



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

October 27, 2023

Dear Families,

It has been a spooktacular week in 4th grade and we've started the 2nd quarter strong. First quarter report cards were released today. We have been looking forward to reviewing them all week! Energy is running high as Halloween approaches. Please make note of the guidelines for our Halloween TAG day on October 31st. We look forward to meeting with you in just a few short weeks for conferences, but as always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful weekend, and a safe Halloween.

Blessings, 4th Grade Team.

Please use this link to sign-up for conferences on November 9th and November 10th. Time slots are on a first come, first serve basis:

<https://calendly.com/mstaleghani-ccs/taleghani-burgin-conference>

Announcements

- **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.

- **Mass on November 1 (All Saints' Day)**

Please note that we will NOT have Mass on Tuesday, October 31. Instead, Mass will be on Wednesday, November 1 for the Solemnity of All Saints. Students do not need to wear their formal dress uniforms on Tuesday, October 31.

- **Virtual Good News! Book Fair**

CCS is happy to announce that we will be holding a virtual Good News! Book Fair from November 7-November 17th! All book orders should arrive at your home in time for

Christmas presents. Want a sneak peak? Go to: <https://goodnewsbookfair.com/virtual-fair>. More information will be coming shortly!

- **Veterans Day Prayer Service**

We will be honoring our veterans on November 9 with a Veterans Day prayer service and flag planting ceremony. Please join us in the gym at 8:15AM. Our families and close veteran friends are welcome to join us. This is a very special school tradition. CCS students who participate in scouts may wear their scouting uniform to school that day.

- **Halloween (Tuesday, October 31)**

This 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

- Tuesday, October 31, 2023- Halloween Tag Day (Please read directions carefully)
- Wednesday, November 1, 2023- All Saints' Day Mass (Students do not need to wear their formal dress uniforms on Tuesday, October 31)
- Thursday, November 9/Friday, November 10, 2023- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, November 9, 2023- 11:30 Dismissal
- Friday, November 10, 2023- No School

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Social Studies

This week in SS, students completed their Virginia Salt Dough project. Students created a salt dough model of Virginia that highlights the different elevations of the state and wrote an informative essay that goes along with it. This was a wonderful, cross curricular and collaborative project (Thank you Mrs. Devlin for the assistance!).

Next week, we will begin our next unit which focuses on early Native American history in Virginia. The test for this chapter will be on Tuesday, November 7.

Science

This week in Science we have been focused on plant and animal life cycles. We enjoyed beginning a “seed’s journey” narrative, and researching and creating animal life cycle diagrams of interest. We will continue these Ch. 2 activities next week. Our Ch. 2 Science Test is scheduled for Friday, November 3, 2023.

Math

This week in Math, we have been focused on factors and multiples, prime and composite numbers, numeric/nonnumeric patterns, and pattern rules and equations. The test we took yesterday was a paper test. The kids are aware that you all will be looking out for these. We began Unit 6- “Multiplication Strategies with Multi-Digit Numbers” and will continue through this unit next week. **Please ensure your child continues to practice his/her multiplication facts 0-12 at home.**

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, to celebrate finishing *The Tiger Rising* novel and writing our alternate endings, we watched the movie that goes along with it and then began an opinion essay on which told the better story (book or movie). The final draft of this opinion essay is due on Tuesday. Information on this can be found in Reading Google Classroom.

Next week, we will begin a new unit in which we focus on nonfiction texts and complete a research project on natural disasters.

Theology

In Theology this week we were focused on our roles in the Church as members of the Body of Christ. We learned more about the roles of the Pope and the bishops, and took a test over Unit 1. We enjoyed an activity reflecting on the gifts we’ve been given, and are continuing activities around our “collaborators” tenant of the month, in which we are studying Sts. Peter and Paul. Next week we will begin Unit 2 Lesson 6: “How does God share his life with us?” Unit 2 is focused on our community of believers, and the celebration of what we believe as Catholics. Please see the note below regarding our Theology lesson on Monday, October 30, 2023.

*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*® 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. This lesson will be taught on Monday, October 30th, 2023.

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