



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

**5th Grade
01/10/2025**



Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- If your child is scheduled to do carline duty on a day that it is cold, please be sure they come to school with the appropriate cold-weather clothing. Girls wearing jumpers ARE allowed to wear any kind of sweatpants (does not need to be CCS sweatpants) when they are doing carline.
- We will be having MAP testing during the next two weeks. The math MAP will be Thursday, January 16, and the reading MAP will be Wednesday, January 22. It is important that students are well-rested and have a nutritious breakfast those mornings. Also, please try to avoid any absences or late arrivals those days.
- Because of the short week this week, there was very little work in students' Friday Folders. Instead of sending them home today, they will be sent home on Monday and will include the final projects from the second quarter.

Calendar/Important Dates:

Thursday, January 16: MAP Testing (math)

Friday, January 17: Quiz on diagramming sentences with subject complements

Wednesday, January 22: MAP Testing (reading)

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Important School Announcements

- The Village School will host their annual GEM (Girls Excelling in Math) tournament on Saturday, March 22. Girls in grades 4 through 8 may participate. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mrs. DeVane at l.devane@cvillecatholic.org.

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will be exploring the events surrounding the Revolutionary War. We will be annotating the Declaration of Independence together in class.

Math

We are going to be starting our unit on fractions. Your child will be learning to add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals, how to simplify and to estimate using fractions.

To reinforce math concepts and skills, students are assigned sections for Khan Academy ([khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)). This is for a grade. Students have their login and password in their planner. The 3rd quarter requirements are to complete Math: 5th grade for Coordinate Planes (unit 12), Line Plots (unit 15) and Multiplying Decimals (unit 8).

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we began reading *Love That Dog*. We will read this very short book twice: the first time to focus on the content and making inferences, and the second time to focus on figurative language. We also started on our poetry unit while we read this book (which is written as a poem). Next week, we will also begin diagramming sentences with subject complements, and students will receive a new list of spelling/vocabulary words based on figurative language that we will study in the poetry unit. They will have a quiz next Friday on diagramming sentences.

Theology

This week, we had a brief introduction to our unit on the structure of the historical foundations of the Church and its hierarchy. We will continue with those topics next week.

Science

Students are learning about earth's structures and topography. We made 3D models and topographic maps. We will be learning about how the lithosphere, biosphere, atmosphere and hydrosphere work together.