Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

5th Grade
10/27/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- 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.

  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.

- **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.

- If your child had a speech screening at the beginning of October, you will have the screening form in your child's Friday folder.

- With the weather changing, and the increased need for outerwear, please check sweatshirts and fleeces that have been brought home, especially interior labels and return any misplaced items to the school so they can be returned to the correct student. Thank you.

- You can now sign up for conferences that will be held on Thursday and Friday, November 9 and 10 at this link: https://calendly.com/5th_grade_fall_conferences/2023-conferences

Calendar/Important Dates:
- **Tuesday, October 31:** Rocky Mt. Region TEST *(CAPS and spelling count)*
- **Thursday, November 2:** Point of View quiz
- **Friday, November 3:** Theology quiz on pages 19-36 of the textbook

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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.

We will begin research for our *colonial trade project*.
 A few important dates:
 Rough draft due 11/7
 Final copy due 11/15,
 Presentations (in costume, with props) 11/15 & 11/16

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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 revisit the algorithm for multiplying multiple digit numbers. This week we will be learning about division of whole numbers and decimals. We use the mnemonic, "Does McDonalds sell cheese burgers?" to help students include all the steps in long division.

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To reinforce math concepts and skills, students are assigned sections for Khan Academy (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 started a banner project associated with the book, and that project will continue through the rest of the time we are working on the novel. In the end, students will have created a total of six banners in which they are identifying character traits and providing supporting evidence for those traits. We also had a quiz on singular and plural nouns, and we continued to work on

identifying points of view in literature. Students also received a new list of spelling words (high-frequency words).

Next week we will continue reading and annotating *Wonder*, and we will continue to work on the banner project. Students will also have a quiz on points of view and will work on the high-frequency spelling words.

Theology

This week we had a test on the St. Michael Prayer and also had the VIRTUS - Empowering God's Children lesson. We continued to work on lessons 1 and 2 in the *Christ in Us* testbook. We will have a quiz on that material next Friday,

Science

We are learning about ecosystems.We will learn about habitats, food chains, food webs, adaptations, conservation and more.