



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

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Calendar/Important Dates

January 29-Feb 2: Catholic Schools Week

February 16th: School Closed

February 19th: School closed for Presidents Day

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class started a unit on maps. To start, students looked at an array of maps (world state, national park, city) and talked about what they noticed and wondered. Students helped create a map of our classroom and then drafted a map of someplace they know well. We had maps of Dinosaur World, Target, Costco, etc. Haha! Students will have the opportunity to make a map of a town before the unit is finished. Ms. Shank's class will continue studying chemistry.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class continued to practice positional words this week. They especially liked the "Where's the Mustache" activity and reading and acting out "We're Going on a Bear Hunt." Ms. Shank's class is reviewing the math concepts learned recently, (ordinal numbers, patterns, sorting, and teen numbers).

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class focused on the letter B this week. We began with a mystery box of all items starting with B. Students created play-do bears and dressed them up with beads and buttons. Students were introduced to the sight word "you." Our group loves to play a review game called "Buzz" that Kindergarten students play. We are getting really good at it!

Ms. Shank's class worked on the letter U. Next week we will look at the letter B and continue working on our rhyming skills. We read lots of books that had rhyme patterns. We had a special guest come and read a Dr. Seuss book that was full of wonderful rhymes. She was a student who was in my classroom last year, Duda Mitchell. She was able to show them what they can look forward to when they are in kindergarten next year when they learn to read. We started our formal handwriting lessons. The students worked on posture, pencil grip, and the correct formation of letters.

Theology

Ms. Wawner's class learned the story of Baby Moses. Before reading the story, we brainstormed a list of things and people who protect us. Our list was so comprehensive and impressive! The students came up with: sunscreen, force fields, basements, moms and dads, locks, helmets, Army, Science, and God all on their own. We talked about how God protects us just like he protected Moses. Next week, we will continue learning about Moses and how God communicates with us. Ms. Shank's class will begin a study of the Bible hero Joseph and talk about forgiveness. We will also be making our own coats of many colors.

Other News and Reminders

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.**

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 \(January 27/28\)](#)

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
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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!

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