



**Charlottesville
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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 8th - May 12th: Book Fair
- 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

The book fair is happening May 8th - May 12th. The school desperately needs your help. Please read the flier found [here](#) to find out more information and how to sign up.

At CCS, we honor Mary during May through the ceremony of May Crowning on May 2nd. A selected 8th grader adorns a statue of Mary with a flower crown, recalling that as the Bible tells us, she is the Queen of Heaven and Earth (Revelation 12). The rest of the school presents flowers to her in honor of the life she brought forth into the world through the Holy Spirit. At the beginning of Mass, all students will present flowers to Mary. Each student is asked to bring in only one (1) long-stemmed flower that morning. Please join us at Mass on Tuesday, May 2 at 8:15AM for this beautiful celebration.

Would you like to get ahead on service hours for church or community for 1st quarter next year (2023)? First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen is so appreciative of all the wonderful baked goods CCS MS have made throughout the year for their soup kitchen. On average they serve 75-100 people per week. They would LOVE the continual baking help during the summer. Softer items are preferred (sheet cake, cookies, brownies etc) Items can be dropped at CCS front desk Monday or Tuesday morning (please check summer hours) FYI - no allergy restrictions i.e. nuts/peanut butter items are fine. Items do NOT need to be individually wrapped nor cakes need to be pre-cut. For every 2 dozen/2 cakes = 1 hour service for First quarter 2023!

See Sign up Genius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CAEAA2DA02-summer>

Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week the 6th graders learned about the end of World War I. Next week we will explore the Treaty of Versailles.

7th: This week the 7th graders learned about the early 1990s and the presidencies of George HW Bush and Bill Clinton. Next week they will be learning about the early 2000s, Y2K and 9/11.

8th: This week the 8th graders began reviewing for their final exam by working on their last unit, important dates. Next week they will take their test on those dates.



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

Math 6 (Garland): This past week, we started a new unit, entitled, "Geometry". We explored the area and perimeter of rectangles. Next week, we will get into triangles and composite shapes based on triangles and rectangles. I plan on quizzing this coming Friday on Congruency, Perimeter, and Area.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): We finished out this week, getting into the slope formula which calculates the slope between two given coordinate points. This coming week, we will explore the slope-intercept form of a linear equation ($y=mx+b$) and how to graph lines from that equation. We will quiz on slope during the kids block days and have a test review on Friday. I plan on testing on the unit on Monday, May 8th.

Geometry (Garland): This week we got into our construction unit, where the kids are investigating, through an in class project, the truths behind constructions, using properties and theorems we have explored throughout the year. Ultimately, they will produce a cartoon character out of methods learned. This project will be due Thursday, May 4th, by the end of class. They will also quiz out on their knowledge with SOL practice problems on May 4th.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we learned how to solve and graph inequalities. It is so awesome to see the progress these students have made in just 1 week! When the kids were first introduced to graphing an inequality on a number line, they were frustrated in figuring out which way the arrow went. Now, they can solve an inequality where they have to distribute, combine like terms and decide whether they should flip the inequality symbol or not. I am so proud of each one of these students for all of their hard work, dedication and

growth in math this year! The kids also got access to their 2nd Semester Math 7 Exam Review this week. This will be due Tuesday, May 30th.

Algebra (Reid): This past week we took our 2nd test of the 4th Quarter on Polynomials. We also started our next unit on Factoring. This unit will include various methods of factoring including: GCF, Grouping, Trinomials (using the Box Method), Perfect Square Trinomials and Difference of Squares. It will feel like we are going “backwards” in our problems because we will be trying to get as many factors, and as many sets of parentheses in our final answer as possible. The kids also got access to their 2nd Semester Algebra 1 Exam Review this week.

Composition, Literature, and Language

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

6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan): Students have been learning rules of punctuation and will be wrapping up that unit next week, with a grammar test the following Wednesday, May 10. Next week will be a review week for vocabulary, with a test on Lessons 16-18 on Friday.

6th Grade Literature (Kerrigan): We have been reading *Bridge to Terabithia* together. By Monday, students should be caught up through Chapter 7. There will be a quiz next Thursday, May 4, on Chapters 5-9.

7th Language Arts (Lowdon): Students took a quiz on Act 3, *Merchant of Venice*, this week. Our hope is to finish reading the play next week and begin a unit on outlining as a method of collecting ideas before writing. There is a Wordly Wise test, lesson 12, on Tuesday. The first IRA for the 4th Quarter is due on Tuesday as well.

8th Language Arts (Lowdon): Students took a test on *Animal Farm* on Friday. We began reading our final novel, *The Outsiders*. There is a Wordly Wise test, lesson 13, on Tuesday. The first IRA for the 4th Quarter is due on Tuesday as well.

Science— m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week we started and finished the excretory system. Students were challenged to create a model in class using recycled materials. Next week we will learn about the circulatory system.

7th: This week students completed their electricity projects. They had to create a robot sidekick to their selected superhero that used a circuit that included a cell phone motor. In addition, they had to design and demonstrate their signal to call for their super hero. Next week we dive into magnets.

8th: This week we concluded oceans with a discussion of currents. We moved into estuaries and defined watersheds. We learned about the Chesapeake Bay and how the Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System works and what types of data it collects. We then interacted

with the data from the last 30 days and attempted to explain certain data points. Next week we will continue with the hydrologic cycle and focus on freshwater systems.

Spanish—j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

7th and 8th: This week we are working on food! Students are practicing vocabulary for a variety of foods such as fruits and vegetables, grains, dairy, meals, and items in a kitchen. Next week we will celebrate Hispanic Culture through food with a food day. This will be done during the block days and more information will be sent via email and google classroom.

Music—k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org

Important Dates to Remember:

- Wednesday, May 10th- 4-7 PM- Art Show Open House Performances- Middle school students will be performing throughout the night individually, groups and in a chorus!
- Thursday, May 18th- Middle School Chorus/Music Improv Field trip-Music Resource Center from 11:45-1:30– still need drivers!
- Thursday, May 25th- General Middle School Music Classes Field trip-Music Resource Center from 11:45-1:30(12 students already emailed)- still need drivers!

Please email me if you are able to help with driving students to/from the MRC to Charlottesville Catholic School!

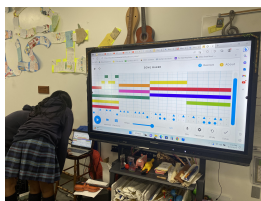
General Music Classes: We have been learning:

-learned how to read skips and steps, practiced listening to staccato and legato notes using ear training, learned how to use Chrome Music Lab and created our own song using the same chords, but different melodies and percussion instruments! Great job everyone!

Feel free to check chrome Music lab:


[Chrome Music Lab \(chromeexperiments.com\)](https://chromeexperiments.com)

Theory- musictheory.net



Music Improvisation and Chorus Class:

- Preparing our music from this year for our professional recording at the Music Resource Center on May 18th



SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR!
SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

Dear Parents and Families,

I'm pleased to announce that our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair, which will take place from May 8-12, 8:00-3:00 (Wed until 5:00) at the Performance Space.

The return of the Book Fair will be a familiar and welcome celebration. Volunteers are crucial to the success of this event. We hope that you can offer your time and talents to help students discover the power of books to bring us together.

If you're available to help us with our upcoming Book Fair, please contact me. I'd be grateful if you'd let me know which Fair activities interest you as a volunteer. We need volunteers to help with:

- Advertising
- Decorating
- Setting up the Fair
- Helping shoppers at the Fair
- Cashiering
- Packing up the Fair
- Special events

Thanks for considering becoming a volunteer! I look forward to hearing from you.

Gratefully,

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Book Fair Chairperson
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