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Friday Newsletter

Middle School

As we approach the end of the school year, here are some key middle school dates:

- May 12th - May 13th: Spring Musical
- May 17th: Reading MAP Test
- May 18th: Math MAP Test
- May 26th: 11:30am dismissal (no aftercare)
- May 26th: FANS event to Massanutten
- May 29th: School closed in observance of Memorial Day
- May 30th - June 1st: 8th Grade Exams
- June 2nd: Field Day/8th Grade Retreat
- June 5th - June 7th: 6th and 7th Grade Exams
- June 5th: 8th Grade Graduation Practice/8th Grade Putt-Putt/8th Grade dinner
- June 6th: 8th Grade Graduation at 6pm

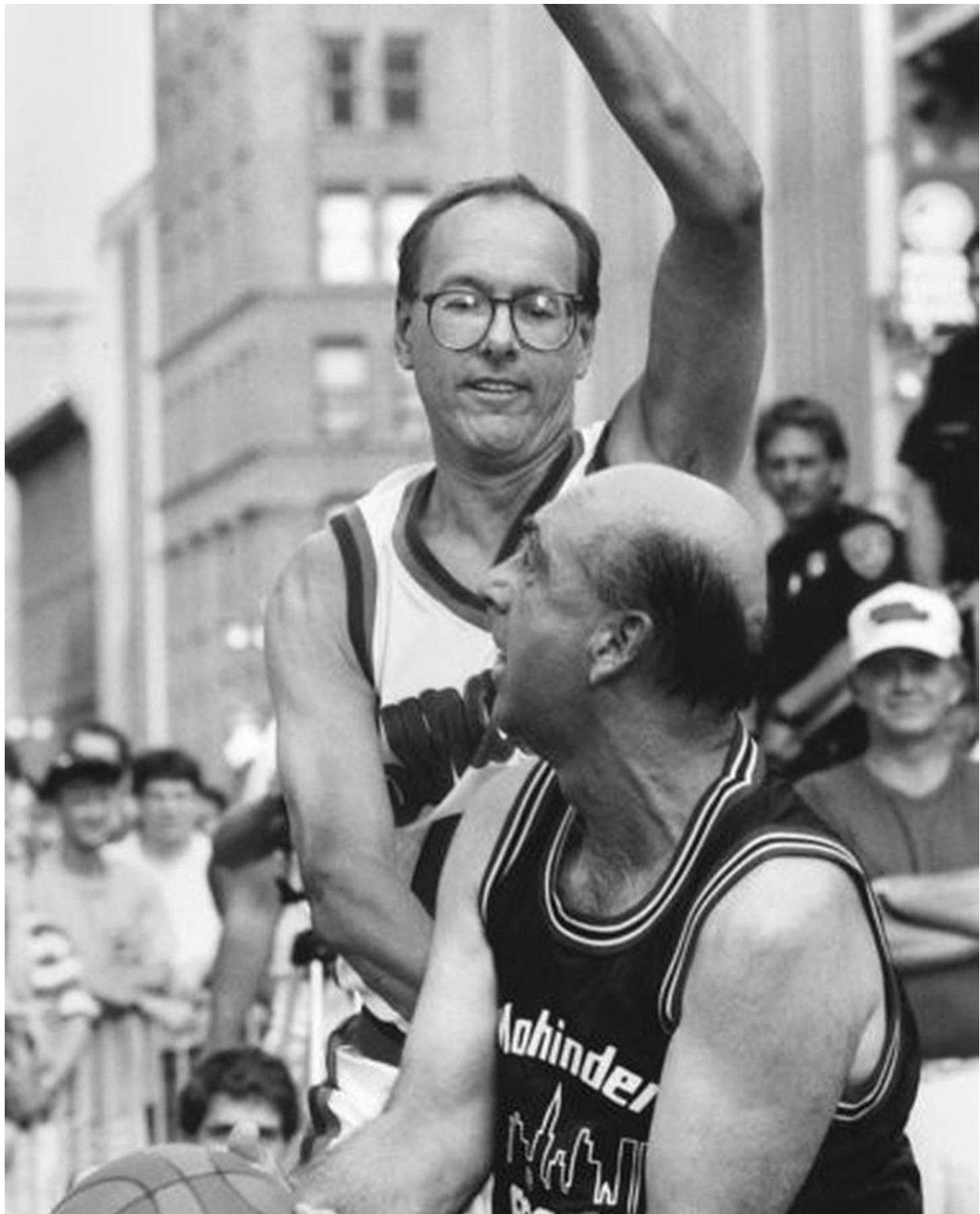
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6th: This week the 6th graders learned about World War I propaganda, and life on the home front. Next week they will learn about the sinking of the Lusitania and beginning of US involvement in the war.

7th: This week the 7th graders finished their unit on the 1980s and the fall of the Soviet Union. Next week they will take their 1970 to 1980s Test on Monday.

8th: This week the 8th graders learned about the Spanish exploration and wars in North and South America. Next week they will take their unit test on the age of exploration,

Native American civilizations and the Conquistadors.



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

Math 6 (Garland): This past Friday, we quizzed on solving one step inequalities. This coming Monday, we will review for a unit test on equations and inequalities. I plan on

testing during Tuesday's class. For week's end, we will start a new unit entitled, "Geometry". Our initial focus will be on congruency.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): We finished up the Gala Project on Friday. Next week, we will start a new unit entitled, "Functions and Linear Relationships". Our initial focus will be on slope and how it helps show the relationships of coordinate points within a line.

Geometry (Garland): This past week, we finished up the material associated with our unit entitled, "Area and Volume". I plan on testing this coming Monday and Tuesday. We will then get into a week-long student discovery project centered around Geometric Constructions. It will be due on Thursday, May 4th.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we started to solve and graph inequalities. We talked about the "mouth" and the "pinchy" sides of each inequality symbol and how we read all of those symbols from left to right (just like we read a word in English). We also talked about open versus closed dots and what direction the arrow goes for our solution. Please ask them to tell you the Spanish words/phrases for "open", "closed", "to the right" and "to the left". I always think about these lessons in Spanish because for so many years I taught students who spoke Spanish as their first language. Please ask the kids about it! Please also ask them to explain why the variable is so important to the direction of the arrow :) Next week, we will continue to solve more involved inequalities and graph their answers.

Algebra (Reid): This past week we finished up our unit on Simplifying Polynomials (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing). The kids got a test review that will help them prepare for their next test. We are going to have our next test on Polynomials Operations on Thursday, April 27th. After our test, we will start to factor for much of the remainder of the year. We have simplified almost everything by getting rid of the parentheses, combining like terms and getting rid of negative exponents. Now, we will start to go the opposite direction by factoring which will take an expression that is completely simplified and try to put the parentheses back into the final answer :) It is the start of a very fun time!

Composition, Literature, and Language

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

6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan): We are back in the swing of things after Easter Break with *Vocabulary Power Plus*. There will be a new lesson each week, with quizzes on Fridays. In our grammar studies, we are studying punctuation.

6th Grade Literature (Kerrigan): We just began our final novel study, *The Bridge to Terabithia*. We will read the majority of the book in class, plus the reading comprehension questions will often be coming home as homework. This week, students should be wrapping up their IRAs! IRAs are due Tuesday.

7th Language Arts (Lowdon): We are beginning Act 3 in *Merchant of Venice*. The next Wordly Wise vocabulary test will be on Tuesday. The first IRA of the 4th quarter is due on Tuesday, May 2nd. In writing, students are entering a final contest. The due date for submissions is today.

8th Language Arts (Lowdon): This week we finished reading *Animal Farm*. There will be a test next week on block day. The next Wordly Wise vocabulary test will be on Tuesday. The first IRA of the 4th quarter is due on Tuesday, May 2nd. In writing, students are entering a final contest. The due date for submissions is today.

Religion— a.sisman@cvillecatholic.org

Volunteer Opportunity: Father Joseph Mary of Holy Comforter Catholic Church has invited Charlottesville Catholic students to help with mass on Sunday, May 8 as greeters, ushers and gift bearers. [Here is the link](#) to sign up.

6th: Happy Easter! We have been focusing on some women of the Old Testament and will continue this into next week. We will also have the spring VIRTUS Empowering God's Children lesson. Students are also spending some time reading [The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe](#). I look forward to discussing the spiritual elements of this C.S. Lewis classic with them.

7th: Happy Easter! We are currently discussing the Letter to the Hebrews and how the author encourages early Christians in their faith. We are also making connections to our own lives in looking to the New Testament letters for encouragement. We will also have the spring VIRTUS Empowering God's Children lesson next week. Students are also spending some time reading [The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe](#). I look forward to discussing the spiritual elements of this C.S. Lewis classic with them.

8th: Happy Easter! This week, we focused on how to live out the Fourth Commandment by honoring parents, family, and all people. Next, we will begin Ch. 42 on Respecting Life. We will also have the spring VIRTUS Empowering God's Children lesson. Finally, students continue to read and discuss [The Screwtape Letters](#), a C.S. Lewis classic.

Science— m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week we dissected sharks and reviewed vertebrates. We connected the digestive system to the shark dissection. Next week we will continue with body systems.

7th: This week we continued to investigate electricity. We discussed Ohm's law. Next week we will continue with an in class project on electricity.

8th: This week we concluded our unit on oceans and their impact on climate. Next week we will continue with the hydrosphere.

Spanish—j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

7th and 8th: I hope everyone had a great and restful break! This week we began our unit on food! Students learned common vocabulary for fruits, vegetables, proteins, sweets, meals, dairies, grains and condiments. Students also refreshed on parts of the kitchen and learned the table settings. At the end of this unit we will have a food day, more information will be coming soon!

Music—k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org

All Middle School Students:

In the next couple weeks, all middle school students are learning music theory, from intervals and half and whole steps to reading notes. We are also practicing ear training by hearing rhythms and trying to write down what was heard. We are finishing this year with a group project, where students will use the instruments they have learned in class to a song they would like to learn. We will finish this year with these presentations, as well as an individual examination of what they have learned this past semester on their instruments in class.

Middle School Chorus and Music Improv Group:

Middle School Chorus and Music Improv Group are working on their songs for the Art Show Open House Performance. Middle School Chorus will be performing “Million Dreams” and “This is Me” from the Greatest Showman, featuring Kristie Y., Garrick F., Ellie B., and Olivia C. as soloists. The Music Improv group will be performing “Anti-Hero” by Taylor Swift and both groups will be producing a professional soundtrack at the Music Resource Center at the end of May.