

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

4th Grade January 19, 2024

Dear 4th Grade Families,

Welcome to the 3rd quarter! We had a wonderful, short week at school and hope yours was great too! It is busy times in 4th grade as we have MAP testing, Passion Play rehearsals coming up, and much more. We appreciate your support in our efforts to keep your children learning and thriving. Have a fantastic weekend and please reach out if you have any questions for us.

> All the best, 4th Grade Team

Announcements

- Even though the weather is cold, 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

• Wednesday, January 24, 2024- MAP Test (Math)

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Social Studies

This week in SS, we began our unit on the American Revolution! Students were very eager to begin learning about this very important and interesting time in our history. Students learned about the French & Indian War, as well as some of the causes of the American Revolution.

Next week, we will continue this unit.

Science

This week in Science we took our test over Chapter 4. We've enjoyed learning about the human body- a complex, interconnected system that plays a crucial role in maintaining life and enabling various functions. We have come to understand the intricate design of the human body systems in their abilities to perform essential tasks necessary for survival, health, and our overall well being. Next week, we will begin Ch. 5: Understanding Ecosystems.

Math

This week in Math, we've been learning strategies to compare fractions using the benchmarks 0, ½, and 1 and by creating a common form of fractions using the same numerator or denominator. We've also continued using visual representations of fractions with models and number lines. Next week we will begin Unit 9- Addition and Subtraction Strategies with Fractions.

Our Unit 8 Test is scheduled for Thursday, January 25th.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students continued our 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

This week in Theology we began Unit 3 Lesson 11: "How do we know God loves us?" and also had our Passion Play auditions. We are so proud of the kids' courage and effort, and acknowledge the time and energy they put into preparing for the audition. Parts will be announced next week and weekly rehearsals will begin Friday, January 26th.

Our Unit 3 Lesson 11 quiz is scheduled for Thursday, January 25th.

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

Please have students bring their donation to

the week of

for \$5.00 to support CCC programs.

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