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Friday Newsletter

Middle School

Important notice...the end of the interim period brings about middle school conferences for 6th grade and new middle school students. This will be held on Friday, September 23rd. Middle School will be closed that day because of this. A separate email was sent out to allow parents of returning 6th graders to schedule a time for conferences, if they have concerns to discuss with teachers.

An important note from Mrs. Fallica:

We are extremely excited that Charlottesville Catholic is replacing our current letterboard sign with a new digital one! In order to get the sign installed, we must run electricity from the flagpole light to the sign. Therefore, please carefully read the following:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CARLINE FOR NEXT WEEK–Work will be done on the driveway to the left of the circle (the area between the flagpole and mailbox) on Monday, Tuesday, and possibly Wednesday. Elementary carline cars will be directed around the right side of the circle (between the flagpole and the building) to exit. This means NO ONE will be able to stop in the circle to pick up or drop off students. If we have to make a second call for your child during afternoon carline, you will be directed to park and walk across to pick them up. We will work with the teachers and the students to make sure students are coming outside on the first call. I appreciate your patience as we navigate these few days. Our sign will be a great improvement.

**Thank you,
Vada Fallica**

Middle school will have a day of service on October 27th. Because we will be leaving campus, we will need as many drivers and chaperones as possible. You must be VIRTUS trained. We will be offering a training session at CCS on Monday, September 19 from 5:00-8:00. To register for that training, please use the following link:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage, the Cville Sabroso Festival is Saturday, September 17, from 2-9 pm in Washington Park. <https://youtu.be/kHdmHjZxdul>

Please join us for our back to school picnic on Saturday, September 24th. Information can be found here:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox?projector=1>

A few updates on volunteer opportunities and needs from the PTO:

- Nurse Q will be conducting hearing and vision screenings and needs 1-2 parent volunteers to assist Wed 9/28 and Thu 9/29 for 1 hour blocks from 8am - 3pm. If interested please email Nurse Q at: s.queheillalt@cvillecatholic.org.
- The PTO is in need of donations for Wake Up Wednesday's Staff Appreciation. Thanks for your generosity!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a44a5a62ba0f85-wake>

Please look into the SHPE announcement found here which offers some great Steam opportunities, particularly for the Hispanic Community:

https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Noche-de-Ciencias-for-Hispanic-Heritage-Month-.html?soi_d=1108867463019&aid=PpNNsh0kx3l&fs=e&s=c

Please make sure you sign up for the 5k and Children's Fun Run.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Charlottesville/CharlottesvilleCatholicSchool20thAnnual5k>

If you are interested in playing in the golf tournament or putting together a foursome, contact Colleen Smith at c.smith@cvillecatholic.org

<https://runsignup.com/TicketEvent/CharlottesvilleCatholicSchoolGolfTournament>

The Middle School Council is made up of parent volunteers who coordinate FANS (Fun Activity Nights) events throughout the year and 2 Middle School dances (Halloween and Spring). If you are interested in helping to organize these events, please reach out to either Kristin Albert (kristinalbert@comcast.net) or Monica Jordan (monicajordan@me.com)

Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week the 6th graders learned about slavery as a cause of the Civil War. Next week they will explore the various compromises that came up as new states were added to the Union.

7th: This week the 7th graders learned about the condition of the world in the late 1910s. Next week they will look at American pop



culture of the 1920s in the form of movies, radio broadcasts and sports.

8th: This week the 8th graders learned about the Mesopotamian and Egyptian river valley civilizations. Next week they will explore the river valleys of the Indus and Yellow River.

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

Math 6 (Garland): This past week, we tested out on our first unit, entitled, "Exponents and Operations". We also started a new unit, entitled, "Integer Operations". We will develop our skills of adding and subtracting positive and negative integers through the use of counters, the number line, and formal rules.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): We finished this last week by working on Order of Operation problems that are multi-stepped. We will continue this skill into this up and coming week to foster evaluating Algebraic Expressions. The week will finish out by looking at Properties of Real Numbers

Geometry (Garland): We ended last week by quizzing on Coordinate Geometry with SOL style problems. On Monday, September 19th, I will assign an advertising logo project that will have kids explore transformations in the real world. It will be due on September 26th. A take home test, on transformations, will be assigned on September 20th and is due on September 22nd.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we concluded our first Unit on Exponential Expressions and took our first test of the year! I am **soooooo** proud of all of the kids, their dedication to their studies and all of their hard work! We have started our next unit on Integers & The Number Line. I feel like we (the kids and myself) have gotten in the groove of organization for this class as well as checking Google Classroom every day for assignments and notes. Thank you to those families who have communicated with me and helped to support your child in turning work in on time. If you don't already have access to your child's Google Classroom account and you would like access to it, please email me and I will help make that happen.

Algebra (Reid): This past week we concluded our first Unit on Algebraic Expressions & Properties and took our first test of the year! I am **soooooo** proud of all of the kids, their dedication to their studies and all of their hard work! Next week we will start our next unit on solving equations & inequalities. I feel like we (the kids and myself) have gotten in the groove of organization for this class as well as checking Google Classroom every day for assignments and notes. If you don't already have access to your child's Google Classroom account and you would like access to it, please email me and I will help make that happen.

Composition, Literature, and Language

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

6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan): This past week in grammar, we started our examination of unit on sentence structures, reviewing subjects and predicates. We will continue with inverted sentence structures next week.

This past week in vocabulary, we finished Lesson 3. Next week will be a review week for the words from lessons 1-3, with a test on Thursday, Sept. 22. Online flashcards are available on Quizlet under my [class link](#). Please help your student create an account if they have not already done so. It has flashcards for both Composition and Literature. The site requires parent permission via email. Thank you!

6th Grade Literature (Kerrigan): This past week, we read and analyzed a short story, "The Treasure of Lemon Brown," and reviewed types of figurative language. There will be a test on story elements and figurative language next Thursday, Sept. 22.

We are also starting our first novel study, *A Long Way from Chicago*. Students will receive school copies of the book to use.

7th Language Arts (Lowdon): This week we read and analyzed one of my favorite short stories, "To Build a Fire" by Jack London. We took a closer look at story elements in this short story. Students had their first vocabulary test on block day this week. Next week there will be a test on the short stories we have read to date and story elements. The first IRA is due on Tuesday. We will also begin our discussion of *The Giver*; all students should have the novel in their possession at school.

8th Language Arts (Lowdon): Students took a vocabulary test this week. We read a third short story and discussed story elements. On block day, students prepared slide presentations on topics that are relevant in our study of our novel, *Brown Girl Dreaming*. Next week we will begin to read and discuss this beautiful memoir by Jacqueline Woodson. There will be a test this coming week on the short stories we have read to date and story elements. The first IRA is due on Tuesday. We will also begin our discussion of *The Giver*; all students should have the novel in their possession at school.

Religion—a.sisman@cvillecatholic.org

6th: Students finished a chapter on the stages of salvation history this week then began Chapter 3 which delves into who God has revealed himself to be through scripture. Students have a reading guide to finish and will have a quiz on their block day next week.

7th: Students finished a chapter about the Gospels this week then began a study of the Gospel of Luke. In this Gospel, the author stresses that Jesus came for the salvation of all and focuses on care and concern for the poor, the sinner, and the outcast. Students have a reading guide to finish and will have a quiz on their block day next week. 7th grade also did a great job helping with mass this week!

8th: Students finished a chapter on early Christianity and began a chapter on the Church Fathers. Students have a reading guide to finish and will have a quiz on their block day next week. The 8th graders were also very excited to meet their Junior Kindergarten Faith buddies! They worked with them on reciting the "Our Father" and had fun getting to know each other.



Science—m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week we learned about the science of taxonomy. We practiced using a dichotomous key to identify tree leaves both in the lab and around the school property. Next week we will continue with making a dichotomous key and discover more about binomial nomenclature and the levels of classification.

7th: This week we continued to uncover the details of matter. We discussed mixtures and substances and experimented with ketchup viscosity. Next week we will learn about chemical properties of matter and test mystery substances based on their properties.

8th: This week we discussed the importance of scale. And modeled the relationship of planets in our solar system to the sun. Next week we will learn about the sun, moon and Earth relationship.

Spanish—j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

This week in Spanish the students are working on basic conversation. On Monday they wrote skits and during the block days they acted them out! They all did such a great job, and we definitely have some future actors here at CCS!

Thursday began Hispanic Heritage Month! We talked about what this month is and why we celebrate it. Here at CCS we are going to be celebrating in a variety of ways including: a door decorating contest, a daily fact during announcements, a bilingual mass, a movie night, lessons in all core classes and specials, and special activities in Spanish class!

If you would like to learn more about Hispanic Heritage Month or have resources for at home please send me an email! This quick [video](#) is also a good introduction to the holiday.