



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

**5th Grade
01/31/2025**



Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- Our spring field trip to James Madison's Montpelier is Friday, March 28, so if you would like to chaperone this event, please be sure your VIRTUS certification is up-to-date. If you have not yet attended the initial session, we will be holding two here at CCS in the coming months: February 8 and March 22. Those are both Saturdays, and each session will be from 11:00-2:00. You can register at this link:
https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0
 - If you are willing/able to chaperone this trip, please email us so we have an idea of whether we will have enough chaperones for the event.
- 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.

Calendar/Important Dates:

Monday, February 3: Present historical figure bios

Tuesday, February 4: Quiz on Church hierarchy and how one becomes a Pope

Friday, February 14: Poetry Packet is due

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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.
- The Village School will host their annual GEM (Girls Excelling in Math) tournament on Saturday, March 22. Girls in grades 4 through 8 may participate. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mrs. DeVane at l.devane@cvillecatholic.org.
- CCS will be holding a Virtus-training session (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 this or one of the other 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](#)

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will be exploring the events surrounding the Revolutionary War.. We will present our historical bios on February 3rd.

Math

Students will be learning to multiply fractions and simplify (reduce) their answers.

To reinforce math concepts and skills, students are assigned sections for Khan Academy ([khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)). This is for a grade. Students have their login and password in their planner. The 3rd quarter requirements are to complete Math: 5th grade for Coordinate Planes (unit 12), Line Plots (unit 15) and Multiplying Decimals (unit 8).

***All students need to be checked off for their multiplication facts 0-12 and xx by the end of 3rd quarter.*

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week students had a quiz on the list of spelling/vocabulary words based on figurative language. They also wrote rough drafts of the remaining poems for the poetry unit, and finished reading *Love That Dog*.

Next week, students will continue discussing *Love That Dog* and begin the second reading, focusing on figurative language. They will also study prepositions in grammar, and we will analyze rhyme schemes in poetry. We will also start our next spelling/vocabulary unit, which will be on Greek and Latin roots and affixes.

Theology

This week, students continued learning about the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, and we participated in many great activities for Catholic Schools Week.

Next week, we will continue with our unit on the structure of the historical foundations of the Church and its hierarchy. Students received a study guide for this material, and took notes. The quiz on that material will be on Tuesday (rescheduled from this week).

Science

We completed a lab on cleaning water with a degree of success, but not enough to sample our results. We will begin our unit on rocks and minerals.