

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Kindergarten 01/26/2024

Teacher's Message/Announcements

January 26, 2024

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 Aguinas (February 3/4)

St. Thomas Aquinas Hot Chocolate Bar (January 27/28)

Please have your child bring in a box the size of their hand by Thursday, February 2nd. We are so excited for Catholic Schools week next week! A few reminders: We are collecting cans and other nonperishable items for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. Please have your child put the items in the can labeled Team Gold or Team Blue for whichever team they are on.

Monday, January 29-We will have a dress down day for all who pay \$5.00 The money will be sent to Commonwealth Catholic Charities. Children cannot participate unless they bring the \$5.00.

Tuesday, January 30-We will have mass as usual and our National Junior Honor Society and Faith in Action groups hosting a bake sale to benefit St. Mary the

Mother of God Church in Wytheville. So please send one dollar or a few if you would like your child to participate in getting yummy treats from the bake sale.

Wednesday, January 31 -All students may wear their blue ribbon t-shirts with jeans or CCS-crested sweatpants.(If not wearing the Blue Ribbon shirts, students must be in regular uniform) We will also have the bake sale again.

Thursday, February 1-Regular uniforms are worn

Friday, February 2- Blue and Gold Day, Living Rosary, Faith Rally

Please send a shoebox for our Valentine exchange by Monday, February 13.

Calendar/Important Dates

02/16/24-School closed-Parent/Teacher Conferences (Optional) Please email Mrs. Draper or Mrs. Zartler if you want a conference so we can set up a time for you. 02/19/24- School Closed-Presidents Day

Social Studies

Students say prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance each day. We learned about famous black Americans and will continue to do that during Black History Month.

Math

Students are continuing addition and subtraction strategies. The students have also been enjoying centers which include work with a teacher, math binders and math games. The students are enjoying and practicing a lot of skills during math.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

We did activities related to The Jacket I Wear in the Snow. We continued fluency passages. Each passage focuses on a particular word family, consonant blend, or digraph. Please have your child read these passages to you at home. Students are learning to blend sounds to read consonant-vowel-consonant words. Please continue to practice sight words at home. Students are working on pencil grip and writing on the lines. Students are learning the structure of Daily Five. As we send books home, please have your child point to each word and read the book three or more times. We are working hard to help students build independence by approaching tasks with the following guidelines: get started right away, work the whole time, stay in one spot, work quietly, build your stamina.

Theology

We are learning the meaning of prayer and what time and where we pray. We also talked about Catholic Schools week.

Science

This week in the science lab we made colors separate by using milk, food coloring and dish soap. Then, we used Q-tips to push onto the plate to make the colors separate.

I have also attached the green, yellow, orange and red system in case you were confused about it:

Classroom Community Plan

Individual Behavior

Students each have a numbered star in the "green zone" to start each day. This is your child's number all year. The number allows each child's identity to be kept confidential to our classroom community.

If a child is breaking a classroom rule, a verbal warning is given by the teacher to remind the child to change the behavior. If misbehavior continues the child's star is placed in the "yellow zone." If the misbehavior still continues, the star moves to the "orange zone." Further disruptions or defiance will result in the child moving his or her star to the "red zone." A move to red will result in a conference with an administrator.

If a child breaks a school rule such as hitting, punching, kicking, or disrupting instructional time he/she may be taken to an administrator to discuss it. A "hands off" policy with students is strongly enforced in my classroom. I appreciate your support in both of these areas during our time together.

A child who stays in the "green zone" **all week** will receive a prize from the treasure box to praise his/her success at being a super citizen in the classroom.

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







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.



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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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