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Friday Newsletter

Middle School

Crozet Speech and Language Clinic will be conducting speech screenings in October. If you have concerns about your child's speech development and would like him/her to be screened, please contact Mrs. DeVane or Mrs. Bryan by Friday, October 7.

Middle School Picture Day Schedule (pictures will happen by homeroom and right after Mass)

Thursday, October 6	6th--Reid
	6th--Garland
	7th--Bruscia
Thursday, October 13	7th--Lowdon
	8th--Hendrick
	8th--Sisman

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

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 finished their unit on the causes of the Civil War. Next week they will start learning about the major figures of the war.

7th: This week the 7th graders finished their unit on the Post World War I era. Next week we will focus on the start of the 1920s.

8th: This week the 8th graders finished their unit on River Valley Civilizations. Next week they will begin exploring the Iron Age.



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

Math 6 (Garland): This past Friday, we investigated/practiced the rules associated with Division of Integers. On Monday, October 3rd, I plan on assessing the skills of multiplication and division. Our focus for the rest of the week will involve calculating with integers using order of operations(GEMDAS) and vertical and horizontal direction/location on a Coordinate Plane.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): We finished this past week testing on Unit 1-Real Numbers. We will use next week to get into Translating phrases into Algebraic Expressions, Combining Like Terms, and Using the Distributive Property to enhance simplification skills.

Geometry (Garland): On Friday, we investigated Angle Pairs and pieced together word problems involving Corresponding and Supplementary Angles. Next week, I plan on quizzing on Coordinate Geometry and Angle Pairs on October 4th and Testing on Logic, Coordinate Geometry, and Terminology on Friday, October 7th.

Math 7 (Reid): This past week we have really focused on the skill of simplifying using the order of operations. We've done this using our integer rules ("the mat" or "love & hate"). The kids have really grown in their abilities and confidence in being able to simplify an expression using the order of operations all the while thinking about whether a number is positive or negative! Next week we will continue to reinforce these same skills as we apply the ideas of positivity and negativity as it relates to the coordinate plane. After this, we will be headed towards our next test on Integers and Order of Operations.

Algebra (Reid): This past week we have continued to solve equations and found out there could be no solution or an infinite number of solutions. We also learned how to solve absolute value equations and having to think about the absolute value (distance) in the positive direction and also in the negative direction. We will finish this unit out with solving various types of word problems. After we solve consecutive integer problems, age and

distance/rate/time problems we will be ready to test on the unit of Solving Equations & Word Problems.

Composition, Literature, and Language

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

6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan): We've been studying the foundation of all writing with sentence subjects and predicates, and we just began learning about prepositions and prepositional phrases. Be ready for some songs at home! The students will be memorizing common prepositions with grammar lyrics.

Next week, we will also do Lesson 5 of *Vocabulary Power Plus*. The homework exercises are always due on Thursdays, with quizzes on Fridays.

6th Grade Literature (Kerrigan): This week, we have been getting a good laugh out of Grandma Dowdel and her shenanigans in *A Long Way from Chicago*. We wrapped up the week with a quiz on Chapters 1-3. Next week, we should finish our book, with a test on the novel the following Tuesday, Oct. 11. The next IRA is due Oct. 18.

7th Language Arts (Lowdon): We are enjoying some lively discussions about *The Giver*. Students will read and annotate a chapter over the weekend. Next week there is a vocabulary test on block day. The next IRA is due on Tuesday, October 18. Permission slips will be coming home next week for our field trip to the Fralin Museum to see the artwork for the Writer's Eye writing contest. We may need one or two additional Virtus-trained drivers. Email Ms. Lowdon if you are interested and able to drive.

8th Language Arts (Lowdon): We have spent this week savoring the poems found in *Brown Girl Dreaming* and having lively class discussions. In keeping with the spirit and beauty of the book, we have done some writing of our own! Next week there is a vocabulary test on block day. The next IRA is due on Tuesday, October 18.

Religion—a.sisman@cvillecatholic.org



6th: Students are well underway in creating their Faith Timelines, which will show the events and people that have influenced their faith and helped them to become who they are today. The next deadline for this project is Thursday, October 6. They may need your help this week finalizing the information to include such as dates, collecting photos, and compiling some materials. The final due date is October 17th. In addition, 6th grade has been learning about who God is and delving into the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Finally, **service logs are due in two weeks on October 14th.** Students are encouraged to seek out opportunities as soon as possible if they still need hours. They also have an

opportunity each Friday during prep to complete school service.

Service Sign-up:

Church of the Incarnation <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca4ad28a1f8c70-church>

St. Thomas Aquinas <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca4ad28a1f8c70-stthomas>

Fun opportunity: Screening of *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love* at Stonefield Regal

<https://www.fathomevents.com/events/Mother-Teresa-No-Greater-Love>

7th: This week, students concluded a study on the Gospel of Luke and began to discuss the Acts of the Apostles. Students were also assigned a project to create a slideshow on the life of a saint from Latin America for Hispanic Heritage Month. Finally, **service logs are due in two weeks on October 14th**. Students are encouraged to seek out opportunities as soon as possible if they still need hours. They also have an opportunity each Friday during prep to complete school service.

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Science—m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week we discovered the organelles and their functions in a cell. Students worked on modeling a cell in class. They also worked on creating a metaphor to help learn the functions of the organelles. Next week we will continue to discuss cell biology.

7th: This week we created 3 types of matter and identified evidence to support claims. We tested the matter for magnetism, solubility, and conductivity as we continue to learn about properties of matter. Next week we will conclude the unit on matter and transition into learning about the elements and the periodic table.

8th: This week we discussed the relationship between the moon, Sun and Earth. We experimented with orbits and worked on our lunar base in preparation of our rocket projects. We discussed GPS and starlink and will continue next week as we start our module on outfitting Mars.

Spanish—j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

This week the students had their first big assessment. They had to demonstrate their Spanish knowledge at five different stations. They were reading, listening, speaking, writing and then cultural knowledge about Spanish speaking countries. They did a wonderful job and it is amazing to see how much they have learned and how much their skills have grown over the past month.

On Thursday and Friday we worked on creating Molas. Molas are a type of art form from Panama. I was amazed by the intricate detail and designs when I traveled to Panama over the summer so we recreated them in class using construction paper!

Music—k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org

These past few weeks, middle school has been learning how to play all the Orff ensemble instruments from glockenspiels to alto and soprano xylophones, metallophones and bass xylophones and metallophones. They have learned the difference between pitched and unpitched instruments and are beginning to understand the structure of a song. They have learned how to build a melody through a “question” and “answer” musical format and what an ostinato is.

Next week, we will be starting to learn instruments. 6th and 7th grade will be learning piano, while 8th grade will be learning how to play melodica. **If you have a student in 6th or 7th grade, please send them in with headphones for our piano class next Thursday.** These headphones can stay at school with their name on them in the music room, OR go home each week. Thank you so much! Have a great weekend!

