



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

January 27, 2023

We are thankful for the progress that students have made in the first semester. Thank you for working with your child at home. We are grateful for your partnership. We appreciate you!

Catholic Schools Week is next week. Don't forget to wear your uniform on Sunday for Mass.

During Catholic Schools Week, we will dedicate time to being stewards of our neighbors near and far by holding a food drive for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank (BRAFB), and also by holding a penny drive for The Alyssa House. The BRAFB provides emergency food assistance in the Blue Ridge region, serving 25 counties and 8 cities, with distribution centers in Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Winchester, and Verona. Over 100,000 people receive emergency food services each month.

The Alyssa House, named for 10-year-old Alyssa Divers, provides free housing to families of children in medical crisis who are receiving extensive care at the University of Virginia Children's Hospital. We want this to be a great experience for our students, so please help us out! 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)

Kindergarten

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

We plan to have at least two field trips this spring.

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

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments. The best way to reach us is by email.

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Winter Dress/Outerwear

Please pay attention to the temperature and make sure your child has a winter coat. We go out in the morning and afternoon.

Please see the Uniform Policy (found in the Resource Documents section of FACTS Family Portal and at the bottom of this page) for specifics. As a reminder, students may only wear CCS sweatshirts or fleeces inside the building.

Please label all outerwear. It is helpful to sew a ribbon into the tag so that your child can easily identify his or her jacket. Please teach your child how to zip his or her jacket.

- Please send a school fleece or sweater for the classroom in case your child is cold in the building.
- Please label everything that you would like returned to your house. Over the years, we have had a very high rate of return for misplaced items that were clearly labeled.

Important Dates

- 1/29-2/4 Catholic Schools Week
- 2/3 Blue & Gold Day
- 2/14 Valentine exchange (Send a shoebox by Feb. 13 and Valentines by February 14.)
- 2/17 School Closed for Parent/Teacher conferences
- 2/20 School Closed for Presidents Day
- 2/21 Mexican Fiesta
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday
- 3/3 Blue & Gold Day
- 3/4 Father Daughter Dance
- 3/24 School Closed Student//Teacher Holiday
- 3/27 School Closed Teacher Work Day
- 4/3 Spring dress begins
- 4/6 - 4/14 Easter Break
- 4/21 Blue and Gold Day
- 4/29 Gala Auction
- 5/5 Blue and Gold Day
- 5-8 Book Fair and Art Show
- 5/12 Grandparents' Day, JK-5 Spring Concert, Spring Musical
- 5/26 11:30 Dismissal
- 5/29 School Closed for Memorial Day
- 6/2 Blue and Gold Day
- 6/7 Kindergarten Ceremony and last day for kindergarten

Social Studies

Students say prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance each day. We are learning about famous black Americans.

Math

We continued our Math Journals this week. Each day we graph the weather for the day, add a number to our calendar, draw a circle in our 180 day ten frame chart, and color in a number in our 100s chart. We composed and decomposed numbers up to 10. We continued subtraction. Please have your child practice counting by ones, fives, and tens to 100.

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.

Religion

We read a Bible story each day, prayed and talked about how God led the Israelites to the promised land. We also have a science related devotion each day and we are learning a lot about God's amazing world. Catholic Schools Week is next week. Please wear your uniform to Mass on Sunday.

Science

We made Chinese New Year Dragons on Tuesday using popsicle sticks. We also made volcanoes using baking soda and vinegar on Thursday.

In Music, students did some ice skating to understand half notes, quarter notes and eighth notes! It was so much fun!

<https://www.steamda.com/summer-experience>

<https://www.steamda.com/schoolyearprograms>

Steam Discovery Academy: <https://www.steamda.com/charlottesville>

Other Information

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<https://cvillecatholic.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9b38293f7bcd2ecbc2bab7c88&id=a89cb5f427&e=fdab17459c>

[Charlottesville Catholic School Uniform Policy](#)

Kindergarten website

<https://sites.google.com/cvillecatholic.org/ccs-kindergarten-website/home>

Songs and story links:

Hartman Penguin dance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uf0uKmKwnKs>

[Kids Worship: Psalm 23](#)