

# Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

# 4th Grade October 20, 2023

Dear 4th Grade Families,

We had a wonderful week in 4th grade and hope you did as well! It is hard to believe that the first quarter of school is over. We are thoroughly enjoying our time with our students and are so appreciative of all that you do. A huge thank you to those who went with us to Old Cabell Hall and to those who came in to assist with our Day of Service. Please read the announcements section carefully as there is some very important information in there. Have a fantastic weekend and please reach out with any questions.

#### **Announcements**

- The deadline for selecting your child's yearbook picture and ordering prints is Monday, October 23. We cannot guarantee delivery of prints before Thanksgiving for orders submitted after October 23. If you do not select a picture to be used in the yearbook, one will be selected for you.
- Altar Server Training- We have been so grateful for the return of our altar server ministry at our CCS school Masses! Due to the success, we have another opportunity for training for more students to get involved! Those students who would like to get involved in this ministry must be Catholic and in 4th grade or up. Middle school students will be eligible to put altar service towards school OR church service. If interested, mandatory training (for new servers) will be held on Monday, November 13th in the Chapel from 3:30pm-4:15pm. This training is optional for existing CCS altar servers. Sign-up by contacting Megan Pearring, Religion Coordinator at m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org.
- **Tuesday, October 31**, will be our Halloween Parade for students in JK-2nd Grade, and Halloween Tag Day for students in 3rd-8th. The parade will be held at 8:15am. JK-2 parents are welcome to join us--we will have you line up along the sidewalk and blacktop as long as we are able to be outside; you do not need 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.
- **For Tag Day**, students in grades 3-8 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

#### **Important Dates**

- Friday, October 20, 2023- End of 1st Quarter
- Friday, October 27, 2023 1st Quarter Report Cards
- Tuesday, October 31, 2023- Halloween Tag Day (Please read directions carefully)

#### **Teacher Email Addresses**

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# Social Studies

This week in SS, students began participating in a project. Students will be creating a salt dough model of Virginia that highlights the different elevations of the state and will write an informative essay that goes along with it. This is a wonderful, cross curricular and collaborative project (Thank you Mrs. Devlin for the assistance!). Please email me if you have any questions.

Next week, we will begin our next unit which focuses on early Native American history in Virginia.

### Math

This week in Math we continued through Unit 5. We learned how to find multiples of a number, how to recognize, extend and describe number and shape patterns, how to generate number or shape patterns from a rule, and practiced identifying and explaining features of these patterns. We enjoyed games such as "Next Number Tic Tac Toe" and "Analyze the Pattern Tic Tac Toe" to help us practice our skills. Next week we will begin Unit 6: "Multiplication Strategies with Multi Digit Numbers".

Our Unit 5 Math test is scheduled for Thursday, October 26th.

### Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students began to write an alternate ending to *The Tiger Rising* and put their writing skills to the test! Information on this can be found in Reading Google Classroom. This has been a wonderfully engaging assignment that students thoroughly enjoyed!

Next week, to celebrate finishing *The Tiger Rising* novel and writing our alternate endings, we will be watching the movie that goes along with it and then doing a writing assignment based on comparing and contrasting the two. I sent an email on Thursday regarding this, please let me know if you do not want your child to watch the movie so that I can plan an alternate activity for them.

### Theology

This week in Theology we have continued saint activities (Sts. Peter and Paul) correlating with our tenant of the month (collaborators), finished sharing our Last Judgment envisionments, and began unit 1 Lesson 5: "What is the Church?" We have come to better understand what it means to be a member of the Church, and in what capacities we are called to serve. We continue to search for ways we can be more like Jesus in our everyday lives.

Our Unit 1 Lesson 5 Theology quiz is scheduled for Tuesday, 10/24. Our Unit 1 Theology Test (Lessons 1-5) is scheduled for Friday, 10/27.

#### Science

This week in Science we have enjoyed learning about plant and animal life cycles, and have continued our study of heredity, genes and traits. We will continue Ch. 2 next week.

Our Chapter 2 Test is scheduled for Tuesday, October 31st.