



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter



5th Grade
10/20/2023

Teacher's Message/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.
- 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
- **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.

- We will hold our first CBG Party next Wednesday, October 25, in the afternoon. Thank you to all parents who signed up to donate snacks for this party!
- Happy October to our CCS Families! In music class, our 2nd and 5th graders have been learning the sign language for "My Country Tis of Thee" for our Veteran's Day Service in November. If you would like to practice at home, here is the link to practice with. Thank you!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GlllrX8Csrs>

Happy Fall!
Musically,
Kate Wisbey

Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, October 24:** Test on the St. Michael Prayer
- **Wednesday, October 25:** CBG party
- **Thursday, October 26:** Math test
- **Friday, October 27:** Quiz on singular/plural nouns (VIE Lessons 1.2 and 1.3)
- **Tuesday, October 31:** Rocky Mt. Region TEST *(CAPS and spelling count)*

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Reading, Writing and Theology

Math, Science and Social Studies

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will have a test on the states and capitals for the Rocky Mt. region of the US. on 10/31.

Students in 5th grade will be tested on all US states and their capitals. The states will be chunked by region for learning and mastery. A great way to study the states is found on a free game learning website:

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/50-states-game>

Math

We will continue to work on learning the algorithm for multiplying multiple digit numbers. Our next unit is division of whole numbers and decimals.

To reinforce math concepts and skills, students are assigned sections for Khan Academy ([khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)). This is for a grade. Students have their login and password in their planner. The 2nd qtr. requirements, due before the end of the quarter are Multiplying & dividing whole numbers and decimals (unit 4) and Adding and subtracting fractions (unit 3).

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we continued reading *Wonder* and continued focusing on characterization. We also had a test on the writing process and continued the unit on nouns. We also focused on point of view in literature, and we will continue to explore that next week. There will be a test on that material the following week.

Next week we will continue reading and annotating *Wonder*, and we will continue the unit on nouns in grammar. We will also have a quiz on singular/plural nouns (VIE 1.2 and 1.3) on Friday. Students will also receive the next set of spelling/vocabulary words from *Wonder*. The test on those will be the following week.

Theology

This week we focused on the ways we come to know God and on memorizing the St. Michael Prayer. There will be a test on the St. Michael Prayer on Tuesday, October 24. We will also have the VIRTUS - Empowering God's Children lesson on Tuesday and will do a few review activities on Lessons 1 and 2 in the *Christ in Us* testbook, as we plan to have a quiz on that material the following week.

Science

We are starting our next unit on ecosystems. We will learn about habitats, food chains, food webs, adaptations, conservation and more.