



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

11/1/24

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

- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link
- We will have mass on Monday, December 9, to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Please consider signing up for the mass choir:
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-50743257-mass#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-50743257-mass#/)

Calendar/Important Dates

- Nov. 11th-Prayer Service for Veterans
- Nov. 14th 11:30 Dismissal
- Nov.14th and 15th - Conferences

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.
- Looking for something to do with all of the extra Halloween candy at your house? The Faith in Action middle school elective will be collecting candy for Blue Star Families, which will be sent to deployed service members. Candy should be sent in no later than Thursday, November 7.
- Pokemon cards and toys are a distraction to the school day. Please refrain from allowing your child to bring collectors/trading cards or other toys to school unless specifically notified by your child's teacher.
- 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 about the geographic features of South America. They will explore the Amazon Basin, which includes the Amazon River and Rainforest.

Next Week: Students will be learning about the Andes Mountain Range, and will identify all the geographic features on their maps of South America. They will also work on completing a vocabulary flip book.

Math

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

Next Week: Students will be learning the properties of addition: commutative, identity, and associative properties.

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): Long o & Vowel Team Syllables (cocoa, tiptoe, yellow, colt) - Quiz - Friday

-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 \(Let's Learn It - Week 7\) - due Friday](#)

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 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.

Next Week: Students will complete their plant and animal cell poster, and continue observing and measuring the growth of their seedlings. They will learn the process of photosynthesis and the different types of plants.