



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday, 05/16/25, Newsletter

Middle School

I think our go-to phrase this year is, "Wow, how are we at this point". This coming week is 8th grade's last week of regular classes. For everyone, this coming Friday is an 11:30am dismissal for the longer weekend. School will be closed on Monday, May 26th, in observance of the Memorial Day weekend. After the long weekend, Middle School will enter into the week of final exams.

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:

- From the Library: Thank you so much to all who helped with our Book Fair! I truly appreciate each one of you. Just a reminder that this is the last week for book check-outs and **ALL** books are due back to the library **NEXT WEEK**. Thank you again for a wonderful year!
- Field Day for JK-7th grade is Friday, May 23. It is an 11:30AM dismissal day for students—JK Extended Day and STEAM Aftercare will both be in session. Please read the following information carefully and ensure that your children come to school fully prepared.

All essential items needed this day (with a few rules):

- Bathing suits are not required; if worn, they must be covered by shorts and a t-shirt at all times. Swim trunks are fine but t-shirts are to remain on.
- Appropriate closed-toed shoes; sneakers are preferred (NO Crocs, flip flops, or sandals)
- Sunscreen, sunscreen, sunscreen! Sunscreen **MUST** be applied at home, as we cannot apply it to students at school
- Comfortable loose fitting athletic attire that meets dress code requirements
- A **FULL** change of clothes (including socks) should be brought to school
- Hats are acceptable on this day as they provide sun blockage
- No sunglasses (unless prescription)
- **LABELED** Water Bottle (it is very important that we stay hydrated on this day)
- Towel
- [Sign up to volunteer here!](#)
- Each Thursday in May, we will pray the rosary

- 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:

- 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. It is an 11:30am dismissal
- 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](#)
- Want to get ahead on Service Hours for First Quarter as well as help our CVille Community over the summer? Both First Presbyterian and Holy Comforter could use weekly bakers (from home) for their soup kitchens! 2 dozen baked goods or 2 loaves/2 sheet cakes = 1 service hour for church or community. Feel free to double up!
 - [First Presbyterian Signup](#)
 - [Holy Comforter Signup](#)

Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th Grade US History: This week the 6th graders finished their modern era unit. On Tuesday next week they will have their 1970s to now unit.

7th Grade US History: This week the 7th graders reviewed the 1950s and 1960s unit. Next week they will move into reviewing their 1970s and 1980s.

8th Grade World History: This week the 8th graders reviewed their second and third quarter. Next week they will wrap up their review and then begin practicing their essay writing.

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

Math 6 (Garland): This past week, we used dot plots and stem/leaf plots to visualize statistical data. This coming Monday, we will have a quiz on Statistics. We will use our remaining classes to start preparing for the Math 6 final.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): Last week we explored graphing box and whisker plots. On the 19th and 20th, we will work with perimeter, area, and circumference. We will use our remaining classes to start preparing for the Pre-Algebra final.

Geometry (Garland): This past Friday, the students' final test was assigned. They will have to fill out a unit circle, with 100% accuracy, before the course ends. We will use our remaining class periods testing this accuracy and preparing for the final exam.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we looked at some geometric concepts that involved classifying triangles, finding missing angles in a triangle and the circumference of a circle. Next week on Monday 05.19.25, the kids will have their 4th quarter binder check. On Tuesday, May 20th the 2nd Semester Exam Review is due at the beginning of class. It is a 20 point homework grade weighted twice in the gradebook. It will not be accepted late or incomplete.

Algebra (Reid): This past week we finished up our unit on radical operations and finding the distance between two points. Next week on Monday 05.19.25, the kids will have their 4th quarter binder check. On Tuesday, May 20th the 2nd Semester Exam Review is due at the beginning of class. It is a 20 point homework grade weighted twice in the gradebook. It will not be accepted late or incomplete.

Composition, Literature, and Language Arts -

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6th Grade English Composition (Kerrigan): This week we have been focusing on semicolon and comma usage. Next week, there are two tests in English Composition. **The grammar test on clauses and punctuation is Tuesday, May 20, and the Vocabulary Power Plus Lessons 19-21 Test is Thursday, May 22.** Next week's classes will be dedicated to exam review.

6th Grade Literature Vocabulary (Kerrigan): This week we did an in-class persuasive writing assignment involving going through the stages of prewriting, drafting, revising and editing. **The final IRAs are oral presentations on Wednesday, May 21.** Next week, we will be working on our exam study guides in class.

7th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, we finished up *City of the Beasts* with a final reading quiz. We also discussed the real-world relevance of the magical realism story. 7th graders did a wonderful job of writing their last IRA of the year in class. Next week, we will start on our exam review and watch and discuss Roland Joffé's film, *The Mission*.

8th Literature/Vocab (Hernandez): This week, 8th graders finished up *Lord of the Flies*. We began the exam review work on the book with a study of Simon's character development. Next week, we will continue our exam review analyzing the characters and read a piece of literary criticism on the text.

Theology— d.mehl@cvillecatholic.org

6th(Mehl): This week we did a careful readings of the readings for Tuesday's Mass, and students wrote Mass reflections. We started studying for the final exam. The students have previous assessments and Quizlet sets posted in our Google classroom, covering all the material on the exam. We also spent time discussing topics from the Theology of the Body curriculum. We will continue reviewing for the exam next week, while also taking a look at some other topics that won't be on the exam.

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material on the exam. We also spent time discussing topics from the Theology of the Body curriculum. We will continue reviewing for the exam next week, while also taking a look at some other topics that won't be on the exam. The 8th grade did a great job this week leading both Tuesday's Mass and our school Rosary on Thursday.

Science— m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th Grade Life Science:

This week we reviewed biodiversity and started to explore the skeletal and muscular body systems. Next week we will continue to discuss gardening and explore more functions of body systems.

7th Grade Physical Science:

This week we are working on our guitar capstone project. Students are using a variety of tools to manipulate materials in order to create a musical instrument. Next week we will continue the guitar project.

8th Grade Earth Science:

This week we wrapped up notes on freshwater habitats and started our water quality investigation of CCS water habitats. We sampled macroinvertebrates from the CCS Wetland and discussed the water chemistry of this habitat. Next week we will continue to sample. Students are welcome to bring in a change of socks and shoes in which they can get wet during this investigation. I sent a permission slip home with the students as one of the sample sites is adjacent to CCS property.

Spanish— d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org

Spanish 1 [Part 1–7th grade] (DeMaio): The seventh-grade students wrapped up the topic ¿A dónde quieres ir=where you want to go with more practice conjugating the verbs "jugar" ("to play") and "ir" ("to go"). They also learned how to use the ir + a + infinitive structure to talk about future actions. Throughout the week, they completed workbook activities, played interactive games, and participated in speaking exercises focused on expressing where they are going and what they are going to do. They also practiced through dialogues and peer-to-peer questions to strengthen their fluency when talking about the future. They will continue reviewing these concepts in preparation for an upcoming assessment next Tuesday.

Spanish 1 [Part 2–8th grade](DeMaio): This week, the eighth-grade students learned how to conjugate the verb "decir" ("to tell", "to say") in the present tense. They also practiced the preterite conjugation of the verbs "hacer" and "dar" ("made", "gave"), as well as the indirect object pronouns. They completed activities in their workbooks, along with games and speaking and listening exercises to reinforce these topics. Over the next few weeks, they will continue reviewing these concepts and preparing for the exam. These topics will also be assessed in a final test next Tuesday.