



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter: 01/27/2023



5th Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- As part of Catholic Schools Week, we will have a Penny Drive to benefit The Alyssa House. The Alyssa House offers housing to families with a child at UVA Children's Hospital. This video shares a little more about the organization: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mykZR4MRCWY>. Please send in coins as a way to show support. Blue and Gold collection bins will be in the hallways.
- 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!
- **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!
- Access to FACTS: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/pwr/school/>

Calendar/Important Dates

- **Monday, January 30:** Letter to King George III due (6 paragraph)
- **Tuesday, January 31:** Quiz on run-on sentences
- **Wednesday, February 1:** Quiz on the Nicene Creed
- **Thursday, February 2:** Quiz on structure of the Bible
- **Friday, February 3:** Pacific Region states and capitals TEST

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Social Studies

We will be learning about the pivotal document that led to the American Revolutionary War. There will be a short excerpt that students will need to memorize. See below:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Students will need to learn all the US states and capitals. They will be tested by region and there will also be a comprehensive test on all the states and capitals. Your child can start learning them now by using the following online resources.

Practice games for state names (by region) found @

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm>

levels 1-7

Learn the capitals for each state @

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/50-states-game-2/>

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/capitals/game-2/>

levels 1 & 2

Math

This week we started our geometry unit. We will be measuring angles and classifying triangles.

*Students will need to complete (mastery level) Khan Academy *Coordinate Plane, Line Plot and Multiply Decimals* by the end of the 3rd quarter.

* Please practice the basic multiplication facts at home or in the car coming to and from school. Knowing your multiplication facts is a vital skill that students will be needing for success in math

in school and in daily life.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we continued our study of *Love That Dog*. We also introduced run-on sentences and a new set of vocabulary/spelling words.

Next week, we will continue reading *Love That Dog*, focusing on the skill of making inferences. We will start our poetry-writing unit next week and will review the figurative language vocabulary/spelling words. There will be a test on those words early the week of February 6. Next week, we will also work on run-on sentences, and there will be a quiz on that material on Tuesday.

Religion

This week we continued our focus on the structure of the Bible, and we expected to have a quiz on that material this week. However, for a number of reasons, we had to postpone this until next week, and that will be held on Thursday. We also continued memorizing the Nicene Creed, and students will have a quiz on the first part of that prayer on Wednesday, February 1.

Science

This week students learned how we can better care for our environment. We will continue to find how our actions impact our earth.