



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

5th Grade
11/15/2024



Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- It was wonderful to meet with so many of you yesterday and today.
- As the weather turns colder, please be sure your child has a jacket or sweatshirt for outdoor recess.
- Remember that winter dress starts after the Thanksgiving break.

Calendar/Important Dates:

Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 19-20: US states and capitals TEST

Thursday, Nov. 21: Spelling quiz on high frequency words

Friday, Nov. 22: End-of-novel test on Wednesday

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Reading, Writing, and Theology

Math, Science, and Social Studies

Important School Announcements

- 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#/>.
- Diaper Drive–Faith in Action is holding a Diaper Drive for Loaves & Fishes now through November 22. Collection bins will be in the student hallways. Your donation of new packages or boxes of diapers is greatly appreciated by the food pantry and parents in need.

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation.

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 will continue to review multiplication and division all year long. We are beginning our unit on volume ($V = l \times w \times h$).

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 we worked with the list of spelling words (High Frequency Words, List #1). Students also took a quiz on possessive nouns.

Next week, we will finish reading *Wonder* and will have a test on the novel on Friday. We will also have a quiz on the spelling words on Thursday.

Theology

We continued working on the liturgical calendar this week, and next week students will create a liturgical calendar for 2024-2025 that will be graded as a project and will be displayed in various classrooms throughout the building. The new liturgical year starts on Sunday, December 1, with the first Sunday in Advent.

Science

We have begun our unit on atoms and elements. We will be researching and presenting on our chosen element. Look for details to come. This is completed mostly in class.

We will also be making a conservation project using empty 2 liter bottles. Please send in any empty 2 liter bottles if you can.

Christmas Spirit Week

2024



Monday
Dec. 2
“Cozy Day”

- Loose fitting pj bottoms or sweatpants; comfy t-shirts or sweatshirts
- **NO slippers, crocs, leggings, onesies, or pj sets/nightgowns**
- Middle school: sneakers of choice
- JK-5: school sneakers

Tuesday
Dec. 3
Mass Day

- **No Spirit Wear dress up this day**
- **All students must be in formal dress uniforms for Mass**



Wednesday
Dec. 4
“Christmas Tag Day”

- Students must be in regular uniforms
- Christmas-themed accessories:
 - Necklaces, earrings, bracelets
 - Headbands or hair accessories
 - Socks, hats



Thursday
Dec. 5
“Sports Shirt Day”

- Students may wear a sports jersey or t-shirts (local team through major leagues)
- Middle school: jeans or uniform bottoms, sneakers of choice
- JK-5: uniforms bottoms and shoes

Friday
Dec. 6
“Blue & Gold Plus Day”

- Normal Blue & Gold Day dress requirements
- Blue or gold accessories:
 - Necklaces, earrings, bracelets
 - Headbands or hair accessories
 - Socks, hats

