



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### First Grade

### 1.24.25

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### Calendar/Important Dates:

- **January 27-31** - Catholic Schools Week - please read below for more information!
- **Friday, February 7** - Blue & Gold Day
- **Monday, February 10** - No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences upon request
- **Friday, February 14** - 11:30am dismissal, 3rd quarter interim
- **Friday, February 14** - St. Valentine's Day valentine exchange, first grade
- **Monday, February 17** - No School, Presidents Day

### School Announcements:

#### **Catholic Schools Week is Coming January 26-31!**

During Catholic Schools Week, schools within the Richmond Diocese celebrate the goodness of our Catholic schools with some special activities throughout the week, including a food drive to benefit Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and special dress days. Each day will focus on celebrating an aspect of the church in education!

#### Sunday (Celebrating Your Parish)

- Students will be speaking at Mass in parishes throughout the community. Students are encouraged to wear their uniforms to Mass and services this weekend. Sign up to host the CCS information table after Mass at the following parishes:
  - [Church of the Incarnation](#)
  - [St. Thomas Aquinas](#)
  - [Sts. Peter & Paul](#)
  - [Our Lady of the Rosary](#)

#### Monday (Celebrating Our Community)

- Catholic Charities Dress Down for California fire relief - students may "dress down" by bringing in a \$5 donation (**please no leggings, students must wear sneakers**)

### Tuesday (Celebrating Our Students)

- Formal dress for Mass
- Students will receive Oreos with a message at the end of the day!

### Wednesday (Celebrating Our Nation)

- Students are welcome to wear patriotic colors with either jeans or their uniform bottoms.
  - JK-2 - wear red shirts
  - 3-5 - wear white shirts
  - 6-8 - wear blue shirts
- National Junior Honor Society will be holding a bake sale

### Thursday (Celebrating Vocations)

- Regular uniforms
- Priests will be visiting classrooms to talk about vocations

### Friday (Celebrating Faculty, Staff, Families, and Volunteers)

- Blue & Gold day
- Students will be participating in a living rosary and faith rally!

CCS will be holding two Virtus training sessions (Saturday, February 8 and Saturday, March 22) from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. If you plan to chaperone any spring field trips, you need to be VIRTUS-trained, so please consider signing up for one of these two sessions. You may register at this link: [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0)

## Teacher Announcements:

St. Valentine's Day is around the corner and we will be exchanging valentines to celebrate this feast day on February 14th! Non-edible valentines are encouraged. While bringing valentines is optional, if you do choose to send in valentines, please be sure to bring one for each student in the class. There are 19 students in Mrs. Mauney's class and 20 students in Mrs. Milnor's class. We will be sending home a paper with student names in binders next Friday!

## Social Studies

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We focused on science this week.

## Math

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This week we continued learning about place value. We learned about how to build numbers up to 120 using base ten blocks and read and write numbers in standard, expanded, word, and base ten form up to 120. Next week we will continue with our unit on place value.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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### Reading

This week we read the book *Clouette* by Tom Lichtenheld and learned about describing character traits using text evidence to support those traits. We also learned about inference and that when readers infer, they use evidence from the text plus their background knowledge to figure out what the author hasn't directly told us. Next week we will read *The Darkest Dark* by Chris Hadfield. We will also learn about nonfiction text purposes.

## Grammar

This week we reviewed punctuation and the job of each type of punctuation in a sentence. Next week we will review the suffix -ing.

## Writing

This week we continued to develop our writing by incorporating previously taught skills (i.e., verb tense, punctuation, and descriptive adjectives). We had the opportunity to practice writing in a Fiction-style (a little more fun and creative) as well as a Nonfiction-style (sticking to the facts). We also completed writing activities in our Daily 5 rotations such as journal/story writing and dictation of sentences.

## Theology

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This week continued our unit on Sacraments by focusing on the categories of Sacraments of initiation and healing. We, also, talked about the importance of Sanctifying grace and how we receive through use of the Sacraments. Ask your student to sing you the song that helps us remember the 7 Sacraments!

## Science

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This week we continued our unit on the states of matter. We watched a video and talked about how a liquid can be changed to a solid.

## Other Information

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### **Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:30)**

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Our first grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

### **Specials Schedule**

Monday - Library & Music   Tuesday - Library & Mass   Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday- Art   Friday - Music

### **Dress Uniform**

Boys - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks  
NO white.

Girls- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

### **Homework (M-TH)**

Be on the lookout for your child's homework sheet in next week's Monday binder.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading is the MOST important homework and should be done EVERY night!

We are excited to be offering a variety of after-school clubs. Below you will find some information on the offerings. Each CCS staff-led club will cost \$175.00 per session. The cost will go towards supplies and compensation for teachers. Please read about the clubs below and contact the instructor if you are interested in signing up or have further questions. Payment for the classes will be through FACTS.

**Tap Dance - Mrs. Mitchell** ([c.mitchell@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:c.mitchell@cvillecatholic.org))

*Grades K - 3 on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:35*

*Dates: February 3, 24*

*March 3, 10, 24, 31*

*April 7, 14*

*May 5, 12*

This energetic and exciting class is designed to provide young dancers with an introduction to the fundamentals of tap dance. Early exposure to the rhythms and unique mind-to-foot connection associated with tap dance will allow students to progress and excel at the art as they move through life.

*Students will need tap shoes for the class.*

**Guided Art - Mrs. Shank** ([c.shank@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:c.shank@cvillecatholic.org))

*Grades Kindergarten and First Grade on Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30*

*Dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25*

*April 1, 8, 15, 29*

*May 6, 13*

This club offering is a guided art exploration. It will consist of making art and crafts with different art mediums.

**Origami Club - Mrs. Hirano** ([s.chung-hirano@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:s.chung-hirano@cvillecatholic.org))

*Grades 2-8 on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30*

*Dates: February 24*

*March 3, 10, 24, 31*

*April 7, 14, 28*

*May 12, 19*

Students will learn the art of origami. Through this art, they will improve their hand-eye coordination.

**Sewing Club - Mrs. Meszaros** ([h.meszaros@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:h.meszaros@cvillecatholic.org))

*Grades 3-5 on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30*

*Dates: February 24*

*March 3, 10, 24, 31*

*April 7, 14, 28*

*May 12, 19*

*Make-up days May 2 and 16, if needed*

Students will learn basic hand and machine sewing skills, as well as build collaboration skills and promote creativity and community. Students will learn simple embroidery and hand stitches.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL CELEBRATES



# Catholic Schools Week **2025**

**JAN 27-31**

• *Monday*

**Celebrating  
Our  
Community**

\$5+ donation Dress  
Down Day to benefit  
California wildfire relief  
efforts (Commonwealth  
Catholic Charities)

• *Tuesday*

**Celebrating  
Our  
Students**

Mass at 8:15AM  
All are  
welcome!

• *Wednesday*

**Celebrating  
Our  
Nation**

Patriotic shirts (JK-2  
red; 3-5 white; 6-8  
blue) with jeans or  
uniform bottoms

• *Friday*

**Celebrating  
Faculty, Staff,  
Families, &  
Volunteers**

Blue & Gold Day  
Living Rosary  
Catholic Bee  
Faith Rally  
Adoration

• *Thursday*

**Celebrating  
Vocations**

Visits from Fr. Hesko  
and Fr. Suarez to talk  
with students about  
vocations

**Wednesday &  
Thursday: Bake Sale to  
benefit Blue Star  
Families of Central VA**

**ALL WEEK: Food Drive for the Blue Ridge Area  
Food Bank**

