



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

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## Friday Newsletter

### 4th Grade

### October 18, 2024

#### **Teacher's Message/Announcements:**

Dear 4th Grade Families,

We had a great week in 4th grade and hope you did as well! We had a great time on the field trip to Old Cabell Hall. Thank you to those who chaperoned. We couldn't do all this without you and are incredibly grateful to you! Thank you for all you do and please reach out to us if you have any questions. Have a fantastic weekend!

All the best,  
4th Grade Team

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#### **Important School Announcements**

- **JK-2 Halloween Parade and 3-8 TAG Day**

Thursday, October 31, will be our Halloween Parade for students in JK-2nd Grade. The parade will be held at approximately 8:15AM, directly after morning rosary. JK-2 parents are welcome to join us! Parents may stand on the sidewalk or on the blacktop, if we are able to be outside. It is not necessary to come into the building

**Students in JK-2** may wear an appropriate Halloween costume to school, but they must be able to remove it, and be in their school uniform, if it is uncomfortable or distracting. Masks and props are not permitted, and students should be in their school approved shoes.

- 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.
- 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](#)
- Please consider getting your child a book box/bin (pictured below) to carry items to and from class when we switch classrooms. This will help with organization and keeping all their items together.



## Social Studies

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This week in SS, students completed a project in which they created a salt dough model of the 5 regions of Virginia. This is a really fun activity in which students will learn, create, and write about the 5 regions of Virginia. Thank you to Mrs. Devlin for your assistance on this project!

Next week, we will begin our new unit which focuses on Native American history.

## Math

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This week in Math, we continued to look at multiplication and patterns. We also touched on division components and finding factors for numbers. Next week we will finish looking at patterns and conclude the unit.

Next Friday we will have our unit math test. A practice test will go home with students to review. Practicing multiplication facts from 0 to 12 is also a great way to prepare.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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This week in LA, students finished our newest novel, *The Tiger Rising*. This is a wonderful story that students are thoroughly enjoying. Students have been working on looking at other story elements in novels such as theme and meaning in recurring objects in the story. I have been very impressed with how deep the discussions have been and how much students are picking up from these lessons!

Next week, we will watch *The Tiger Rising* movie and complete a few other activities based on the novel. I have also sent an email regarding the movie.

## Theology

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This week in Theology, we discussed types of prayer and why we pray. We looked at our new prayer and students are encouraged to practice it at home. We also looked at the beginning of the early church and imagined what it was like for the first disciples.

## Science

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This week on Science, we worked on our science project. Students researched and wrote a paper about an animal of their choice, highlighting and adaptation and niche that the animal has. They then created a diorama to show off their animals' habitat. Next week, we will begin our unit on weather.