



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

Middle School

It was wonderful seeing those of you who came out to Back to School Night this past Tuesday. We are gearing up for our first FANS event (**F**un **A**ctivities **N**ot in **S**chool) of the 2022/2023 school year on September 30th. More information will be released at a later date. **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. Be on the lookout for a separate email, which will be forthcoming on Monday, for conference sign-ups for new students. Another email will be sent out next Friday for parents of returning 6th graders to schedule a time.**

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.

Please join us for our back to school picnic. Information can be found here:

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

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>

We are excited to be going on field trips this year and are looking forward to having parent chaperones help with that! To chaperone a field trip, 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

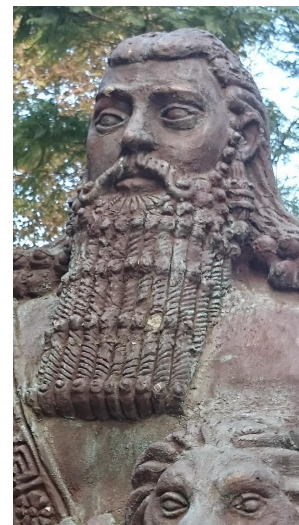
The Middle School Council is made up of parent volunteers who coordinate FANS (Fun Activity Nights) events throughout the year and 2 Middle School dances (Halloween and Spring). If you are interested in helping to organize these events, please reach out to either Kristin Albert (kristinalbert@comcast.net)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

Social Studies - r.hendrick@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week the 6th graders reviewed early American History. Next week we will begin focusing on the Causes of the Civil War.

7th: This week the 7th graders learned about the rise of communism and the impact that had on the United States. Next week they will begin learning about post WWI America. They will have their first test on Friday.

8th: This week the 8th learned about the Neolithic Era and made their own stone age tools. Next week they will learn about the rise of River Valley civilizations in Mesopotamia and Egypt. They will need an orange next week so we practice the art of mummification!



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

Math 6 (Garland): This past week, we finished up our first unit on Exponents and Operations. Next week, we will review for our unit test on September 12th and then take our test on Exponents and Operations on Tuesday, September 13th. I will check notebooks for organization and work shown on that same day. We will start our second unit, entitled, "Integer Operations" where students will develop their skills working with positive and negative numbers.

Pre-Algebra (Garland): We finished this past week working with Square roots of perfect squares 1 - 400 and cube roots of perfect cubes 1 - 1000. I am testing this coming Monday on the quick recall of these number facts. Students will use their understanding of exponents to work with scientific notation and develop more speed as they evaluate expressions based on the order of operations.

Geometry (Garland): This past week, we used coordinate geometry to help lay the foundation of congruent figures (based on slope, midpoint, and distance). This coming week, we will investigate transformations (translations, rotations, reflections, and dilations) and their rules. As a reminder, the students' Logic Project will be collected on Monday, September 12th.

Math 7 (Reid): This week we finished up our unit on Exponential Expressions and the 6th graders taking this course will test on Friday (9/9) while the 7th graders taking this course will take the test on Wednesday (9/14). We spent time organizing our binders and talking

about how assignments are graded. After we take our test on Exponential Expressions, we will start our unit on Integers and their operations.

Algebra (Reid): This week we continued to work with algebraic expressions by translating and simplifying them completely. Next week we will study the properties of equality that allow us to simplify expressions and eventually solve equations. After we learn about the properties, we will be ready to take our first test on Algebraic Expressions at the end of next week.

Composition, Literature, and Language

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

6th Grade Composition (Kerrigan): This week, we studied the eight parts of speech and lesson 2 of Vocabulary Power Plus. Next week, we will do lesson 3 of our vocabulary and start a grammar unit on sentences. Typically, vocab quizzes are always on Friday, but due to the short week, we are having the Lesson 2 quiz on Monday.

6th Grade Literature (Kerrigan): This week, we studied story element terms and the short story “Eleven.” Next week, we will be studying figurative language and the short story “The Treasure of Lemon Brown.” There will be a test on story elements and figurative language the following Wednesday, Sept. 21. The first IRA is due Sept. 20.

7th Language Arts (Lowdon): Next week we will wrap up our short story unit. A test is scheduled for the following week, and I will prepare a study guide for the students. The IRA is due on September 20. There is a vocabulary test on block day.

8th Language Arts (Lowdon): Students had a quiz on basic grammar concepts on Friday. Next week we will wrap up our short story unit. A test is scheduled for the following week, and I will prepare a study guide for the students. The IRA is due on September 20. There is a vocabulary test on block day.

Religion—a.sisman@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week, we began talking about the stages of Salvation History to give students an overview of God’s plan for us (Chapter 2 in the Catholic Connections Handbook). The Bible can be an intimidating read, but breaking it into sections and having an idea of where the story leads us (to Heaven!) is *very* helpful! They will have a quiz on these stages on Tuesday/Wednesday. We will then continue to Chapters 3 and 4 on God and the Holy Trinity.

7th: This week, we began talking about the Gospels (Chapter 19 in the Catholic Connections Handbook), which are the heart of the Bible. The students learned about the authors and how perspective and audience play a role in how each Gospel is written. There will be a quiz on this chapter on Tuesday/Wednesday then we will begin a study on the Gospel of Luke.

8th: Students in 8th grade did a great job leading mass this week! They also learned about the growth of the Church despite trying times for early Christians. Hopefully they have gained some inspiration and fortitude from early saints, like St. Peter and St. Paul, to stand up for truth and what is right despite the consequences. There will be a quiz on Chapter E in the Church History text on Tuesday/Wednesday. We will then move on to study the early Church Fathers in Chapter F.

Science—m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org

6th: This week we continued to learn about behaviors in the lab. We cracked into the process of the scientific method and practiced making wet mount slides. We looked at dust, Elk hair, newspaper and pencil lead at a microscopic level. We also took some time to review the overall scope of the science fair project and deployed the first assignment for this project. This is to come up with some ideas. Next week we will work on practicing making observations and hypotheses and identifying variables. We will also start to discuss the science of taxonomy and characteristics of life.

7th: This week we experienced adding energy to matter to see its effects on the matter's state. We compared vaporization to sublimation as we experimented with dry ice or frozen carbon dioxide. We also took some time to review the overall scope of the science fair project and deployed the first assignment for this project. This is to come up with some ideas. Next week we will work on practicing making observations and hypotheses and identifying variables. We will also investigate how matter is classified and properties of matter.

8th: This week we focused on comets and modeled a comet using dry ice, zip lock bag, ammonia, oreos, and syrup. red vaporization to sublimation as we experimented with dry ice or frozen carbon dioxide. We also took some time to review the overall scope of the science fair project and deployed the first assignment for this project. This is to come up with some ideas. Next week we will work on practicing making observations and hypotheses and identifying variables. We will also discuss the planets of our solar system.

Spanish—j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

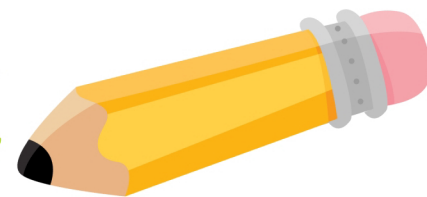
This week we practiced the spanish alphabet, which sounds each letter makes, and how to pronounce and spell simple words in Spanish! The students took a spelling quiz on Friday.

We also worked on basic conversation. Students learned simple greetings, goodbyes, questions and answers. This was the first big chunk of vocabulary they have learned and it all is great words and phrases to begin using in and outside of class! The students will have a short quiz on vocabulary soon.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Picnic



**Saturday
September 24
from 4-6pm**

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**Let's come together and
celebrate a brand new
school year!**

