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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

Welcome back, 4th grade families! We had a wonderful first week of 2023 here at school and hope you did as well! We are so appreciative of you and your wonderful families. Thank you for all you do to help make Charlottesville Catholic School such a fantastic place! Please read the [Announcements](#) and [Important Dates](#) sections to see some upcoming events.

Announcements

- Please make sure that your child's uniforms fit properly and guidelines regarding hair, makeup, and jewelry are being followed. Additionally, it is imperative that your child comes to school in proper outerwear for recess. Coats, hats, and gloves are required for the winter months. We truly appreciate your support.
- VIRTUS Training- If you would like to volunteer to work with students at CCS, or chaperone field trips, you need to be VIRTUS-trained. The next VIRTUS training session will be Saturday, January 28, at the CCS Library from 1:00-4:00. Capacity is limited to 30 people. You may register at https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0
- Battle of the Books- Does your child love to read and compete? St. Edward-Epiphaney will be hosting a Battle of the Books this spring. They are hoping to have it on Friday, April 28. We are hoping to have a team for grades 3-5 and a team for grades 6-8. Each team will consist of four to six students. Students would take responsibility for reading books from a [list](#) and then compete in a Family Feud-style competition with students from other schools. If your child would like to compete, please reach out to Mrs. DeVane at l.devane@cvillecatholic.org. She will organize which books each student will read and coordinate for the competition day.
- As we have several students with peanut allergies in 4th grade, please be conscientious of them when packing snacks/lunches.
- Please remember that the only accepted variations of the navy blue uniform pants come from FlynnO'Hara, and Lands End.
- Contact emails: a.burgin@cvillecatholic.org a.taleghani@cvillecatholic.org

Calendar/Important Dates:

- January 17 & 18, 2023- MAP Testing in the morning (Please be on time!)
- January 28, 2023- VIRTUS Training (Parent Volunteers for field trips must be VIRTUS trained)
- February 21, 2023- Field Trip to Richmond Science Museum (Please email your child's homeroom teacher if you are interested in volunteering to chaperone)

Social Studies

This week in Social Studies, students presented their flag that represents the tragedies and triumphs of the settlers of Jamestown. Students were able to flex their creative muscles on this assignment and really empathize with America's early settlers. Students had to be reflective in the colors, words, and symbols they chose to use on this assignment and it shows how far they have come as writers and thinkers!

Next week, students will begin a new chapter that focuses on life in the Virginia colony from the 1620's-1760's.

Math

This week in Math we refreshed ourselves on the process of long division, our division estimation skills and even learned a few more strategies for solving division problems (distributive property, partial quotients). We are proud to be dividing with larger numbers and employing our multiplication skills to check our work.

The Ch. 6 Math test is scheduled for Thursday, January 12th.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in Language Arts, students continued into our unit that consists of a research project regarding natural disasters! This is a great unit in which nonfiction texts will be used. Students also learned how to "kick it up a notch" with note taking. Students learned to compare, categorize, cite sources, and ask questions of their own as they write.

Students also wrote a 5 paragraph essay on their New Year's resolutions and what they did over the Christmas Break.

Religion

In Religion this week we began Unit 2 Lesson 9. We have been focused on God's sacraments of forgiveness and healing. We learned more about God's continuous mercy through the story of Zacchaeus, and we reflected on ways we can seek Christ to model the same love and forgiveness Jesus did. We also recalled times we've extended a healing hand

to someone or someone to us, to imagine the impact of the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick.

The Unit 2 Lesson 9 Religion Quiz is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10th.

Science

In Science this week we began Ch. 6. We've enjoyed learning about the roles of various organisms in an environment. We learned about the three types of consumers and how decomposers fuel our producers. We learned about the flow of energy from sun to producer to consumer. We loved learning about different food chains and the way they are intertwined to form food webs in an environment. This is a great continuation of our last chapter on Ecosystems and the kids have been highly engaged!

***Exciting news! We are in the process of scheduling a field trip to the Richmond Science Museum! Please take the opportunity to attend Virtus training on 1/27 if you think you would be interested in chaperoning this trip on 2/21.**

The Ch. 6 Science test is scheduled for Thursday, January 12th.