



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

**5th Grade**  
**01/17/2025**



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

- There is no school on Monday, January 20 to commemorate the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday.
- 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 again next week, The reading MAP will be on Wednesday, January 22. It is important that students are well-rested and have a nutritious breakfast that morning. Also, please try to avoid any absences or late arrivals those days.
- We are planning our spring field trip to James Madison's Montpelier, so if you would like to chaperone this event, please be sure your VIRTUS certification is up-to-date. If you have not yet attended the initial session, we will be holding two here at CCS in the coming months: February 8 and March 22. Those are both Saturdays, and each session will be from 11:00-2:00. You can

register at this link:

[https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0)

- 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.

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

**Tuesday, January 21:** Quiz on diagramming sentences with subject complements

**Wednesday, January 22:** MAP Testing (reading)

**Friday, January 24:** Math TEST (Fractions)

**Tuesday, January 28:** Letter to King George III due (final copy)

### **Teacher email addresses:**

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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](mailto:l.devane@cvillecatholic.org).

## Social Studies

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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 writing, as colonists, to King George III to explain our reasons for wanting to separate from British rule. The final copy is due 1/28.

## Math

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Students are learning to add, subtract fractions and how to simplify and to estimate fractions. We will have the Fractions Test on Friday, January 24th.

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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).

\*\*All students need to be checked off for their multiplication facts 0-12 and xx by the end of 3rd quarter.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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This week we continued reading *Love That Dog*, focusing on making inferences. We also began diagramming sentences with subject complements, and students received a new list of spelling/vocabulary words based on figurative language that we will study in the poetry unit. The quiz on diagramming sentences that was supposed to be today has been moved to next Tuesday. This week, students also began writing the poems for the poetry packet assignment. The final product, which is due Friday, Feb. 14, will count as a project grade in both reading and writing. The rough drafts of the eight poems that will be done in class or for homework will also count as homework/classwork grades.

Next week, students will have the quiz on diagramming sentences with subject complements and will continue reading *Love That Dog*. They will also continue to write poems and work with the figurative language terms.

***The second quarter IRAs were generally very good. We decided that, for the third quarter, there will be only one IRA (biography or autobiography), and the slide presentation students will complete will be on Google Classroom. It will be similar to the one for the realistic fiction book in the second quarter. The IRA will be due Friday, March 7.***

## Theology

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

## Science

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We will be learning about plate tectonics and how it shapes our earth.