



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 2nd Grade

### 1/19/2024

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Report Cards will be released in FACTS today! Woohoo!
- Birthdays are such a special time! I love celebrating your cute kiddo at school! Please remember to **check the approved list of shareable foods** in FACTS. Your little birthday birdie is also welcome to share non-edible treats, such as pencils, mini playdough, stamps, stickers, etc.
- Hoodies, and sweaters, and coats, oh my!! Please help your Hawk dress warmly for outdoor play in labeled outerwear/layers! Students who are not appropriately dressed for the weather will stay inside.

#### Calendar/Important Dates

1/19 - Report Cards Released  
1/30 - Historical Figures Presentations, 2:15-3:00 in STEM Lab  
2/9 - National Children's Dental Health Month Dentist Visit - 2:00 pm  
2/14 - Ash Wednesday Mass  
2/19 - No School - Presidents Day  
2/23 - Field Trip to Amazement Square, 8:15 am-3:00 pm  
3/4 - No School - Teacher Work Day  
3/13- Roald Dahl Day (volunteer timing TBD)  
3/22 - End of 3rd Quarter  
3/28 - Holy Thursday and 11:30 am Dismissal  
3/29-4/7 - Easter Break  
4/24 - Trashion Show, 2:15-2:45 pm (CCS Gym)  
5/3 - Communion Retreat  
5/10 - Grandparents and Great Friends Day  
5/24 - JK-7th Grade Field Day; 11:30 am Dismissal  
5/27- No School - Memorial Day

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## Science

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Science Day was a total hit! After preparing all year, the Hawks earned their lab coats! Donning these special science accessories, our sensational scientists were treated to hover disc rides in the gym (an excellent introduction to friction!), eclectic engineering of marble runs, excellent science experiments in the comfort of our classroom (think a magically leak proof bag, diet coke explosions, silly skittles science, an egg disappearing into a bottle, etc.), and a healthy dose of innovation! I hope it knocked their socks off!!

While Science Day was not deterred by the 2-hour delay, the Hawks ran out of time to do ALL of the fabulous fun I had planned! Naturally, Science Day the Sequel is now in the works and will include science-themed read alouds, a virtual field trip with Nickelodeon, an epic paper airplane challenge, and, of course, more experiments!

## Social Studies

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Total experts! Our cute connoisseurs will share their expertise about a variety of famous historical figures on Tuesday, January 30 from 2:15-3:00. From interviews in front of a “live studio audience” to slideshow presentations to life-size portraits of inspiring heroes, the Hawks are sure to wow you! Please join us in the Performance Space for an afternoon of lavish learning! Ask your radiant researcher which of the below projects he/she chose:

- Interview - “The Talker” - Students will showcase their flair for drama by writing and acting out a script in which their famous person is interviewed on a “TV Talk Show”
- Portrait - “The Artist” - Students will create a lifesize portrait of their famous person with handwritten facts and textural details (buttons, yarn, paint, fabric, etc.) with factual context (example: including a bus for Rosa Parks or a kite and key for Benjamin Franklin) to entice their viewers
- Google Slideshow - “The Techie” - Students will take on the role of “professor” to create a captivating Google slideshow full of facts about their famous person to present to their second grade classmates.

## Math

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Super Subtractors! The Hawks are tackling subtraction strategies for two-digit subtraction (decomposing, base-10 blocks, hundreds charts, number lines, algorithm, decomposing etc.), finding the one that is their “just right fit.” Next week, we’ll conclude this unit with a test.

Cannonball!!!! SplashLearn.com is a marvelous math resource for home use! Your child may access the site for free to complete work teacher-assigned work. Please also continue to

practice math fact fluency daily by using flash cards, calling out problems, rolling dice, using cards, and through SplashLearn.com.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Ready for take-off! Our fluency flocks are diligently working to improve intonation, raise reading rate, and emphasize expression as they read aloud. When reading at home, encourage your radiant reader to read like an actor!

Peppy puppeteers! Next week, our dramatic darlings will begin lovingly creating puppets in Art (we love collaborating with the fabulous Mrs. Devlin!) to complement a script writing project in our classroom. The Hawks will perform their puppet shows for both Junior Kindergarten classes in February! What an amazing opportunity to bring the art of reading and writing to life, and to be the "big kids!"

Interdisciplinary imagineers! The Hawks are hard at work on their Historical Figures Projects as biographers, researchers, and authors. There are still a few spots available for "Research Assistants." If you're interested, please use [this link](#) to join us.

## Theology

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We continue to practice the [Morning Offering](#) in class so that they are very familiar with it. We started learning about the Mass by watching a video that introduces the names of the vessels that are used during mass. Students will color their own set to practice their names.

Next week, we will learn about the vestments that the priest wears and start learning about mass responses.

# Celebrating Catholic Schools Week: January 28th–February 3rd

## *“United in Faith and Community”*

### **Sunday, January 28:**

*We celebrate our parishes!*

Students are asked to wear their formal dress uniforms to Mass/church services.

A sign-up will be in the Tuesday Teller for students to serve at Masses.

Students will also be speaking at Masses at our Catholic parishes.

### **Monday, January 29:**

*We celebrate our community!*

We will collect food all week to benefit the Blue Ridge Food Bank. More information will be in the Tuesday Teller.

Dress Down Day for Commonwealth Catholic Charities—see the flyer and information below.

### **Tuesday, January 30:**

*We celebrate our students!*

Formal Dress for Mass

NJHS and Faith in Action will host a bake sale to benefit St. Mary the Mother of God Church in Wytheville.

### **Wednesday, January 31:**

*We celebrate our nation!*

Blue Ribbon T-shirts may be worn with jeans or CCS-crested sweatpants (if not wearing the Blue Ribbon shirts, students must be in regular uniform).

NJHS and Faith in Action Bake Sale

### **Thursday, February 1:**

*We celebrate our vocations!*

Regular Uniforms

### **Friday, February 2:**

*We celebrate our faculty, staff, and families!*

Blue & Gold Day

Living Rosary 8:15

Catholic Bee Finals 1:00

Faith Rally



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# Uniting in Faith & Community

Students can dress down on

for \$5.00 to support CCC programs.

Please have students bring their donation to

the week of

As the social services arm of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, CCC is a leading nonprofit provider of compassionate human services to individuals and families. CCC offers more than 30 unique programs from 11 office locations in Central, Eastern, and Southwest Virginia.

CCC's programs include: Adoption & Pregnancy Support, Developmental Disabilities Support, Food Pantries, Foster Care, Homeless Services, Housing & Financial Counseling, Interpreter Services, Mental Health Counseling, Refugee & Immigration Services, and Senior Services.



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