



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

Good afternoon, 4th Grade families. We've had a great week here at school and are looking forward to Catholic Schools' week festivities just around the corner. It is a very special time of year. The kids have enjoyed learning the songs for the Passion Play in class and look forward to weekly rehearsals starting next week. We just want to express our appreciation for all the interest amongst this class in speaking parts. The flourishing confidence and growth in each one of the students has been monumental. We look forward to casting roles and continuing to watch the kids shine. It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the year.

Announcements

- Please make sure that your child's uniforms fit properly and guidelines regarding hair, makeup, and jewelry are being followed. Additionally, it is imperative that your child comes to school in proper outerwear for recess. Coats, hats, and gloves are required for the winter months. We truly appreciate your support.
- VIRTUS Training- If you would like to volunteer to work with students at CCS, or chaperone field trips, you need to be VIRTUS-trained. The next VIRTUS training session will be Saturday, January 28, at the CCS Library from 1:00-4:00. Capacity is limited to 30 people. You may register at https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0
- Mass News- Beginning February 7, Mass will now take place on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays with Father David.
- **EXCITING MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY:** We are excited to start an elementary after-school chorus for 10 weeks from February 6th to April 10th on Mondays after school from 3:30-4:45 pm. Parents will pick up their child at the front of our school. Students will be learning a variety of styles from jazz to popular music, such as Beatles, and more! If students would like, there is a performance opportunity to perform a couple of our songs at the spring open house art show. Please e-mail Ms. Wisbey at k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org if you are interested and would like to sign up!
- **Science Fair**-Charlottesville Catholic School's Science Fair is just around the corner (Thursday, February 2), and Mr. Bruscia is in need of many volunteer judges! Please contact Mr. Bruscia (m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org). We want this to be a great experience for our students, so please help us out!

- As we have several students with peanut allergies in 4th grade, please be conscientious of them when packing snacks/lunches.
- Please remember that the only accepted variations of the navy blue uniform pants come from FlynnO'Hara, and Lands End.
- Contact emails: a.burgin@cvillecatholic.org a.taleghani@cvillecatholic.org

Calendar/Important Dates:

- January 28, 2023- VIRTUS Training (Parent Volunteers for field trips must be VIRTUS trained)
- January 29, 2023- Catholic Schools Week Begins!
- February 2, 2023- Science Fair (Judges needed, please email m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org if interested.
- February 7, 2023- Mass (Mass will now be on Tuesdays with Father David.) 4B will be responsible for planning this Mass.
- February 21, 2023- Field Trip to Richmond Science Museum. Permission slips should be signed and returned by February 1st.

Social Studies

This week in Social Studies, students began our unit on the American Revolution! We focused on the beginning of the revolution with the French and Indian War. Students are taking time to learn the “why” of the American Revolution to properly understand how a war could happen.

Next week, we will continue this unit!

Math

This week, the kids enjoyed learning about input/output tables with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division rules. We were able to detect rules within the table so as to continue the pattern and learned how to create equations for given functions.

The Chapter 7 Math Test is scheduled for Thursday, February 2nd.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in Language Arts, students began “Because of Winn Dixie” as well as a writing unit in which we will focus on how to write realistic fiction stories.

Students have been focusing on stories that we wish existed in the world and how to create stories from ordinary moments. We will continue this work next week.

Religion

In religion this week we took our Unit 2 Lesson 10 quiz about our Sacraments at the service of Communion, and the domestic church. The students learned the songs for the Passion Play and auditioned for parts. We spent time in class reviewing for our Unit 2 Test, and 4B began Mass preparations for next week. The Passion Play parts will be announced next week.

Science

Students have enjoyed learning about different types of rocks, and the rock cycle which changes rocks over long periods of time. We learned about ways weathering and erosion affect rock formation, soil formation, and landforms, and also learned about ways soil composition affects vegetation. The students are enjoying a fun and engaging project of choice about the rock cycle.

Rock cycle projects are due on Tuesday, 1/31. The Ch. 7 Science test is scheduled for Wednesday, 2/1. Please ensure field trip permission slips are signed and returned to school by February 1st.