



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 4th Grade

### January 12, 2024

Dear Families,

This quarter has been an incredible journey of growth. It truly takes a village to nurture young minds, and together, we are creating a positive and inspiring environment for our students. The kids have shown a steadfast determination and commitment to learning. From mastering new concepts, demonstrating kindness to a classmate, or simply putting forth their best effort, each accomplishment has contributed to the strength of our class community. We look forward to continuing to foster a love for learning, creating a positive and nurturing environment for our 4th graders to thrive, and to the exciting adventures that await us in the upcoming quarter.

Warm regards and blessings,  
4th Grade Team

### **Announcements**

- The Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program. Students read books and then compete in a team trivia-style competition. The Diocese of Richmond has tentatively set a date for Wednesday, March 29 for schools to participate. We will have a grades 3-5 team and a 6-8 team. If your child would like to participate, please email Mrs. DeVane ([l.devane@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:l.devane@cvillecatholic.org)).
  - [3-5 Book List](#)
  - [6-8 Book List](#)
- Even though the weather is turning colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:
  - Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.

- If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
- If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on.
- **Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.**

### Important Dates

- Friday, January 12, 2024- 11:30 Dismissal/End of 2nd Quarter
- Monday, January 15, 2024- MLK Day (School Closed)
- Friday, January 19, 2024- Passion Play Auditions
- Thursday, January 18, 2024- MAP Test (Reading)
- Wednesday, January 24, 2024- MAP Test (Math)

### Teacher Email Addresses

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## Social Studies

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This week in SS, we finished chapter 4 on how Virginia grew in the 1600-1700's. This was an exciting chapter in which students learned about agriculture, the different groups of people that made up early Virginia, and the day to day lives of Virginia citizens.

Next week, we will begin our new unit on the American Revolution!

## Science

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This week in Science we've been focused on chapter 4. Last week we learned about the respiratory, circulatory, and digestive systems. This week, we've enjoyed learning about the structures of various body systems that help us think and move- the nervous system, skeletal system, and muscular system. The kids have come to better understand the interconnectedness of the systems, as they take into account each system's own specific functions. Next week, we will continue Chapter 4.

Our Chapter 4 Test is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17th.

## Math

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This week in Math, we've been learning about fractions. The kids have enjoyed working with fraction tiles, identifying fractions on a number line, and using models to show fraction equivalence. We have also learned strategies to compare them.

Our Unit 8 Test is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23rd.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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This week in LA, students continued a new unit in which they are learning how to write their own realistic fiction stories! We will also read *Because of Winn Dixie* as a mentor text while in this unit.

Next week, we will continue this unit and begin to write stories that we wish existed in the world.

## Theology

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This week in Theology, the kids have been focused on sacraments at the service of communion- Holy Orders, and Matrimony. The theme of this lesson was service, and how we serve and share in the priesthood of the faithful. We learned about what it means to be a domestic church (church of the home), and reflected on these foundations within our homes that we've brought out with us into the world. The kids enjoyed our "faithful family member award" writing assignment, and took our unit 2 test. Thank you to those of you who volunteered your time to drive the kids to Our Lady of the Angels Monastery. Your support is deeply appreciated and enables us to create more meaningful experiences for our students.

Our Passion Play auditions will be held on Friday, January 19th. The kids were introduced to the songs and given their scripts today in class.