



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Middle School

- Middle school students will not have school on Friday, September 24, due to 6th grade and new student parent conferences.
- 6th Grade Parents: You should receive an email from Mrs. DeVane with the sign up for conferences next week. Please sign up to speak with no more than two teachers. All of the advisors have times listed if you are wanting a general check-in. Thank you!

Social Studies

6th: This week the 6th graders learned essay writing strategies and began discussing the Civil War. Next week they will begin learning about the Civil War in earnest.

7th: This week the 7th graders learned about the 1920s and made their own silent movies. On Monday next week they have their first test which will be on everything we have learned about so far this year.

8th: This week the 8th graders learned about the River Valley Civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, and China. Next week we start discussing the Indus and Central Mexican River Valley civilizations.



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Math 6 (Garland): At the end of this past week, we started discussing the concept of order of operations, using the acronym GEMDAS (you may have learned it as PEMDAS). Next week, we will introduce the following Algebraic Properties of equality: Commutative,

Associative, and Distributive. I plan on assessing exponents, GEMDAS, and the aforementioned properties on September 22nd.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): This past week, we breached the topics of order of operations (GEMDAS) as well as evaluating expressions. Next week, we will quiz on this topic and discuss classifications of real numbers and Algebraic Properties of Real Numbers. By week's end, we are getting closer to our first Unit Test.

Geometry (Garland): We finished this past week with giving a take home test (which is due this coming Monday) on Geometric Transformations. An advertising logo project was assigned and is due Thursday, September 23rd. This is a change from last week's newsletter. Next week's focus we will get into using Algebraic equations to solve problems with the segment addition postulate..

Math 7 (DeVane): Students reviewed and took their first math test on Thursday. We started our new unit on integers, starting with the number line, absolute value, and adding on the number line. Next week, we will learn and practice all of the operations. They will have a short quiz on Thursday.

Algebra (DeVane): Students reviewed and took their first Algebra test on Tuesday. We started our next unit, which will cover equations and inequalities. We reviewed what it means to solve an equation and the general process to follow. We are increasing the difficulty of the problems as we progress through the unit. Students will have a short quiz on Wednesday.

Language Composition and Literature

6th: Literature - This week was very busy in Literature class. We continued reading [A Long Way from Chicago](#), stressing character development, the sequence of the plot, and new vocabulary. We also analyzed the many themes of the stories and used text to support our thoughts. We took two vocabulary quizzes and turned in our novel study packet for a check. On Wednesday, September 22, we will have our first test. In google classroom, the students can find a test overview that will help them study. Additionally, their first IRA is due on Tuesday, September 21. They have a copy of the IRA directions in their binder, but it can also be found in google classroom.

6th: This week we learned to use semicolons in compound sentences and identify

- prepositions and prepositional phrases. We also started our 2nd vocabulary
- lesson. Next week we will take a quick quiz on the grammar lessons. We will continue our work with prepositions and distinguish between prepositional phrases and adverbs. j.furin@cvillecatholic.org

7th: We finished reading our last short story this week. A test on the four short stories will be given on Tuesday; there is a study guide in Google Classroom. The first IRA is due on Monday, and the first Wordly Wise test (Lesson 1) occurs on Monday as well. I introduced the Writer's Eye contest this week; we will continue writing stories and poems on the various pieces of art for the next several weeks. The final entry is not due until the first week of November. We begin reading *The Giver* next week! (l.lowdon@cvillecatholic.org)

8th: We finished reading our last short story this week. A test on the three short stories will be given on Monday; there is a study guide in Google Classroom. The first IRA is due on Monday as well. We will begin *Brown Girl Dreaming* next week! For Mrs. Sisman's class, there is a test on Wordly Wise Lesson 1 on Tuesday. There is a quiz on the eight parts of speech and basic diagramming on Wednesday. (l.lowdon@cvillecatholic.org)

Religion

6th: This week we studied the phases of Salvation History and will continue this unit (Chapter 2 in the Catholic Connections Handbook) into next week, culminating with how Jesus fulfills God's promises from the Old Testament. The students will have a quiz on these phases on Tuesday. This is a basic, overarching, lesson to lay a foundation for what we will be learning throughout the year. Next week we will focus on the nature of God the Father and the Holy Trinity.

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Science

6th: This week we learned about the characteristics of life. We also explored adaptations for life through a bird costume activity. As we dove into Biology we practiced making slides and using microscopes. Not only did we investigate slides that we prepared but also a collection of prepared slides. Next week we will discover taxonomy and we will experiment with a dichotomous key to identify trees in Virginia.

7th: This week we defined chemistry and started with the properties of matter. We discussed how to classify matter and the difference between mixtures and substances. We experimented with dry ice to show that states of matter can change as well as what is sublimation. We also made a mixture and discussed non-newtonian fluids as we explored properties of solids and liquids through making oobleck. Next week we continue with states of matter and factors that may cause the state of matter to change.

8th: This week we continued our journey in space. We emphasized the difference between a meteoroid, meteor and meteorite. We explored the unique properties of a comet and made models of comets using dry ice. We also had class discussions on space tourism. Next week we will investigate the relationship between the moon, Earth and Sun.

Spanish

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8th Grade Spanish class: This week the students completed their first Spanish test. ¡Buen trabajo a todos! We also began to learn about the hispanic world by completing a map activity of all Spanish speaking countries and we discussed Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from September 15 to October 15, and during this month we celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from hispanic countries. If you would like to learn more about this month, please see the links below!

Next week students will begin to learn about conjugating verbs in Spanish. We will start with the present tense and regular -ar, -er and -ir verbs. The next few weeks we will focus more on grammar and how to build complete sentences.

[About Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

[Videos about Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

[Ideas on How to Celebrate at Home](#)

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

LA HISTORIA

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE WEEK began in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson and was specified as the week including Sept. 15-16.



INDEPENDENCE DAY FOR:



Costa Rica



El Salvador



Guatemala



Honduras



Nicaragua

INDEPENDENCE DAY FOR:



Mexico



Chile

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan expanded it to cover an entire month — from September 15 to October 15.



¿LATINO O HISPANO?



refers to a *language*



refers to *geography*

A SPANIARD speaks Spanish but is not from a Latin American country.



HISPANIC LATINO

A BRAZILIAN is from a Latin American country but speaks Portuguese.



HISPANIC LATINO

A MEXICAN is from a Latin American country and speaks Spanish.



HISPANIC LATINO

HISPANOS FAMOSOS



SONIA SOTOMAYOR
Supreme Court Justice



BENICIO DEL TORO
Academy Award-Winning Actor



SELENA GOMEZ
Singer/Actress



Half of Hispanic adults have no preference for



Those who do have a preference like Hispanic over Latino



Unless you're in Texas, where they prefer Hispanic over

