



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

10/25/24

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Charlottesville Catholic School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program, to our students next week. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children*® program developed the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program. This program is required by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond as outlined in the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* as a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

One lesson per semester will be presented to all students at Charlottesville Catholic School. Each lesson will be approximately 45 minutes in length and will cover "Boundaries: You Have Rights," and "Secrets, Surprises, and Promises." We encourage you to read the *Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide* so that you are aware of the nature of the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program. To ensure the school and family connection remains strong, we will communicate the exact date of each lesson prior to the lesson being taught (**First Lesson - Tuesday, 10/29**).

If you have questions about the program or the lessons, please contact Vada Fallica at (434) 964-0400 or v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org. For more information on the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at www.virtus.org

- 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
- **Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to be drivers/ chaperones for our field trip in February to the Paramount Theater! Permission letters will go out in January for our trip.**

- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link

Calendar/Important Dates

- Friday, October 25 - 1st Quarter Report Cards Available
- Tuesday, October 29 - *No Mass* (Students should wear regular dress)
- **Friday, November 1 - Mass** - Solemnity of All Saints (Students must be in formal dress)

Teacher email addresses

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

Important School Announcements

- **Lost & Found:** The Lost & Found is piling up! In addition to student items, there are several items that have been left by adults after events. Please make sure that student belongings (especially CCS-branded ones) are labeled. If you or your child are missing something, please come in and check the Lost & Found.



- 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 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.

Next Week: Students will be learning about the geographic features of South America. They will explore the Amazon Basin, which includes the Amazon River and Rainforest.

Math

This Week: Students are learning strategies to estimate sums and differences to nearest 10 and 100.

Next Week: Students are learning addition strategies to 100, and estimating sums and differences to the nearest 1,000.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

As we continue through our Understanding Characters Unit, we read and discussed several stories and examined what a character might be thinking and feeling. We also began our new writing assignment (Fictional Narratives - Halloween Stories) and focused on creating characters and using dialogue to help provide information about the characters and move the story along.

Next Week: *Halloween/Campfire Reader's Theater - Thursday*

-Word Study (Spelling): **None**

-Writing/Grammar - **Mentor Sentence Quiz - Friday**

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

-Mentor Text: I Need My Monster

-Mentor Sentence: *"Well, aren't you a picky one," she sniffed, and then she was gone.*

-Reading - Understanding Characters (Inferring, Character Traits, Inner vs. Outer Traits)

Homework: [Reading Page \(Let's Learn It\) - None](#)

Study Resources: Grammar Voyages (Punctuation and Capitalization - Quotations/Dialogue 116, 164), ELA Notebook, Reading Notebook, ELAR Folder, and Word Study Intro Letter/Packet

Theology

This Week:

We completed our discussion around who Jesus Christ is, how we can understand the Incarnation (Jesus is both fully God and fully man) through our faith, and how when we remember Mary and all that she has done for us, we are remembering Jesus.

Next Week:

-Christ In Us Workbook (1.5) What is the Church? - Discussion
-Empowering God's Children - Lesson 1 - Tuesday, 10/29

Study Resources: Christ In Us Workbook (1.5), 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. Students have begun their science experiment by germinating a marigold, sunflower, and radish seed.

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 seedlings and noting in a log each week any changes which may have occurred to their plants.

- We would like to do an experiment beginning Monday, Oct. 28th using eight small pumpkins to test the density. Their question for our experiment will be- Will they float or sink?
- We are still in need of seven small pumpkins.