



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

10/18/24

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Ms. Grassi needs a donation of **eight small pumpkins** for a science experiment during the week of October 28th.
- We are excited to be going on field trips this year and are looking forward to having parent chaperones help with that! To chaperone a field trip, you must be VIRTUS-trained. To register for that training, please use the following link: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?the
- We will be scheduling a **field trip on February 19th to the Paramount Theater**. Please reach out to me if you are virtue trained and can drive students to the theater. We would like to have **three to four students** in a vehicle. I have received word from three Virtus trained parents who can drive/ chaperone, however we still **need one more driver/chaperone for our trip**.
My email address is k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxnY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link

Calendar/Important Dates

- Tuesday, October 22 - Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
- Friday, October 25 - 1st Quarter Report Cards Available

Teacher email addresses

- Ms. Grassi - k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org
- Mr. Little - t.little@cvillecatholic.org

Important School Announcements

- **Crozet Speech and Language Clinic** will be conducting speech and occupational therapy screenings in **October**. Please look for a letter in your child's Friday folder with more information.

- Join us on **Wednesday, October 23 from 5:00 to 9:00pm for CCS Night at Buffalo Wild Wings!** Just tell your server you are with CCS (and if you are with Team Blue or Gold) and 15% of your net food purchase will be donated back to our school. Take out orders count too – just let the cashier know when you pick up your order that it is part of CCS Spirit Night. We hope to see you there!
- **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](#)
- Thursday, **October 31**, will be Halloween Tag Day for students in 3rd-8th. Students must be in their uniforms, but may wear Halloween-themed accessories. Parameters for those accessories are as follows:
 - **Allowed:** socks, belts, earrings, necklace, ribbons, bracelets, headbands with stabilized decor (i.e. cat ears)
 - **Not Allowed:** hats, sunglasses, wigs, masks, t-shirts, headbands with flying objects, anything flashing, teeth/fangs, costumes
- CCS Moms (or Grandmas or Aunts), grab your JK-5th grade son(s) and favorite board/card game and join us for the inaugural Mother/Son Game Night! [Sign up here](#) to join us on Friday, **November 8** from 6:00 to 8:00PM. Snacks will be served.
- 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/9040C44ACAA2DA31-50743257-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 make note of the dates you sign up for.
 - If you must cancel at the last minute, email Ms. Wisbey k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org.

Social Studies

This Week: Students will be learning facts about the five Great Lakes and locate each lake on their map.

Next Week: Students will be learning facts about the Rocky Mountain range and the Appalachian Mountain range. They will identify and label the Mountain Ranges and then add their completed North America Map to their passports.

- A Study Guide on the geographic features of North America will be sent home in their Friday Folder.

Test- October 30th

Math

This Week: Students will learn how to round to the nearest ten, hundred and thousand with a four digit number using their number lines and rounding mountain strategies.

* Students will have homework Monday- Wednesday night, Please check your child's agenda Monday afternoon.

Next Week: Students will be learning about number patterns and decomposing numbers to help solve real world problems. They will learn and apply strategies when adding three and four digit numbers.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We focused our energy this week into reviewing verbs and analyzing characters (Thinking and speaking like the character, The storyteller's point of view, and using text evidence). The students had fun gaining new insights from the very familiar *Three Little Pigs* story through the eyes of the wolf and his perspective (*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*).

Next Week:

-Word Study (Spelling): Long e & Vowel Team Syllables (clean, field, feedback, sunny, honey) - Quiz - Friday

-Writing/Grammar - Mentor Sentence Quiz - Friday

-Skill(s): Quotation Marks, Contractions, The Writing Process (Narrative Writing)

-Mentor Text: *Stellaluna*

-Mentor Sentence: "I don't know, but it's hanging by its feet," chirped Flitter.

-Reading - Understanding Characters (Guessing a Character's Thoughts)

Homework: [Reading Page \(Let's Learn It - Week 6\) - due Friday](#)

Study Resources: Grammar Voyages (Ch. 4 - Verbs), ELA Notebook, Reading Notebook, ELAR Folder, and Word Study Intro Letter/Packet

Theology

This Week:

We began examining who Jesus Christ is in our Christ In Us Workbook (1.4). We also continued to study the Rosary, its connection to Mary, and continued practicing our prayers and the structure of how we say the Rosary. We learned that the Rosary should be a meditative devotion bringing us closer to both Mary and God as we examine the mysteries, or big events, in the life of Jesus and Mary.

Next Week:

-Christ In Us Workbook (1.4) Who Is Jesus Christ? - Discussion - Quiz Thursday

Study Resources: Christ In Us Workbook (1.4), Theology Folder and Notebook

Science

This Week: Students will learn the parts of a plant and the function of each part to assist in the growth of the plant. They will be introduced to the process of photosynthesis and pollination.

Next Week: Students will begin working on their project on drawing and labeling the parts of an animal and plant cell. Students will learn what plants need to live through our observations of planting their seeds and noting in a log each week any changes which may have occurred to their seeds.