



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

**5th Grade  
01/24/2025**



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

- Our spring field trip to James Madison's Montpelier is Friday, March 28, 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)
  - If you are willing/able to chaperone this trip, please email us so we have an idea of whether we will have enough chaperones for the event.
- 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 28:** Letter to King George III due (final copy)

**Wednesday, January 29:** Spelling/vocabulary test

**Thursday, January 30:** Quiz on structure of the Catholic Church

**Friday, January 31:** Science test

**Monday February 3:** Present historical figure bios

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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).
- 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)
- **Catholic Schools Week 2025 is January 26 through February 1.** Below are the different ways we will be celebrating at Charlottesville Catholic School:
  - **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)

## 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. We will be researching historical figures and writing mini bios to present on February 3rd.

## Math

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Students will be learning to multiply fractions and simplify (reduce) their answers.

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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 students had a quiz on diagramming sentences with subject complements, and they focused on the list of spelling/vocabulary words based on figurative language. They also wrote rough drafts of poems for the poetry unit.

Next week, students will continue reading *Love That Dog*. They will also have a spelling/vocabulary test on the figurative language terms. In addition, they will continue writing poetry, and we will analyze rhyme schemes in poetry.

# Theology

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This week, students were learning about the saint of the month, and they reviewed general information for the Catholic Bee next week.

Next week, we will continue with our unit on the structure of the historical foundations of the Church and its hierarchy. Students will receive a study guide on the hierarchy of the church and have a quiz on that material.

# Science

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We will be learning about plate tectonics and how it shapes our earth. We will learn about the Great Dust Bowl and melting glaciers.

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**

