



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

1/17/25

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Field Trip Forms to the Paramount Theater will be in Friday Folders this week. They are due Tuesday, January 28th.
- **Tuesday, March 18 - Field Trip to Monticello:**
We will need eight drivers/chaperones for our field trip, please reach out to me if you can volunteer. Thank you, Ms. Grassi
- **MAP testing** and other Winter Benchmark Assessments continue next week.
 - 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

Calendar/Important Dates

- 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
- **Wednesday, February 19 - Field Trip to Paramount Theater**

Teacher email addresses

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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.
- CCS will be participating in the Battle of the Books! Students in grades 3-8 will read books this spring and then compete against other diocesan schools in a trivia-style game. The Battle will take place on Tuesday, May 20, in Richmond. Please email Mrs. DeVane if your child is interested in participating.

Social Studies

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

Next Week: Students will learn about the Alps Mountain Range and the Italian Peninsula. They will identify the locations on a map of the continent of Europe. Students will work on their vocabulary foldable.

- Study Guides will be sent home in Friday folders.
- Test- Thursday, January 30th

Math

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

This Week:

Our big focus this week was working on our New Year's resolutions. Students learned the importance of brainstorming ideas, organizing their writing, and relying on the writing process to guide them from start to finish. In this case, their final published work consisted of an expository 5 sentence paragraph with a clear topic sentence, three supporting details to help explain the topic, and a concluding sentence. Additionally this week, we introduced the "Bossy R" in Word Study, kicked off our unit on Pronouns, and completed reading lessons on Main Idea.

Next Week:

- Winter Assessments: MAP Reading, Developmental Spelling Assessment, Oral Reading Fluency
- Word Study: None - No Quiz
- Writing/Grammar - No Quiz

-Skill(s): Pronouns, Main Idea & Details (New Year's Resolutions)

-Mentor Text: *None*

-Mentor Sentence: *None*

-Reading - Main Idea & Key Details (What's the Connection?, Reflect on the Facts, Can You Remember What You Just Read?)

Homework: [Reading Page \(Let's Learn It - Week 16\) - Due Friday](#)

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

Theology

This Week:

We began our new Christ In Us lesson this week. We also continued discussing our Tenent of the Month for January, Stewardship and looking towards 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? - *Quiz - Thursday*

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

Science

This Week: Students will learn about the Properties of Matter and be introduced to the physical properties, mass, volume and density.

Next Week: Students will review the steps of the scientific method when performing an experiment. They will be introduced to how energy can change phases of matter and learn the difference between a mixture and a solution.