



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

January 26, 2024

Dear 4th Grade Families,

Welcome back to another exciting edition of our weekly newsletter! We hope this message finds you all in great spirits as we dive into the adventures of the fourth grade. Our students have been hard at work, exploring new concepts, sharing their creativity, and supporting one another. Below you will find a glimpse into the projects, activities, and achievements that have taken place in our classroom. There's no shortage of talent and enthusiasm in our midst. As we look ahead to the upcoming week, we look forward to Catholic Schools' week and all the excitement that comes along with it. We hope you have a restful weekend. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in making fourth grade great!

Many blessings,
4th Grade Team

Announcements

- The Village School will be hosting its 13th annual Girls Excelling in Math (GEM) tournament on Saturday, April 20, 2024. Girls in grades 4 through 8 may participate. If your daughter is interested or you would like to help coach the team, please reach out to Mrs. DeVane (l.devane@cvillecatholic.org) by Friday, February 9.
- Even though the weather is cold, 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.**

Important Dates

- Ecosystem project due Thursday, February 1st
- January 19th-February 2nd: Food drive for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank
 - Blue/Gold Competition- The winning team gets points and their own "Spirit Day"
- January 29th: Commonwealth Catholic Charities donation dress-down day
- January 29th: NJHS bake sale for charity
- January 31st: Jeans or crested CCS sweatpants with Blue Ribbon t-shirt
- Friday February 2nd: Blue and Gold Day

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Social Studies

This week in SS, we continued our unit on the American Revolution! Students learned about the Boston Tea Party and the Intolerable Acts as well as the effects that they had on the colonists. Students were also introduced to Patrick Henry and the significance of his speeches.

Next week, we will continue this unit.

Science

This week in science, we've been focused on parts of an ecosystem. The kids were introduced to their Ecosystem project this week as part of Chapter 5. This will be an excellent way for us to extend our learning. They brought materials in to work on their projects on Thursday and Friday. This project will be due Thursday, February 1st. Next week we will continue understanding ecosystems, particularly factors that influence ecosystems and the ways humans affect ecosystems. This project is to be completed at home until it's due on February 1st. Should we have any additional class time to work on it next week they will be told to bring in their materials.

Math

In math this week we continued to work on fraction equivalence. We took our test over Unit 8. Next week we will begin Unit 9 and will focus on addition and subtraction strategies with fractions.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students continued our unit in which they are learning how to write their own realistic fiction stories! This week, students learned how to incorporate setting in their stories as well as how to “show, not tell” in their writing. These stories are really coming together!

Next week, we will continue this unit.

Theology

This week in Theology we began Unit 3 Lesson 11. We’ve learned about what it means to be created in God’s image. We’ve also reflected on ways we as 4th graders can do God’s work. Next week we will continue Unit 3 Lesson 11 and learn about the unique respect we have for all human life and our human dignity that comes from God. We will also learn how to use free will, moral law, and reason to guide our freedom and decision making. Students should review lines from scenes 1-3 of the Passion Play. Scenes 4-6 of the Passion Play should be memorized by Wednesday January 31st. The Passion Play cast list can be found below.

Passion Play Cast List

Narrators: Talia, Rohan, Abigail

Jesus: Henry

Pontius Pilot: JD

Judas: Monica

Simon Peter: Rawlings

John: Oliver H.

High Priest: Olivia Lawhorn

Soldier: Emerson

Criminal 1: Oliver S.

Criminal 2: Filip

Witness 1: Maggie

Witness 2: Mark

Witness 3: Jack F.

Someone from Crowd: Gia

Accuser: Gia

Mary: Georgie

Woman by the Fire: Carmen

Maid: Gerren

Angel: McKinley

Apostle 1: Jack Curry

Apostle 2: Delia

Apostle 3: Hazel

Apostle 4: Grant

Apostle 5: Elke

Apostle 6: Sarah Kate

Apostle 7: Camila

Apostle 8: Liam

Apostle 9: Bianca

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