



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### Junior Kindergarten

### January 24, 2025

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

##### Immunization and School Entrance Health Forms

Students enrolling in **Kindergarten** need to have a [Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health form](#). Physicals, including updated immunizations, must have been **on or after August 20th, 2024**. Please **submit the entire document**. This form should not require an additional doctor's visit if they have been seen within this time frame. Many doctor's offices get busy over the summer with form requests, please ask for this as soon as possible. Your child **CAN NOT** attend school until these papers are provided and are reviewed by the school nurse. Feel free to start sending them in from now.

##### Calendar/Important Dates

- January 26-Feb 1: Catholic Schools Week
- Monday, February 10: No School; parent/teacher conferences on an as needed basis
- Friday, February 14: 11:30 dismissal
- Monday, February 17: No school, Presidents Day

##### Teacher email addresses

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##### Upcoming Virtus Training Sessions

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**

Next week is Catholic Schools week. 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)

## **Math**

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Ms. Wawner's class started a unit on graphing. Students learned that a graph is a picture of data. We reviewed the steps on how to collect information and make a graph. We are also learning how to read graphs. We will continue with graphing next week. Ms. Shank's class worked on number sense with teen numbers. We also learned about symmetry using snowflakes to help us understand it.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Ms. Wawner's class learned about the letter Uu this week and its two distinct sounds. We started working on a new sight word, "like," and continued to read books by Ezra Jack Keats and the Arctic. Next week, we will learn about the letter Bb and start talking about syllables. Ms. Shank's class continued working on our letter Mm and rhyming. Next week our letter will be Nn. We finished our penguins flap book with lots of information on penguins. Next week we will study the arctic and polar bears.

## Theology/SEL

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Ms. Wawner's class met another hero of The Bible, John the Baptist. Students enjoyed listening to and watching stories about John. Next week, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools week and will dip into vocations. Ms. Shank's class learned about Johan and the Whale.

## Science and Social Studies

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Ms. Wawner's class finished exploring the Arctic this week. We learned about the specific adaptations of Arctic animals, such as blubber, webbed feet, and strong senses of hearing and smell. We focused on polar bears, harp seals, and snowy owls. Next week, students will learn about and celebrate the Lunar New Year. Ms. Shank's class finished our study of penguins and will begin a study of the arctic and polar bears.

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

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

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Food Bank**

