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Friday Newsletter

Middle School

May 24th, 2024

6th Graders	7th Graders	8th Graders
<u>Friday, May 31</u> 9:50-11:30 - 6 Math, 6/7 Math A Science B 12:45-2:30 - Pre-Algebra 6/7 Math B Science A	<u>Friday, May 31</u> 9:50-11:30 - 7-1 History 7-2 Spanish 12:45-2:30 - 7-2 History 7-1 Spanish	<u>Tuesday, May 28</u> 10:00- 11:30 - Literature 12:45 - 2:15 - Science
<u>Monday, June 3</u> 9:50-11:30 - Lit Reid HR Theo Garland HR 12:45-2:30 - Lit Garland HR Theo Reid HR	<u>Monday, June 3</u> 9:50-11:30 - Algebra Science (PA, 7) 12:45-2:30 - Pre-Alg., Math 7 Science (Algebra)	<u>Wednesday, May 29</u> 8:10-9:50 - Math 9:50-11:30 - Spanish
<u>Tuesday, June 4</u> 8:10-9:55 - 6-1 History 6-2 English Comp 10:15-12:00 - 6-2 History 6-1 English Comp	<u>Tuesday, June 4</u> 8:10-9:55 - Lit Hernandez HR Theo Bruscia HR 10:15-12:00 - Lit Bruscia HR Theo Hernandez HR	<u>Thursday, May 30</u> 8:10-9:50 - Theology 9:50- 11:30 - History

With the exam schedule, you will notice 8th graders are scheduled to finish their exams on Wednesday and Thursday at 11:30am. As an 8th grade privilege, **we are encouraging 8th graders to leave school early, at 11:30am, on Wednesday May 29th and Thursday May 30th.** (provided they have finished their exams for that corresponding day). We also understand that for some, transportation at that early time may be an issue. This is why I wanted to provide this information to allow families to make transportation arrangements. If your child can't leave early, they will be supervised by a middle school teacher and will be allowed to study and/or help with school service.

Key end of year dates for middle school:

- Friday, May 31st: 8th Grade Retreat
- Monday, June 3rd: 8th Grader's Last Day and 8th Grade Dinner
- Tuesday, June 4th: 6th and 7th Grade FANS event AND 8th Grade Graduation(6pm to approximately 7:30pm)
- Wednesday, June 5th: Last Day of School/Awards Celebration/11:30 Dismissal (No aftercare)

[2024 Rising 7th & 8th Grade Summer Reading List](#)

Summer Baking: Do you want to get ahead of church or community service for next year? Please click [here](#) to sign up. Please drop off at CCS front desk Monday or Tuesday mornings PLEASE NOTE SUMMER HOURS - 9am!! or at First Presbyterian directly - 500 Park Street - Office Entrance (9:30 - 3:30pm Monday or Tuesday only).

Summer Soccer Opportunity: From June 10th - June 14th, Albemarle High School is offering a 1 week summer soccer camp for grades K - 8. Please see the flier, found [here](#), for more information, pricing, and how to register. Follow up questions can be directed to Coach Amy Sherrill at: [Amy Sherrill @ albemarlesoccercamp@gmail.com](mailto:Amy.Sherrill@albemarlesoccercamp@gmail.com)

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

Summer Opportunities:

Middle schoolers- Sign up for Music Resource Center's Summer Camps– it's free for all members!



Grades 2-8-

STEAM ACADEMY Music and Science Camp-

[STEAM Discovery Academy presents:](#)
[STEAM Music Camps: Sonic Explorers](#)

Join Kate Wisbey this summer to combine musical training with science and maker activities. Experiment with music, explore the science behind sound and observe how it finds itself into everything.

Sonic Explorers- June 10-14 and June 17-21

- Develop a better understanding of the science behind sound
- Engineer wind chimes and other instruments
- Play a theremin, banana piano, and a synth-a-sette as you explore technology and sound
- Spend a day exploring the career of a Foley artist and how they create sound
- Current Grades: 2nd-8th grade

Visit steamda.com for more information!



Hot off the Press! Click [here](#) to read the latest edition of CCS's school newspaper, the *St. Gabriel Gazette*. The paper is produced by middle-school students in the journalism elective, which meets Wednesdays from 12:15-1:00 weekly.

Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week the 6th graders finished their World War I Unit. The remainder of the week and into the next week we began preparing for the 6th grade final exam.

7th: This week the 7th graders finished their Modern Times Unit. The remainder of the week and into the next week we began preparing for the 7th grade final exam.

8th: This week the 8th graders finished final review sessions for the year. Next week they take their final exam on Thursday. On Friday they will be going on their 8th grade retreat.

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

Math 6 (Garland): We are in the process of reviewing for final exams. Their exam will be Friday, May 31st.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): We are in the process of reviewing for final exams. 8th grade Pre-Algebra Exam will be Wednesday, May 29th. 7th Grade Pre-Algebra Exam will be Monday, June 3rd. 6th Grade Pre-Algebra Exam will be Friday, May 31st.

Geometry (Garland): We are in the process of reviewing for final exams. The Geometry Exam will be on Wednesday, May 29th

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we finished up our new content for the year looking at some geometric topics dealing with triangles and circles. The kids also had their 4th quarter binder check on Monday. **Please remember that the Math 7 Exam Review - 2nd Semester is due on Tuesday, May 28th at the beginning of class. This will be a 25 point homework assignment weighted twice in the gradebook. It will not be**

accepted late or incomplete. The kids have had access to this document since Monday, April 8th. They have been encouraged to do a couple of problems a night, do 1 or 2 sections a week, whatever works best for them to help break it up. This document is a blueprint of how to best study and prepare for the Math 7 exam. The **6th graders** will take their Math 7 exam on **Friday, May 31st**. The **7th graders** will take their Math 7 exam on **Monday, June 3rd**.

Algebra (Reid): . This past week, the Algebra students have been in different places 😊 The 8th graders had their 4th quarter binder check, turned in their exam review and spent 2 class periods going over that review, asking questions and taking class photos & selfies 😊 **The 8th grade** Algebra 1 exam will be on **Wednesday, May 29th**. The 7th graders have been plugging away with new material working with radical operations! This group can't get enough math and it is a BEAUTIFUL thing to be a part of 😊 They also had their 4th quarter binder check on Monday. The kids have been working hard on their Algebra 1 Exam Review - 2nd Semester. They have been very social (in a GREAT way!) about working through this assignment, working, communicating, collaborating on the different problems. It really has been a beautiful thing to watch 😊 **Please remember that the Algebra 1 Exam Review - 2nd Semester is due on Tuesday, May 28th at the beginning of class. This will be a 25 point homework assignment weighted twice in the gradebook. It will not be accepted late or incomplete.** The 7th grade Algebra 1 exam will be on **Monday, June 3rd**.

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

6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan): This week, we finished the final lesson in VPP and spent time working on our study guides for the exam. On Tuesday, the study guide is due, as are the review pages for VPP Lessons 19-21. We will have a quiz on Lesson 21 on Tuesday, and the final test on Lessons 19-21 on Wednesday and Thursday. We will also continue reviewing for the exam on Wednesday and Thursday. The final exam is scheduled for the last day of exams, June 4. It will primarily be multiple choice in format, with an additional paper portion for diagramming sentences. The vocabulary portion of the exam will be similar to the tests and quizzes. For the grammar portion of the multiple choice, students will need to identify verb tenses, kinds of pronouns, and parts of speech.

6th Grade Literature (Hernandez): This week, we worked on a research project that requires students to practice using citations and bibliographies. I am looking forward to having the students present their research (hopefully) next week. We also worked on the study guide for the final exam (posted to Google Classroom).

7th Language Arts (Hernandez): This week, we finished our unit on *City of the Beasts* with a last comprehension quiz. We discussed the representation of indigenous people and church-state relations in the classic film, *The Mission*. We also worked on the study guide for the final exam (posted to Google Classroom).

8th Language Arts (Hernandez): This week, we wrapped up our unit on *Lord of the Flies* with a lively discussion facilitated by the wonderful Ms. Lowdon as guest speaker. Students did a

great job of responding to an article of literary criticism on the Christian symbolism in the novel. We also worked on the study guide for the final exam (posted to Google Classroom). 8th graders will take the literature exam first on Tuesday the 28th.

Theology– d.mehl@cvillecatholic.org & v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org & h.bryan@cvillecatholic.org

6th(Mehl): This week we did Chapter 16 of Catholic Connections and did a study of 1 Samuel 16 and 17, which tell the stories of Samuel's anointing of David and David's fight with Goliath the Philistine. We have started our review for the final exam. There is a post in our Google classroom which details how the students should study for it. As an important reminder, service logs are due next week on Wednesday, 4/29.

7th(Mehl): This week we did a final Bible reading selected from 1 Samuel, as part of our ongoing review of Old Testament Salvation History. We also started reviewing for the exam. There is a post in our Google classroom which details how the students should study for it. As an important reminder, service logs are due next week on Wednesday, 4/29.

8th (Fallica and Bryan): Students are preparing for final exams and are to use their most recent 3 tests to study - minus any short answer or essay questions. We have verified that they all have copies of these in their possession! They completed their *Do Hard Things* posters and their study of Catholic Social Teaching and our part in worldwide justice. We have enjoyed teaching your children this year and will continue to pray for them as they approach this busy and special season of graduation.

Science– m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week we explored outside as a form of review for the finals and started to investigate the circulatory system. Next week we will apply our knowledge to a mock practicum and wrap up body systems.

7th: This week we concluded the guitar project. They are awesome! We started a discussion on resources and made reference to the Lorax story. Next week students will work on independent research on a topic of their choice.

8th: This week we concluded our course and finished our data collection. We wrapped up the hydrosphere and are preparing for finals.

Spanish–d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org & d.mehl@cvillecatholic.org

6th(DeMaio): During the Spanish elective class the students learned to conjugate the verb ir=to go and how to ask questions in Spanish. They are also learning vocabulary related to leisure activities and places in the community. I am also going to briefly explain how they are going to receive Spanish class next year. The program that they are going to use, books and practice books.

7th(DeMaio): The seventh grade students are learning to conjugate the verb ir=to go and how to ask questions in Spanish. They are also learning vocabulary related to leisure activities and places in the community. Next week they will review the topics they learned during this past semester through games and activities to prepare for the final exam. Students can find the study guide in their Google classroom.

8th(Mehl): This week we completed the presentations on Shakira's early song *Octavo Día* and discovered her bleak, not to mention ironic, message of living in a world in which God is no longer what we humans are worshiping. In addition, we watched the final episodes of "*Eres tú, María*" and learned the surprising truth about Maria and Julia. We also reviewed for the final exam, which will be this coming Wednesday, 4/29. There is a post in our Google classroom which details how the students should study for it. I have greatly enjoyed getting to know the 8th graders this year and helping them to prepare for their future study of Spanish. I wish them all the best in high school. My prayers will be with them.