



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### Middle School

**\*\*\*Tuesday, May 9th, we do not have MASS. Kids do not have to be in formal dress that day!\*\*\***

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

- May 10th - Art Show Open House and Family Night
- 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

Spring Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing will take place during the weeks of May 15th and 22nd. For middle school, May 17th will be the Reading Test and the Math Test will be on the 18th. All testing will begin at 8:15AM. In order for us to gather accurate data on your child's progress, it is vital that students arrive at school on time, rested, and fed, with their computers fully charged. Please do not schedule appointments for your child that may interfere with their testing time. While make-ups are available, students tend to not perform as well when they are not in the full session with their classmates. We appreciate your help with this. Data collected helps us make informative instructional decisions.



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

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

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6th: This week the 6th grade finished their World War I unit. On Tuesday next week they will have their unit test on the war.

7th: This week the 7th graders learned about the 2,000's and the war on terror. Next week we will conclude the unit with a discussion of modern events.

8th: This week the 8th graders finished their unit on important dates throughout history. Now we will begin reviewing for their final exam. Each week we will be looking over a different quarter of the school year.



## 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): We really focused on solidifying our knowledge of area and perimeter of triangles and parallelograms as the foundation for other shapes' areas. Next week, we will find areas of shapes placed on the coordinate plane and then study composite figures' areas, by dividing them into familiar polygons.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): This past week, we concluded our unit on Functions and Linear Relationships. We reviewed and will test this coming Monday, May 8th. After this, we will

start our second to last unit, entitled, "Data and Probability." We will focus this week on Simple, Theoretical, and Experimental Outcomes. I plan to quiz on this information by Friday.

Geometry (Garland): We finished up our construction unit and now we are diving deep back into Trigonometry, coming full circle. Students will be shown the unit circle and its applications. They will have to fill in a unit circle, with 100% percent accuracy, before year's end. We shall see if anyone breaks the CCS record of doing it in less than 89 seconds!!

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we finished our unit on solving & graphing inequalities. The kids took their test on Friday, May 5th. We also started our next unit on statistics and different types of graphs. The kids have digital access to the Math 7 2nd Semester - Exam Review which is due on Tuesday, May 30th. Two great suggestions about how to complete this assignment was to do approximately 5 problems per night or set a timer for 15 - 20 minutes each night (including the weekends). Please ask your child to see their progress. This assignment will be a 25 point homework assignment weighted in the gradebook. It will not be accepted late or incomplete.

Algebra (Reid): This past week we have been factoring, factoring, and factoring! The kids have done a GREAT job in transitioning to the inverse operation from simplifying. We have had some really great questions and discussions about how these processes are related and work together. We will be testing our unit on factoring at the beginning of the week of May 15th. The kids have digital access to the Algebra 1 - 2nd Semester Exam Review which is due on Tuesday, May 23rd for the 8th graders and Tuesday, May 30th for the 7th graders due to 8th grade exams being tested before the rest of the middle school. Two great suggestions about how to complete this assignment was to do approximately 5 problems per night or set a timer for 15 - 20 minutes each night (including the weekends). Please ask your child to see their progress. This assignment will be a 25 point homework assignment weighted in the gradebook. It will not be accepted late or incomplete.

## Composition, Literature, and Language

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6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan): We are wrapping up our unit on clauses and punctuation. The test will be next Wednesday, May 10.

6th Grade Literature (Kerrigan): This week we finished reading *Bridge to Terabithia*. Students have a vocab test next Tuesday, May 9, and a comprehension test next Thursday, May 11. They should be reading their IRA books at home.

7th Language Arts (Lowdon): We will finish reading *Merchant of Venice* and begin work on outlining skills as a means of collecting information for essay-writing. Students will begin Wordly Wise lesson 13 on Monday with a test scheduled for the following week. The final IRA is due on Wednesday, May 24.

8th Language Arts (Lowdon): Students were assigned a final project for this school year. This is a very special writing project that requires thought, inspiration, individuality, and creativity. It is due May 22. We will continue to read and discuss *The Outsiders* next week. Students will begin Wordly Wise lesson 13 on Monday with a test scheduled for the following week. The final IRA is due on Wednesday, May 24.

## Religion– [a.sisman@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:a.sisman@cvillecatholic.org)

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Volunteer Opportunities:

- Art Show set up: Mrs. Devlin needs help on Saturday between 8 and 4. There is a sign up genius in Google Classroom. Pizza and donuts will be served!
- Holy Comforter Masses this Sunday:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094EAEA62EA7FD0-charlottesville4>

6th: The students worked on a Eucharistic miracles project this week. Using the website created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be beatified, they chose one miracle, created a poster, and made oral presentations to their faith buddies. The hope is that they hyped up the second graders to receive their first Holy Communion!

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8th: In a unit on respecting life, we have been discussing some heavy and sensitive topics, such as abortion, suicide, and euthanasia. We talked about how we can create a culture of life in our daily actions. Please continue these discussions at home.

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

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6th: This week we moved into the respiratory system while finishing up the circulatory system. Students worked on a project in class researching and designing medical devices.

7th: This week we learned about magnets and reinforced the lesson through experimentation and design. Students created magnetic levitation vehicles and tested them down the track. Next week we learn about light and waves.

8th: This week we learned about freshwater and wetlands. We also learned about how scientists study water quality. Next week students are permitted to bring a change of shoes and clothes for their block day as we will be sampling the school's wetland.

## Spanish– [j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org)

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7th and 8th: We had a busy week this week! Tuesday students took a quiz for the food unit and Friday they turned in their menu projects. Wednesday and Thursday we had a ton of fun learning more about authentic hispanic cuisine by trying lots of different dishes! The

students did such a great job and I was very impressed by their cooking skills. Next week we will begin to review for the final exam!











