



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 5th Grade

### 11/10/2023

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- \*\*Please save and send in empty **2 liter bottles** (rinsed please) for science.
- The originally published dates for the CCS Christmas Concerts have changed slightly. While the 3rd-5th Grade concert will remain on Tuesday, December 12, the JK-2nd Grade concert has been moved to **Wednesday, December 13**. Both concerts start at 6:15PM—students will need to arrive at school ***no later than 5:45PM***.
- Join the Fun! Camp4Real Kids Night Out is Coming to Charlottesville Catholic on Dec. 15! Kids Night Out (KNO) is a three-hour drop-off event featuring a catered dinner and an exciting lineup of engaging P.E.-style games and activities for children in kindergarten through 6th grade! Family fun with an impact! Camp4Real is proud to support the CCS community and will donate a portion of the event proceeds right back to our school! Discounted early registration is now open! [Click here](#) to learn more and snag your child's spot!
- The annual St. Nick's Shop (December 4-7) is an opportunity for JK-5 students to independently shop for their family at school. Prices will range from \$1 to \$15, with the majority at \$5, with many gift options to choose from. Gifts will be labeled and placed in gift bags to help keep them secret. This is a chance for students to buy gifts for others, not themselves. Participation is completely voluntary. [Please fill out one form per child](#). This form must be completed by November 29. All funds raised will be used to support PTO events for teachers and students such as the Teacher Christmas Luncheon and school ice cream socials. This payment will be billed through FACTS the week of December 11th—there will be no cash transactions this year. You also have the option to donate any change/unspent funds back to the school.

- CCS is using a new math program this year, Reveal Math, by McGraw Hill. This program is a tool for the teachers to help teach the curriculum standards. Some of the changes you may notice from the previous program include more rigorous problems, more reading, and problem solving at different levels. It is very exciting to see the higher level of critical thinking that can be taught with Reveal Math. We believe this program will help prepare the elementary students for success in math classes in middle school and beyond. Please reach out to Mrs. DeVane ([l.devane@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:l.devane@cvillecatholic.org)) with any questions.

### Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, November 14:** Pacific Region TEST (*CAPS and spelling count*)
- **Tuesday, November 14:** Unit 7 Division Math TEST
- **Tuesday, November 15th & 16th:** Colonial Trade Presentations (in costume with props) and final typed copy due (rough drafts turned in for credit)
- **Wednesday, November 16:** Theology Slide Presentation on Holy Days of Obligation is due

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## Social Studies

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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 Pacific region of the US. on 11/14

We are continuing research for our *colonial trade project*.

A few important dates

Final copy due 11/15,

Presentations (in costume, with props) 11/15

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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

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We have been learning the algorithm for 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. We will have a test on division on 11/14 and then begin our unit on volume and geometry.

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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, 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

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This week we continued reading *Wonder* and continued focusing on characterization. We continued working on the banner project associated with the book. We also had a test on the high-frequency spelling words and a quiz on possessive nouns.

Next week we will continue reading and annotating *Wonder*, and we will continue to work on the banner project. Students will also receive a new list of spelling/vocabulary words associated with *Wonder*, and we will study how to write a well-formed paragraph.

## Theology

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This week we began a unit on the Holy Days of Obligation, and students are creating a Slide Presentation on this material. That will be due on Wednesday, November 15.

## Science

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We have been learning about ecosystems. We will learn about invasive species and their impact on the environment. We are going to be learning about states of matter and atoms.

# KIDS NIGHT OUT



IS COMING TO

**CHARLOTTESVILLE  
CATHOLIC** *School*



**ACTIVE FUN  
FOR K-6TH GRADERS!**

**DEC. 15 | 6-9 PM**

## **KNO HIGHLIGHTS:**

- THREE-HOUR DROP OFF EVENT
- A KID-FRIENDLY, PLANT-BASED CATERED DINNER
- A VARIETY OF EXCITING P.E. STYLE GROUP GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
- A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, AND INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR YOUR CHILD TO PLAY
- A FUN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST DRIVE THE CAMP4REAL SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE

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