



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Saturday, October 12** - 5K & Fun Run
- **Friday, October 18** - 11:30 Dismissal, End of 1st Quarter
- **Friday, October 18** - **Permission Slips for 11/21 Field Trip Due!**
- **Friday, October 25** - 1st Quarter Report Cards
- **Tuesday, October 29** - No Mass/formal dress
- **Friday, November 1** - Mass/formal dress, Solemnity of All Saints
- **Friday, November 1** - Saint Paper Bag Puppets, STEM Lab
- **Thursday, November 21** - Service Project/Field Trip at Church of the Incarnation
- **Wednesday, December 4** - Field Trip to the Children's Museum of Richmond

School Announcements:

- Our first Speaker Series session for this year will be presented by Mrs. Marie Decker, our Social Emotional Learning Specialist. From CASEL.org: *"Social-emotional learning helps all young people thrive personally and academically, develop and maintain positive relationships, become life-long learners, and contribute to a more caring, just world."* Join us on Thursday, October 24 at 7:00PM as Mrs. Decker presents "Supporting the Whole Child-Why SEL?". At this session, you will learn about the five competencies (self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, relationship building, and social awareness), and how they are related to school, family, and community, in order to support the whole child and their success in the academic setting. RSVP using the link below. ****Please note that this is an adult-only event, and childcare will not be provided. ****

[October 24 Speaker Series RSVP](#)

- Next Friday, October 18 is the end of the 1st quarter, and an 11:30AM dismissal day for students. STEAM Aftercare and JK Extended Day will be in session for registered students.
- Save the date! Our JK-5 Mother/Son Game Night will take place on Friday, November 8 at 6:00PM. More information coming soon.

Teacher's Messages/Announcements:

- **Permission slips for our field trip/service project to Church of the Incarnation on 11/21/24 went home in your students red folder today.** Please be sure to fill these out and return them by 10/18/24. Because this field trip is a service project, there is no limit on how many chaperones can join us, so we hope you will be able to attend!
- Throughout the month of October, students will be researching and writing about a saint of their choosing. To celebrate the Feast of All Saints, they will be making a paper bag puppet of their chosen saint in the STEM Lab on November 1st. We are looking for parent volunteers to help us with this activity. [Please consider signing up to join us!](#)

Social Studies

This week we finished talking about Hispanic Heritage Month. Next week we will start talking about how to be a good citizen.

Math

This week we started our unit on addition within 10. We learned some important vocabulary like addend and sum. We also learned some strategies to help us solve addition problems (counting on, part part whole, drawing a picture, using a number bond, and adding on a ten frame). Next week we will continue learning about addition.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we read and discussed the story, *Hoot and Peep*, which is a fiction book that looks at two owl siblings and how it is okay to be different. Our focus was on making connections to what we read (Text to Self, Text to World, and Text to Text) while reading. Next week we will read *If Your Monster Won't Go To Bed*.

Grammar

This week we looked at onomatopoeia- a word that mimics the sound of the actual thing or person described. Next week we will look at adjectives.

Writing

This week we wrote about owls and focused on the type of sentences we were writing (asking and telling) and punctuation that was needed. We further practiced our writing skills during Daily 5 writing activities.

Theology

This week, students met with the faith buddies to read about their chosen saint and began writing some of what they learned while reading for their saint report. In addition, they were introduced to the October tenet of the month, Collaborators, and Saints Zelig and Louis Martin, who are examples of how a collaborator shares their gifts for the benefit of others.

Science

This week we focused on social studies.

Other Information

Snack (8:45/9:00)/ 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 first 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 - Library & Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday- Art Friday - Music

Dress Uniform

Boys - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks
NO white.

Girls- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

Homework (M-TH)

Be on the lookout for your child's homework sheet in next week's Monday binder.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading is the MOST important homework and should be done EVERY night!