



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 3rd Grade

### 1/10/25

#### **Teacher's Message/Announcements**

- Happy New Year and Welcome Back!
- **MAP testing** and other Winter Benchmark Assessments start next week.
  - Thursday, January 16 - Math (8:30 AM)
  - Wednesday, January 22 - Reading (8:30)
  - **Late arrivals, appointments, etc. should be avoided if possible**
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA\\_D6OGjSil0tg\\_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link)

#### **Calendar/Important Dates**

- Friday, January 10 - End of 2nd Quarter
- Tuesday, January 14 - AM Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
- Thursday, January 16 - MAP Testing (Math)
- Friday, January 17 - 2nd Quarter Report Cards
- Monday, January 20 - MLK Jr. Day (No School)
- Tuesday, January 21 - AM Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
- Wednesday, January 22 - MAP Testing (Reading)
- Sunday, January 26 - Saturday, February 1 - Catholic Schools Week

#### **Teacher email addresses**

- Ms. Grassi - [k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org)
- Mr. Little - [t.little@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:t.little@cvillecatholic.org)

#### **Important School Announcements**

- A great way for us to help our students become collaborators and leaders is to encourage them to participate in the **mass choir**. This year, we are inviting students in grades 3 through 8 to sign up. Below is a link for the sign up and a few items of note:
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-54054132-mass>
  - Students may sign up for as many masses as they would like.
  - Mass choir is open to students in grades 3 through 8.

- Students should be dropped off at 7:40 so that there is time to practice. If you are running late and arrive after 7:45, you must go through carline.
- Siblings may be dropped off as well. They will need to sit quietly up front until the bell rings at 7:45.
- Students will also be practicing mass music in class.
- While you should receive a reminder email from signupgenius, please note the dates you sign up for.
- If you must cancel at the last minute, email Ms. Wisbey [k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org).

## Social Studies

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**This Week:** Students will draw and label the three geographic features on their maps of Asia and paste the map in their passports.

**Next Week:** Students will explore Europe and learn about the Mediterranean Sea, the Alps Mountains, and the Italian Peninsula.

## Math

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**This Week:** Students will learn about fractions, beginning with partitioning shapes into equal groups. They will identify how a whole can be divided into halves, thirds, fourths, sixths, and eighths.

**Next Week:** Students will learn how to identify and write fractions on a number line, and how to represent one-whole as a fraction.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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### **This Week:**

We began our unit on Main Idea and Supporting Details this week with our next writing assignment. Following the writing process, students brainstormed and created outlines to use for their paragraphs describing a New Year's Resolution. In Q3 we will be transitioning from narrative/story writing to more expository/informational writing, which will have students creating 5 sentence paragraphs with a clear topic sentence, three supporting details to help explain the topic, and a concluding sentence. Students will publish their final copy of their New Year's Resolution next week.

### **Next Week:**

- Word Study: R-Controlled Vowels & Syllables - ar, or, ore (**garlic, forest, shore**) - **Quiz - Friday**
- Writing/Grammar - **Mentor Sentence Quiz - Friday**
  - Skill(s): Pronouns, Compound Predicates, Main Idea & Details (New Year's Resolutions)
  - Mentor Text: Owl Moon
  - Mentor Sentence: *Then the owl pumped its great wings and lifted off the branch like a shadow without sound.*
- Reading - Main Idea & Key Details (Repeating Words=Main Topic, The Topic of Each Paragraph)

Homework: [Reading Page \(Let's Learn It - Week 15\) - Due Friday](#)

Study Resources: Grammar Voyages (Ch. 3 - Pronouns), ELA Notebook, Reading Notebook, ELAR Folder, and Word Study Intro Letter/Package

# Theology

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## **This Week:**

We discussed our Tenent of the Month for January, Stewardship. We also introduced Saint André Bessette who will serve as a model steward for the month. Brother André once said that, "my only ambition is to serve God in the most humble tasks."

## **Next Week:**

-Christ In Us Workbook (Unit 2 - 2.6) How does God share his life with us? - Discussion

Study Resources: Christ In Us Workbook (2.6), Theology Folder, Notebook

# Science

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**This Week:** Students will learn the process of photosynthesis and the different types of plants located in ecosystems. Students will work on completing their vocabulary foldable.

- Study Guide Packet on Plants will go home in their Friday Folder
- The unit test on Plants will be on January 17th

**Next Week:** Students will begin our unit on Properties of Matter and be introduced to the physical properties, mass, volume and density.