



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

5th Grade
11/01/2024



Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- We will be holding parent conferences Thursday, November 14 (after the 11:30 dismissal), and the morning of Friday, November 15. Please use the following link to schedule a conference:
https://calendly.com/5th_grade_fall_conferences/2023-conferences
 - If we met with you in the past few weeks, please consider not signing up for another conference on one of these days (allowing the spaces for parents who have not yet had a conference). If you had a recent conference, but need a follow-up, please let us know, and we can schedule another time to meet outside of the Nov.14/15 time frame.

Calendar/Important Dates:

Tuesday, Nov. 5: Colonial Trade Journal entry rough draft due (may be turned in early)

Wednesday, Nov. 6: Quiz on common/proper nouns and singular/plural nouns

Thursday, Nov. 7: Quiz on vocabulary from Liturgical Calendar unit

Friday, Nov. 8: *Wonder* Banner Project due

Wednesday, Nov. 13: Final copy of Colonial Trade Journal entry & fact sheet (typed) due

Wednesday, Nov. 13: Colonial Presentations (in costume, with props)

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Important School Announcements

- 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.
- 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.
- 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#.

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We are going to be learning about the first English colonies in North America. We will be starting our research and journal entry writing for our chosen colonial trade. Here are a few important dates: Rough draft due 11/7, Final copy due 11/13, Colonial Trade presentations on 11/13 (in costume, with props, memorization *not* required).

See the link for more details:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rpfXNu7WgBCGxtKN0v_Yt74fiUg_kyxGqVBBFqgZL6I/edit?usp=sharing

Students will be tested on sections of the United States. Students need to identify each state and write the correct name and its capital. To make this more manageable, students will only be learning one section at a time. The **Pacific Region test** will be on Tuesday, October 29th. **November 19th & 20th** will be the test dates for **all 50 states and capitals**. Students need to identify the correct state by shape/location and be able to write the state and capital name (spelling and capital letters count).

To help learn the states, your student may want to play some helpful online review games.

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/50-states-game>

Math

We have started to review long division using the mnemonic "Does McDonalds sell cheese burgers?" Knowing your multiplication facts is a must for success. Please continue to practice multiplication facts at home.

To reinforce math concepts and skills, students are assigned sections for Khan Academy ([khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)). This is for a grade. Students have their login and password in their planner. The 2nd qtr. requirements are to complete *Get ready for multiplication and division with whole numbers and decimals* (unit 4) and *Get ready for powers of 10* (unit 6). Students will work on Khan Academy as part of their extended math time.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we continued discussing and analyzing *Wonder* and completed five of the six banners for the banner project connected to the novel. The final project will be due on Friday, November 8. We also had a spelling and vocabulary test and continued studying nouns (common/proper and singular/plural). There will be a quiz on nouns next week, and students will receive a new list of spelling words.

Theology

We began the unit on the liturgical calendar and holy days of obligation this week and will continue with that next week. There will be a quiz on the vocabulary associated with this unit next week.

Science

We are learning about ecosystems. . We will also be making a conservation project using empty 2 liter bottles. Please send in any empty 2 liter bottles if you can. Please point out to your student any kudzu that is growing along the road if you have the opportunity. This is a great example of an invasive species.

Our next unit will be on atoms and elements. We will be conducting a mystery matter box lab in science.