's Mass, discussing their significance especially in light of this being Holy Week. Students also took the weekly quiz on these readings. We also read Chapter 15 of the Gospel of Mark, trying to understand the crucifixion of Christ more fully. When we get back from break, we will do readings from the Gospel of Matthew. My warmest wishes for a blessed Easter!

8th(Mehl): This week we looked carefully at the readings for Tuesday's Mass, discussing their significance especially in light of this being Holy Week. Students also took the weekly quiz on these readings. We finished watching Bishop Barron's discussion of the Seven

Deadly Sins. When we get back from break, we will look at specific Church councils. My warmest wishes for a blessed Easter!

## Science— [m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org)

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6th Grade Life Science: This week we continued conversations about ecology investigating case studies in the Arctic. Enjoy the holiday!

7th Grade Physical Science: This week we wrapped electricity with our superhero robots and signaling devices. Students experimented with creating circuits and creativity. We also started magnets which we will continue when we return. Enjoy the holiday!

8th Grade Earth Science: This week we started to understand ocean currents and their influence on the atmosphere and food chain. Enjoy the holiday!

## Spanish— [d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org)

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Spanish 1 [Part 1–7th grade] (DeMaio): This week, the students completed several activities to conjugate the verb "ir=to go" in the present tense. They also worked on describing activities they do in their free time describing places they frequent and what they do there. Part of this week's grammar was learning how to distinguish and when to use questions in Spanish. They did a pop quiz related to the vocabulary of the theme Los Pasatiempos: ¿Adónde vas? with the help of a world bank. Students also now have the study guide for their final exam in Google Class.

Spanish 1 [Part 2–8th grade](DeMaio): This week the students continued working on their presentation "Mi viaje=My Trip" and also did speaking and recording activities, conjugation of the verb "ir=to go" in the past tense, and vocabulary recognition. Grammar: The preterite of -er and -ir verbs, the preterite of ir, the personal (a). Students also now have the study guide for their final exam in Google Class.



# FINAL CALL FOR GALA AUCTION TICKETS!



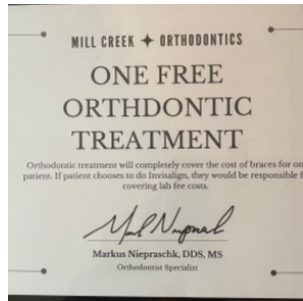
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**Ticket Sales for our Annual Gala Auction closes this Friday (18<sup>th</sup>) at midnight!**

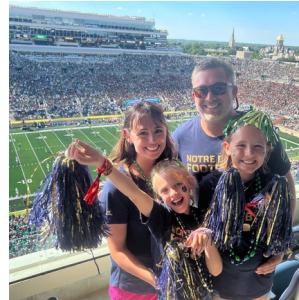
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