



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

January 31, 2025

Calendar/Important Dates

February 10- No School, parent/teacher conferences upon request

February 14- Valentine's Day Party (more info to come), early dismissal 11:30 am, 3rd quarter interim

February 17- No School, Presidents Day

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*Please don't hesitate to reach out! We are excited to be your partners in your child's education!

Important School Announcements

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.

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

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.

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](#)

Teacher Announcements

We will be exchanging Valentine's Day cards on the feast day of St. Valentine, which is February 14th. In the STEM lab students will be decorating their valentine boxes, where they will hold the cards they receive. If you have any boxes that you are willing to donate to our students for this project please bring them to school with your child before or on February 12th. Thank you for all your support!

Math

Mrs. Parker's class continued the unit of measurement. This week we learned how to measure length using yards and feet. Next week, we will compare lengths using customary units.

In Mrs. Bryan's class: We are so excited to have completed Unit 6 this week! We will be reviewing it today and take our Unit 6 assessment on Monday. Your children did so well with learning these subtraction strategies, I am so proud of them!

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

In Mrs. Parker's class, we read [Nian, The Chinese New Year Dragon](#) by Virginia Loh-Hagan, which describes and explains the traditions and origin of the Lunar New Year. We focused on analyzing illustrations and drawing conclusions. As a class we discussed and explored how we can gather information from pictures in books and websites.

In grammar, we focused on irregular verbs, past tense verbs and present tense verbs.

In writing, we focused on writing a paragraph by using correct capitalization, grammar, spacing, descriptive language and punctuation.

Our class started our whole class read aloud, [The Mouse and the Motorcycle](#) by Beverly Cleary. During this novel study, the students will answer and ask questions about the book.

In Mrs. Bryan's class, we started our class read-aloud *Willodeen* by Katherine App. For this read aloud we are focusing on the descriptive language and will work on dictation, copywork and parts of speech and grammar.

We have also been enjoying more picture books in the classroom. We enjoyed comparing the books *Do NOT Bring Your Dragon to the Library* by Julie Gassman and *Never Let a Ghost Borrow Your Library Book* by Karen Casale. These were fun reads and fun to compare!

In writing, we wrote our own version of *The Gruffalo's Child*. They turned out amazing! I will be sending those home next week!

Theology

This week we focused on Catholic Schools Week. Our students participated in a variety of activities. The students created cards for their families, which will be in your child's Friday folder. The students listened to Fr. Dan talk about the Catholic faith, participated in the living rosary, Catholic Bee, and the faith rally. During chapel students listened to a beautiful story called [Listening for God](#) by Katie Warner, a story about finding God in the silence.

Social Studies

Your children are quite eager to begin their President's research project. We have had quite the week in class for Catholic Schools Week, so we will work on this more next week.

Science

Due to Catholic Schools Week we pushed our new science unit to next week.

Fun in the Classroom

Monday brought our first field trip of the year, we went to The Paramount Theater, thank you for those who drove and chaperoned!



Wednesday we packed items for those in the military.



And Thursday we learned more about Vocations with a special visit from Father Dan.



Other Information

Snack (9:20/9:55)/ 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 second 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 - Music

Tuesday - Library & Mass

Wednesday - Art, P.E, & Chapel

Thursday- Library

Friday - Music

Homework (M-TH)

Please check your child's blue folder for any homework. All homework will be written by your child in their agenda book each day.

Your child will have a reading response prompt and a math/writing homework sheet.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading should be done every night!