



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

1/24/25

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **Field Trip Forms** to the Paramount Theater 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** is done. Additional Winter Benchmark Assessments continue next week.
- **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

- Sunday, January 26 - Saturday, February 1 - Catholic Schools Week
 - **All Week:**
 - Food Drive for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank
 - **Saturday, January 25 and Sunday, January 26:**
 - 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, January 27:**
 - Dress Down Day for California fire relief—students who bring in a donation of at least \$5 may have a dress down day (please see the [Uniform Policy](#) for guidelines). All donations will be sent to Commonwealth Catholic Charities to assist in the California fire relief efforts.
 - **Wednesday, January 29:**
 - Patriotic day for Celebrating Our Nation: students may wear patriotic colored-shirts (red for JK-2nd grade; white for 3rd-5th grade; and blue for

- 6th-8th grade) with jeans or uniform bottoms.
 - NJHS will be hosting a bake sale to benefit Blue Star Families of Central Virginia.
- **Thursday, January 30:**
 - Fr. Suarez and Fr. Hesko will be at CCS to talk to students about vocations.
 - NJHS will be hosting a bake sale to benefit Blue Star Families of Central Virginia.
- **Friday, January 31:**
 - Blue & Gold Day
 - Living Rosary at 8:15AM
 - Catholic Been Finals (immediately following the Living Rosary)
 - Faith Rally at 2:00PM (with Praise & Worship music, as well as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)
- **Wednesday, February 19 - Field Trip to Paramount Theater**

Teacher email addresses

- Ms. Grassi - k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org
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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.
- 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

Social Studies

This Week: Students will learn about the Alps Mountain Range, the Italian Peninsula, and the Mediterranean Sea. They will label and draw the locations on a map of the continent of Europe and place it in their passports

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

Next Week: Students will make a Travel Advertisement Poster for their project in class on the five continents including two geographic features for each continent. They will present their poster on Friday to the class.

Math

This Week: Students will learn how to identify and write fractions on a number line, and how to represent one-whole as a fraction.

Next Week: Students will learn how to represent one whole as a fraction on a number line and identify fractions greater than one on a number line. They will also be introduced to equivalent fractions.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We published and presented our New Year's resolutions this week, continued our work with Pronouns, and reviewed word study and past grammar skills. We also spent time with main idea and supporting details by looking at the connections between various text features, topic and subtopics, and vocabulary, as well as reflecting on facts as we read.

Next Week:

-[Winter Assessments: Oral Reading Fluency, Individual Reading Inventories](#)

-Word Study: R-Controlled Vowels & Syllables - air, are, ear (**stair**, **compare**) - **Quiz - Friday**

-Writing/Grammar - **Mentor Sentence Quiz - Friday**

-Skill(s): Compound Sentences, Conjunctions, Relative Pronouns (that vs. who)

-Mentor Text: Groundhog Gets A Say

-Mentor Sentence: *We're in the family of rodents called marmots, so the people who love us are called marmotophiles.*

-Reading - Main Idea & Key Details (Subtopics/Details, Paraphrase Sections to find Main Idea)

Homework: [Reading Page \(Let's Learn It - Week 17\) - 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 completed our lesson 2.6 discussion in our Christ In Us Workbook as well as further discussed our Tenent of the Month for January, Stewardship. We also prepared for Catholic Schools Week by reflecting on this year's theme: "Love one another, as I love you." ~ John 15:12.

Next Week:

-Christ In Us Workbook (Unit 2 - 2.7) How do we praise and thank God?

-Catholic Schools Week Activities and Events (Catholic Bee, Guest Speakers, Faith Rally, Living Rosary, Faith Buddy Activity, Dress Up Days, Games, and a whole lot more).

Study Resources: Christ In Us Workbook (2.7), 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. They will work on their vocabulary foldable activity.

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.

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)

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)

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)

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)

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**

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