



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
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## Friday Newsletter

### 4th Grade

### October 25th, 2024

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

Dear 4th Grade Families,

Welcome to the 2nd quarter! We had a great week in 4th grade and hope you did as well! This was a jam packed week of learning and engagement. As we move further in the academic year, we are thrilled to see so many of our students begin to show independence and display the hard work that needs to be done for real learning to occur. 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**

- **Tuesday, October 29- No Mass or Formal Dress. Mass will instead be on Friday, November 1 for the Solemnity of All Saints**
- **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.



- **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.
- 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 began our new unit which focuses on Native American history. Students learned about how Native Americans have lived in Virginia for thousands of years and which regions different tribes were. We also learned about archaeology and how scientists learn from artifacts!

Next week, we will continue this unit.

## Math

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This week in Math, we finished our unit on patterns and had our test on what we have learned. Next week we will begin multi-digit multiplication strategies. Please continue to review multiplication facts at home with your child. Knowing these basic facts helps significantly with their understanding of these strategies.

## 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 talked about the Eucharist and parts of the Mass. Students also practiced *Lexio Divina* in the chapel. Next week we will do a special lesson from the Diocese. Please see below for more information.

Charlottesville Catholic School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program, to our students over the next two weeks. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children*<sup>®</sup> 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.

If you have questions about the program or the lessons, please contact Vada Fallica at (434) 964-0400 or [v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org](mailto: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](http://www.virtus.org)

## Science

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This week on Science, we began our unit on weather. The students enjoyed doing a group “Brain Dump” to start out. Then we looked at the difference between weather and climate. We also looked at and learned about different tools meteorologists use to track the weather.