



Village School

Middle School for Girls

NEWSLETTER

September 28, 2018



We had a fantastic day celebrating the 150th anniversary of Louisa May Alcott's, *Little Women*! Please read on for important news and updates.

EVENTS

Parent Conferences: Friday, October 5 and Monday, October 8.

There is no school on these days. You will receive a reminder of your assigned conference time from Signup Genius next week.

Open House: Saturday October 13, 10:00am-2:00pm.

A Signup Genius was sent home last week to volunteer your daughter(s) to help. There are still a few spots left.

Village School Halloween Celebration: Wednesday, October 31, in the afternoon.

More details soon.

The Annual Village School Craft Fair: December 1, 10:00am-2:00pm.

FIELD TRIPS

Ray Chen & Julio Elizalde Concert: Tuesday, October 9, 10:40am-11:40am at Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center.

Girls in orchestra will be attending along with Ms. Duncan.

7th Grade Chesapeake Bay Foundation Canoe Trip: Thursday, October 11.

Read below for the details and packing list.

AFTER SCHOOL

Village Debate Team: Tuesday, October 2, after school.

Practices will be Tuesdays after school, and for those interested, there will be up to four tournaments per year. Read below for more information.

JAMBALAYA

Jambalaya Meeting: Monday, October 1, 12:00pm at Village School.

All girls are welcome to attend and learn about our literary journal!

OTHER NEWS

Village School has been selected as one of the Virginia Naturally Schools for the second year. This award recognizes our efforts in supporting environmental conservation and stewardship. Keep up the good work girls!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Anne Fruscello 10/2 Leelee Keevil 10/6

Village School Calendar

- **October 5: 5th and 6th Grade Parent Conferences (No School)**
- **October 8: 7th and 8th Grade Parent Conferences (No School)**
- **October 9: Ray Chen & Julio Elizalde Concert**
- **October 11: 7th Grade Canoe Trip**
- **October 13: Open House, 10:00am-2:00pm**
- **October 16: 7th and 8th Grade Dads' Lunch, 12:00 pm**
- **October 19: 5th and 6th Grade Dads' Lunch, 12:30 pm**
- **October 24: Birthday Celebration for October**
- **October 29: Teacher Workday (No School)**
- **October 31: Halloween Celebration**
- **November 6: Alumnae Lunch, 12:00 pm**
- **November 7-8: 5th Grade Trip to Jamestown**
- **November 9: 6th Grade to Wild Rock**
- **November 13: 7th & 8th Grade Moms' Lunch**
- **November 16: 5th & 6th Grade Moms' Lunch**
- **November 17: GEM Fun Day**

"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship."
— Louisa May Alcott, Little Women

****REMINDERS ****

7th Grade Chesapeake Bay Foundation Canoe Trip Thursday, October 11, 2018

The 7th grade is going on an all-day canoe trip on the Rivanna River guided by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on Thursday, October 11. We will leave for the reservoir after regular drop off and return before dismissal.

We already have your signed health forms.

The Packing list for the trip is:

- lunch
- drinks
- wear old sneakers or closed-toe sandals: No flip flops or Crocs as these get easily lost in the mud
- swimsuits (wear under shorts and tops - dress code applies)
- layers appropriate for the possible wet weather
- small towel
- a change of clothes for after the trip





CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION
Saving a National Treasure

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your student will soon be participating in a Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) One-Day education program. CBF is a private, non-profit conservation organization dedicated to "Save the Bay" with watershed-wide programs in environmental education and resource protection. CBF's environmental education program introduces participants to the wonders of the watershed and works to heighten sensitivity, increase knowledge, and empower citizens to take positive action toward the Bay's restoration.

CBF's educators take more than 30,000 students and teachers into the field annually. From one-day canoe and workboat experiences to week-long stays at one of our learning centers, the philosophy is the same: *To care for the environment, you must love it. To love it, you must know it. To know it, you must experience it.*

During the field day, your student will be participating in a variety of outdoor activities – like pulling a trawl net for fish, marsh mucking, canoeing, and/or dredging for oysters – where they might get **WET** and **MUDDY**. Dressing appropriately and being prepared for an outdoor experience will help make this challenging day(s) rewarding and fun.



Please prepare your student for his or her field experience by:

- Reading the ***Participant Information*** to help determine what to wear, what to bring and expected behavior for their field experience.
- Complete and return the enclosed ***Health Form*** to the classroom teacher prior to your scheduled field date. **No one will be permitted to participate without a completed form.**
- If we have your permission to use photos taken of your student for CBF materials, please sign the ***Photo Release*** section at the bottom of the Health Form.

If you would like more information about this education program, please visit www.cbf.org/programs.

Sincerely,

Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Education Program Manager

LEARN DEBATE, LEARN TO WIN!

CHARLOTTESVILLE DEBATE LEAGUE



why learn debate?

Debate is about winning arguments. If you want to convince your parents, write better papers, and learn skills that some people don't learn until college, you should come to the interest meeting. Also, our tournaments **ALWAYS** have **FREE PIZZA**.

meet the team!

We're students at the University of Virginia, and we debated throughout high school and now college. We loved our experience, and want to share it! Hope to see you soon!



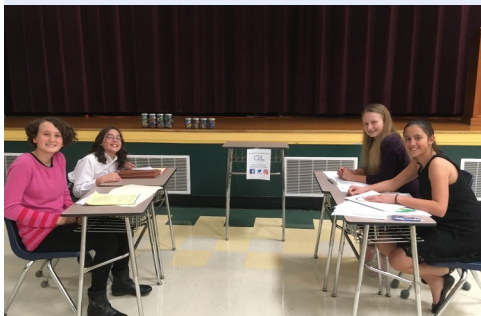
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meeting!

DAY _____
TIME _____
ROOM _____

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Our Mission

Debate improves academic performance, develops critical thinking skills, prepares students for college, and encourages civic engagement. These skills are necessary for students to be successful in the 21st century. Unfortunately, not enough debate programs exist within central Virginia. We believe that this beneficial activity should be accessible to all students, so we are building a new debate infrastructure for Charlottesville. We train coaches, write curricula, hold practices, and host tournaments for the schools in our league.



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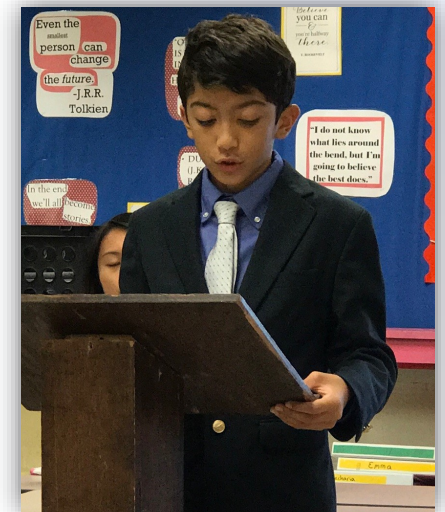
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Charlottesville Debate League



*Challenging, Educating,
and Inspiring Local Youth*



Our Programs

We currently have 11 programs in 10 different schools. These programs are: Buford MS, Burley MS, CVille Catholic School, The Community Homeschool Enrichment Center, Charlottesville HS, Covenant School, Jack Jouett MS, Peabody School, Sutherland MS, and two programs in Tandem Friends School. Our coaches meet with students every single week throughout the school year. We are always looking to expand, so please contact us if you are aware of any opportunities to start a program.

Our coaches are all undergraduate students at UVA. They were debate students in high school, and now they want to share their great experiences with the next generation of debaters.

Tournaments

CDL tournaments allow our students to put their skills to the test in a welcoming, and competitive environment. They have the opportunity to debate against students from other schools who bring different ideas and perspectives to the table. In the past, our students have debated about free speech, gun laws, and nuclear power.

All students participate in three preliminary debate rounds, and excellent debaters will move onto subsequent semi-final and final rounds. Community members judge all debates, and they fill out ballots with feedback that our students can use to improve their skills.

Most debate leagues charge a registration fee for tournaments, but ours are **completely free** because we want students of all backgrounds to participate. We provide all guests with breakfast and lunch as well.



Why Join CDL?

Do you love to argue? Do you want to improve your persuasion skills? Do you love to talk about political and historical issues? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then debate is for you!

Debate improves research, writing, public speaking, and teamwork skills. We will teach you to use evidence to craft arguments that can persuade anyone! You can even convince your parents to get a dog. These skills will help you succeed in high school, college, and beyond!

You’ll even debate against students from all over Charlottesville at our tournaments. And above all else...

debate is fun!



Two of our public forum debate champions!