



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### Kindergarten

### 01/24/25

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

We are continuing our reading comprehension packets so please read them at home as well to work on the fluency of your child's reading.

**Please continue to practice the sight words every day. These are extremely important for their kindergarten year.**

**Please bring in shoeboxes for Valentine's Day but DO NOT DECORATE. Please bring the boxes by Wednesday, February 12th**

#### **Calendar/Important Dates**

01/27 Dress down Day \$5 per student. Money goes to California Wild Fire Relief

01/29 Celebrating Our Nation JK-2 Wears red shirts with uniform pants or jeans only

01/31 Blue and Gold Day and Faith Rally

02/07/25 Blue and Gold Day

02/10/25 School closed-Parent/Teacher Conferences

02/14/25 11:30 Dismissal Third Quarter Interim and Valentine's Day exchange

02/17/25 School Closed-Presidents Day

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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We focused on Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks this week.

## Math

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We discussed word problems and the strategies that we used to determine whether we need to add or subtract. We also continued to practice counting to 100! Some of them already know how to count to 100. At this time, the students are now expected to count to 75. The students have also been counting to 100 by 2s, 5s and 10s. We have calendar time during math every day. The students continue to learn our days of the week song, months of the year song and seasons every day.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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The students are continuing to practice reading to self and work on writing. Please have your child read the books and reading comprehension packets sent home every Friday to you three times to practice sight words and fluency. **Our sight words this week were: eat, who, new, must, black, white** **Our sight words for next week are: soon, our, ate, say, under.**

## Theology

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We read about the three people of the Holy Trinity who are: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We also talked about what qualities of a good friend are and what examples Jesus showed us to be a good friend. We are so excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week next week! Monday, January 27th is Catholic Charities Dress Down Day. Please have your child/children bring in \$5 to participate. The money will go toward the California Wild Fires. Wednesday is Patriotic Day so JK-2 grades will wear red with uniform pants or jeans only. We will have a living rosary with our faith buddies as well as the whole school Friday, February 3rd as well as attending the Catholic Bee and a Faith Rally!

## Science

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We focused on Social Studies this week.

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**

