



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

10/06/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Charlottesville Catholic School is positively beaming with pride at the National Blue Ribbon Schools Award! To honor this amazing achievement, CCS students and staff will gather to celebrate on 10/13 from 2:00-3:00 pm...think banner parade, darling dance party, sweet sing-a-longs, fabulous photo opps, and much more! It will be a day to remember! Join us on the playground blacktop at 2:00 pm! Please park in carline so that dismissal is not delayed.
- School will be closed on Monday, October 9 for a teacher work day.
- It's a SLAM DUNK with UVA Men's Basketball! The Hawks had a fabulous time reading and visiting with Jordan Minor, tracing his foot for our Famous Foot Wall, and asking him burning questions! #FanFriday #WahoowaWeekend
- No Mass on Tuesday, 10/10 as all priests in the Diocese of Richmond will be attending the annual Priest Convocation. Students do not need to be in formal dress.
- Marvelous musicians! The Hawks have been selected to lead the entertainment portion of the upcoming CCS Veteran's Day Service! These cuties will join 5th graders to sign AND sign "My Country Tis of Thee." If your patriotic performer would like to practice at home to prepare for the big day, here is the [link](#).
- It's Fall, Y'all!! Chilly mornings and warm afternoons call for layers! Help your Hawk be weather-ready with CCS outwear (hoodie, sweater, or fleece) labeled with his/her name.
- Hispanic Heritage Month is in full swing!! A huge thank you to Katie Pearl and Kieran McDowell for combining the Hawks' love of books with this special opportunity to learn all about amazing cultures. There's still time to join our class to enhance our learning. Please email me if you have an idea!

- 5K/Fun Run Participants: Your bib packet is in your child's backpack! PLEASE do not mix up your chipped bib numbers for the 5K, this is how you will get results (your bib number is printed on the label with your name and t-shirt size if you do mix it up). Please remember to wear your t-shirt AND bib at the 5K/Fun Run!

Calendar/Important Dates

9/15-10/15 - Hispanic Heritage Month

10/9 - Teacher Work Day (no school)

10/10 - No Mass - Students do not need to be in formal dress)

10/11 -Unit 3 Math Test

10/11 - Native Americans Quiz

10/13 - National Blue Ribbon Schools Award Celebration at CCS, 1:30-3:00

10/17 - Bilingual Mass

10/20 - End of 1st Quarter

10/23- Field Trip to the Paramount Theater

10/27 - 1st Quarter Report Cards

10/31 - Halloween parade (timing TBD, typically shortly after carline)

11/1 - All Saints Day Mass and Second Grade Wax Museum, 10:00-11:30 am

11/16 - Theatrical Performance of "A Native American Cinderella," 12:45-1:30 pm

11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break

12/14 - JK-2 Concert

12/19 - Polar Express (volunteer timing TBD)

1/10 - Science Day (volunteering timing TBD)

3/13- Roald Dahl Day (volunteer timing TBD)

4/24 - Trashion Show, 2:15-2:45 pm (CCS Gym)

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Social Studies

Following our study of the Powhatan tribe of the Eastern Woodlands and the Lakota tribe of the Great Plains, these sweet second graders studied the Pueblo tribe of the Southwest, and learned how they adapted to their desert environment. From adobe homes to farms with irrigation, this tribe could do it all! The Hawks built their third and final living village, and finished the week strong with a festive game of Jeopardy to review all three tribes for an upcoming quiz!

Next week, we'll conclude this unit with a brief study of Christopher Columbus and a special guest visit about the tribes of the Pacific Northwest. Our very own Mrs. Christine Shank (JK Teacher extraordinaire!) will be sharing some exquisite artifacts with our studious second graders.

Math

Unit 3 is winding down! The Hawks have expertly navigated skip counting using arrays, as well as by 2s, 5s, 10s, and 100s; identified observable patterns when skip counting by 10s and 100s, both on and off decade/century; determined whether a number is even or odd; and utilized arrays to find the sum of equal addends. Here is some math vocabulary to drop in your dinner time chats: column, row, repeated addition, array, skip count, even, and odd.

Our math curriculum is very rigorous, and challenges the Hawk mathematicians to not only think critically, but to also explain their thinking. This is a developing skill for all second graders.

In the first quarter, the Hawks will answer many of these types of questions orally and with pictures to learn how to formulate a response as they work towards transferring oral responses to written responses. Keep up the good work of supporting your Hawk at home!

Fluency fans! The Hawks are spreading their wings as mathematicians, and are beginning the challenging work of fact fluency. My goal for these stupendous second graders is to move away from counting fingers and using manipulatives to solve computation problems, and instead commit these facts to memory. Our classroom will have numerous fact fluency resources and games to strengthen mental math skills. Please also give your Hawk's brain a math workout at home each day by practicing fact fluency 2-3 minutes daily.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Radiant readers! The Hawks read nonfiction passages related to both mapping and Hispanic Heritage Month, focusing on the skills of decoding and comprehension. Your little bookworm brought each of these passages home this week for optional re-reading. Re-reading passages is a great way to build vocabulary and fluency (both intonation and speed)!

Super storytellers! After a brief author study of Donald Crews, author of "Bigmamas" and "Shortcut," the Hawks tried their hand at using life experiences to write "It Happened to Me stories." From stories about trips to the beach to accidental arcade theft, the Hawks had me on the edge of my seat!

Our first full week of spelling instruction and homework went swimmingly! Please check folders for today's spelling test. Due to the short week, new words will not be introduced, and **there will not be spelling homework 10/9-10/13.**

Theology

Our Saint Projects are full-steam ahead! A huge thank you to Anton Korinek and Colleen Karvetski, who joined our class to assist with reading and research this week! Students also learned the five-finger prayer method (pray for those closest to you, people who point you in the right direction, world and church leaders, those who need help, and ourselves.

With a little help from our friends! Next week, the Hawks will team up with their Faith Buddies to take their research to the next level by transforming it into complete sentences and paragraphs! We'll also team up with our faith buddies to design a 2nd Grade banner for the National Blue Ribbon Schools Award celebration. #ParadeReady! These types of teamwork activities are the perfect way to kick off the October tenent of Collaboration!