



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 3rd Grade

### 1/31/25

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **Field Trip** to the Paramount Theater on February 19th  
Thank you to all parents who volunteered to drive and chaperone students. I have contacted parents who will be driving/chaperoning for our field trip.
- **Tuesday, March 18 - Field Trip to Monticello: Field trip forms will be in Friday folders this week, please sign and return by Monday February 12th.**
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA\\_D6OGjSil0tg\\_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link)

#### Calendar/Important Dates

- Monday, January 20 - MLK Jr. Day (No School)
- Tuesday, February 4 - 8:15AM Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
- Monday, February 10 - No School (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- Tuesday, February 11 - 8:15AM Mass \*3rd Grade Led (Students must be in formal dress)
- Friday, February 14 - 11:30 Dismissal (3rd Quarter Interim)
- Monday, February 17 - No School (Teacher Work Day)
- Wednesday, February 19 - Field Trip: Paramount Theater
- Tuesday, March 18 - Field Trip: Monticello

#### Teacher email addresses

- Ms. Grassi - [k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org)
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#### 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.

- 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](#)
- CCS will be participating in the Battle of the Books! Students in grades 3-8 will read books this spring and then compete against other diocesan schools in a trivia-style game. The Battle will take place on Tuesday, May 20, in Richmond. Please email Mrs. DeVane if your child is interested in participating.
- 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](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0)
- A great way for us to help our students become collaborators and leaders is to encourage them to participate in the **mass choir**. This year, we are inviting students in grades 3 through 8 to sign up. Below is a link for the sign up and a few items of note:
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-54054132-mass>
  - Students may sign up for as many masses as they would like.
  - Mass choir is open to students in grades 3 through 8.
  - Students should be dropped off at 7:40 so that there is time to practice. If you are running late and arrive after 7:45, you must go through carline.
  - Siblings may be dropped off as well. They will need to sit quietly up front until the bell rings at 7:45.
  - Students will also be practicing mass music in class.
  - While you should receive a reminder email from signupgenius, please note the dates you sign up for.

## Social Studies

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**This Week:** Students will make a Travel Advertisement Poster for their project in class on the five continents including two geographic features for each continent. They will present their poster on Friday to the class.

**Next Week:** Students will be introduced to Ancient Civilizations. We will begin with Ancient Egypt to learn about the importance of the Nile River and contributions to modern society.

# Math

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**This Week:** Students will learn how to represent one whole as a fraction on a number line and identify fractions greater than one on a number line.

**Next Week:** Students will learn about fraction equivalence and comparison. We will begin by covering equivalent fractions using fraction tiles and number lines.

# Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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## **This Week:**

In Grammar, we continued our work with pronouns. In Reading, we spent more time with main idea and supporting details. We read several nonfiction/informational readers and passages and identified the main topic vs. main idea, subtopics and important details, and learned how to paraphrase smaller chunks of a passage in order to help with overall comprehension.

## **Next Week:**

-Winter Assessments Continued: Oral Reading Fluency, Individual Reading Inventories

-Word Study: R-Controlled Vowels & Syllables - er, ir, ur (**fern, bird, curl**) - Quiz - Friday

-Writing/Grammar - **Pronouns Test (Ch. 3 Voyages) - Tuesday**

- **Mentor Sentence Quiz - \*Thursday, 2/11\***

-Skill(s): Compound Sentences, Alliteration

-Mentor Text: Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride

-Mentor Sentence: *Sojourner put one big-black-beautiful foot in front of the other, and she STOMPED on the floorboards of ignorance that were underneath.*

-Reading - Main Idea & Key Details (Key Details vs. Interesting Details, Ask and Answer Questions, Compare and Contrast Two Texts)

Homework: [Reading Page \(Let's Learn It - Week 18\) - Due Friday](#)

Study Resources: Grammar Voyages (Ch. 3 - Pronouns), ELA Notebook, Reading Notebook, ELAR Folder, and Word Study Intro Letter/Packet

# Theology

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## **This Week:**

We had a busy and an exciting week with Catholic Schools Week. Congratulations to Ally Hawken and Isabel Hernandez for representing 3rd Grade in the Catholic Bee! We had a lot of fun meeting with our Faith Buddies, participating in school-wide events, and listening to guest speakers talking about vocations, the amazing opportunities we have here at CCS, and how we can continue to grow in our faith and have a relationship with God.

## **Next Week:**

-Christ In Us Workbook (Unit 2 - 2.7) How do we praise and thank God? - Quiz - Friday

-Planning for Mass on Tuesday, February 11 - 3rd Grade (Mr. Little's Class) will lead

Study Resources: Christ In Us Workbook (2.7), Theology Folder, Notebook

# Science

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**This Week:** Students will learn about the Properties of Matter and be introduced to the physical properties, mass, volume and density. They will work on their vocabulary foldable activity.

**Next Week:** Students will review the steps of the scientific method when performing an experiment. They will be introduced to how energy can change phases of matter and learn the difference between a mixture and a solution.