



**Charlottesville
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Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Friday, February 7** - Blue & Gold Day
- **Monday, February 10** - No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences upon request
- **Friday, February 14** - 11:30am dismissal, 3rd quarter interim
- **Friday, February 14** - St. Valentine's Day valentine exchange, first grade
- **Monday, February 17** - No School, Presidents Day
- **Friday, March 7** - Blue & Gold Day

School Announcements:

CCS will be holding two Virtus training sessions (Saturday, February 8 and Saturday, March 22) from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. If you plan to chaperone any spring field trips, you need to be VIRTUS-trained, so please consider signing up for one of these two sessions. You may register at this link: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0

RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES - STREP - STOMACH BUG are visiting CCS!

We are seeing it all!! Flu, Strep and GI bugs are on the rise. Please remember to keep your student(s) home until they meet the requirements to return; FEVER FREE for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications, as well as 24 hours free of GI symptoms including vomit and diarrhea.

Please remember to contact the school if your child will be absent. Sharing symptoms of your child's health is helpful for us to monitor current illnesses here at CCS and in the community.

We are excited to be offering a variety of after-school clubs. Below you will find some information on the offerings. Each CCS staff-led club will cost \$175.00 per session. The cost will

go towards supplies and compensation for teachers. Please read about the clubs below and contact the instructor if you are interested in signing up or have further questions. Payment for the classes will be through FACTS.

[Winter 2025 Archangel Clubs](#)

CCS Spirit Day at the UVA vs. VT Women's Basketball Game

On February 9, the UVA Women's basketball team will host Virginia Tech, and we have a great opportunity for Charlottesville Catholic School families to attend! UVA Athletics will be blocking off a "CCS" section. Discounted tickets to the game can be purchased using this link:

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Charlottesvillecatholic2>. Please note that tickets will be delivered electronically to your email address upon checkout.

Teacher Announcements:

St. Valentine's Day is around the corner and we will be exchanging valentines to celebrate this feast day on February 14th! Non-edible valentines are encouraged. While bringing valentines is optional, if you do choose to send in valentines, please be sure to bring one for each student in the class. There are 19 students in Mrs. Mauney's class and 20 students in Mrs. Milnor's class.

Please check your student's red folder in their binders for a list of student names.

Social Studies

We talked about Catholic Schools week during our social studies time and wrote letters to our families thanking them for sending us to a catholic school.

Math

This week we continued our unit on place value. We compared numbers up to 120, used mental math to add and subtract 1 and 10 with numbers up to 120, and added multiples of 10 to a 2-digit number using manipulatives. Next week we will continue with our unit on place value.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we read the book *Clouette* by Tom Lichtenheld and learned about describing character traits using text evidence to support those traits. We also learned about inference and that when readers infer, they use evidence from the text plus their background knowledge to figure out what the author hasn't directly told us. Next week we will read *The Darkest Dark* by Chris Hadfield. We will also learn about nonfiction text purposes.

Grammar

This week we reviewed punctuation and the job of each type of punctuation in a sentence. Next week we will review the suffix -ing.

Writing

This week we continued to develop our writing by incorporating previously taught skills (i.e., verb tense, punctuation, and descriptive adjectives). We had the opportunity to practice writing in a Fiction-style (a little more fun and creative) as well as a Nonfiction-style (sticking to the facts). We also completed writing activities in our Daily 5 rotations such as journal/story writing

and dictation of sentences.

Theology

This week we wrapped up our unit on the Sacraments with an assessment. Then we played 3 corners using the Sacrament categories as our corner names - initiation, service, and healing. There were, also, some great bonus opportunities for theology during Catholic Schools Week, including a visit from Fr. Dan Hesko to give students a talk about vocations, a living rosary, Adoration and a faith rally! What a great week to be in Catholic school!

Science

We focused on Social Studies this week.

Other Information

Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:30)

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Our first grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

Specials Schedule

Monday - Library & Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday- Art Friday - Music

Dress Uniform

Boys - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks
NO white.

Girls- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

Homework (M-TH)

Be on the lookout for your child's homework sheet in next week's Monday binder.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading is the MOST important homework and should be done EVERY night!