



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten January 31, 2025

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Immunization and School Entrance Health Forms

Students enrolling in **Kindergarten** need to have a [Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health form](#). Physicals, including updated immunizations, must have been **on or after August 20th, 2024**. Please **submit the entire document**. This form should not require an additional doctor's visit if they have been seen within this time frame. Many doctor's offices get busy over the summer with form requests, please ask for this as soon as possible. Your child **CAN NOT** attend school until these papers are provided and are reviewed by the school nurse. Feel free to start sending them in from now.

Calendar/Important Dates

- Monday, February 10: No School; parent/teacher conferences on an as needed basis
- Friday, February 14: 11:30 dismissal
- Monday, February 17: No school, Presidents Day

Teacher email addresses

Virginia Wawner: v.wawner@cvillecatholic.org

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Upcoming Virtus Training Sessions

CCS will be holding two Virtus training sessions on 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.

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.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class continued to play with graphing. We start each math session with a question that students answer and then we review the results using language like most and least. We have graphed unifix cubes, cereal and our names! We will continue graphing next week, while also celebrating the 100th day of school. Ms. Shank's class began our unit on ordinal numbers and will continue working on that in the next week.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class learned about the letter Bb this week and continued to practice the sight word like. We read books that feature B and books about the Lunar New Year. Next week, we will focus on the letter Hh and syllables. Ms. Shank's class focused on the letter Nn this week. We made ninjas for our alphabet notebook. In our reading groups we read poems that contained the sight words we are learning. Our next letter will be Oo. We will continue to work on our sight words we have learned so far. Our rainforest unit will begin next week so we will be reading lots of fiction and nonfiction books.

Theology/SEL

Ms. Wawner's class had fun celebrating Catholic Schools week. We talked about vocations and how priesthood is one way to serve God. We created a list of questions to ask Father Hesko and enjoyed hearing him speak. Ms. Shank's also celebrated Catholic Schools week. We discussed how lucky we are to be at CCS and celebrate our faith through prayers, the Mass, and learning how to live like Christ. We also had an opportunity to hear from Father Hesko to talks about vocations.

Science and Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class celebrated the Lunar New Year this week. We learned about some traditions of this holiday, such as wearing red, hanging lanterns, dragon dances, and more. Students crafted fireworks to keep Nian away, created small dragons for dragon dancing, and practiced using chopsticks. Next week, we will start a science unit on states of matter. Ms.

Shank's class completed a number of experiments that illustrated different states of matter. We made fizzy ice to learn about chemical reactions and we painted watercolors on ice. We also learned about the Chinese Lunar New Year. The students watched some videos showing the Dragon and the Lion dance. We made our own Lion masks. Next week we will begin our long unit on the Rainforest. The students will learn about the different layers of the rainforest and what animals live in the different layers. The culmination of the unit will be a "research project" on an animal from the rainforest. The 6th grade students will be our research buddies for this project.