



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

- **January 29 - February 2** - Catholic Schools Week
- **February 9** - National Children's Dental Health Month Dentist Visit, 12:30pm
- **February 13** - Valentine exchange, homerooms only
- **February 14** - Ash Wednesday Mass
- **February 19** - No School, Presidents Day

Announcements:

Catholic Schools Week in YOUR Parish! Charlottesville Catholic School hopes to have a large presence in our local parishes for Catholic Schools Week weekend. Please consider signing your family up to serve in this capacity. Greeters, ushers, gift bearers, and hosts for our information tables are needed. We invite students, parents, grandparents – anyone with a love for our great school - to help. See the sign ups below.

[Church of the Incarnation \(January 27/28\)](#)

[St. Thomas Aquinas \(February 3/4\)](#)

[St. Thomas Aquinas Hot Chocolate Bar \(January 27/28\)](#)

Please know that we will be going outside even in the very cold winter months. Our girls can wear navy tights or capris to keep them warm outside. Of course, pants and polos are also a good option. Bare skin on frigid days is a concern. Please help us by helping your child on days they wear a jumper. Thank you!

Even though the weather is colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:

- Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.
- If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
- If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on.
- **Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.**

Social Studies

This week we used our social studies time to talk a little about Catholic Schools Week since we will be celebrating it next week.

Math

This week we continued working on place value. We learned how to add and subtract multiples of 10 on a 120 chart. We also learned how to compare numbers using $<$, $>$, $=$. Next week we will continue

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we read *The Darkest Dark*. We used this autobiography to help us discuss the author's purpose. We learned that an author can write text to persuade, inform, or entertain us. Next week we will read *Cloudette* by Tom Lichtenheld. We will also learn about inference and evidence.

Grammar

This week we focused on the suffix -ing. We learned when to just add an ing, when to double the last letter and when to drop the 'e'. Next week we will review different types of sentences.

Writing

Writing activities in our Daily 5 rotations such as journal/story writing and dictation of sentences continued as well.

Theology

In Theology, we prepared for Catholic Schools Week by making decorations for our classroom doors that represent the theme for the week, United in Faith and Community. We, also, wrapped up our unit on the Sacraments with some fun review games. Next week, we will have our own Catholic Bee for first grade as we review all we've learned in Theology this year!

Science

This week we focused on social studies.

Other Information

Colder Weather is here!

Please make sure that your child brings something warm and long sleeve to school each day (e.g., jacket, sweatshirt, sweater). We will continue to go outside, weather permitting, for recess, lunch, and snack as much as we can.

Winter Dress

This means we are no longer wearing shorts and ankle socks. Girls must also be in navy knee highs, navy leggings, or navy tights. Please have your child try on their uniform pants to make sure that they fit, and place orders soon, as FlynnO'Hara has been running into distribution and shipping delays.

Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:50)

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 - Art and Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday-Library 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)

Math- Math Spiral Review #15

Reading- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night. FOR FUN! Reading January Challenge :) See how many you can complete.

ELA- ELA Spiral Review #15

Religion- Practice Our Father Prayer

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week: January 28th–February 3rd

“United in Faith and Community”

Sunday, January 28:

We celebrate our parishes!

Students are asked to wear their formal dress uniforms to Mass/church services.

A sign-up will be in the Tuesday Teller for students to serve at Masses.

Students will also be speaking at Masses at our Catholic parishes.

Monday, January 29:

We celebrate our community!

We will collect food all week to benefit the Blue Ridge Food Bank. More information will be in the Tuesday Teller.

Dress Down Day for Commonwealth Catholic Charities—see the flyer and information below.

Tuesday, January 30:

We celebrate our students!

Formal Dress for Mass

NJHS and Faith in Action will host a bake sale to benefit St. Mary the Mother of God Church in Wytheville.

Wednesday, January 31:

We celebrate our nation!

Blue Ribbon T-shirts may be worn with jeans or CCS-crested sweatpants (if not wearing the Blue Ribbon shirts, students must be in regular uniform).

NJHS and Faith in Action Bake Sale

Thursday, February 1:

We celebrate our vocations!

Regular Uniforms

Friday, February 2:

We celebrate our faculty, staff, and families!

Blue & Gold Day

Living Rosary 8:15

Catholic Bee Finals 1:00

Faith Rally



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Escuelas Católicas
Unidos en Fe y Comunidad



Uniting in Faith & Community

Students can dress down on

for \$5.00 to support CCC programs.

Please have students bring their donation to

the week of

As the social services arm of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, CCC is a leading nonprofit provider of compassionate human services to individuals and families. CCC offers more than 30 unique programs from 11 office locations in Central, Eastern, and Southwest Virginia.

CCC's programs include: Adoption & Pregnancy Support, Developmental Disabilities Support, Food Pantries, Foster Care, Homeless Services, Housing & Financial Counseling, Interpreter Services, Mental Health Counseling, Refugee & Immigration Services, and Senior Services.



Commonwealth Catholic Charities

www.cccofva.org



Blue Ridge Area **FOOD BANK**

Everyone should have enough to eat.

Most Needed Items **No glass please!**

Canned soups, stews and chili -
low sodium

Canned veggies - *low sodium*

Cereal - *low sugar, whole grain*

Peanut or almond butter - *low sugar*

Spaghetti sauce - *low sugar*

Boxed mac & cheese

Pasta and rice - *whole grain*

Canned tuna and chicken

Paper products

Baby food, formula, and diapers

Soap and feminine products

Toothbrushes

Thank You!

www.brafb.org