



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter



**5th Grade**  
**11/03/2023**

### **Teacher's Message/Announcements:**

- **Virtual Good News! Book Fair**

CCS is happy to announce that we will be holding a virtual Good News! Book Fair from November 7-November 17th! All book orders should arrive at your home in time for Christmas presents. Want a sneak peak? Go to: <https://goodnewsbookfair.com/virtual-fair>.

- **Veterans Day Prayer Service**

We will be honoring our veterans on November 9 with a Veterans Day prayer service and flag planting ceremony. Please join us in the gym at 8:15AM. Our families and close veteran friends are welcome to join us. This is a very special school tradition. Students do NOT need to wear their formal dress uniforms that day. CCS students who participate in scouts may wear their scouting uniform to school that day.

- **Pan!**

Join Wendy, John, Michael, and our elementary drama club on a trip to Neverland! Be there as Peter Pan battles Captain Hook, Lost Boys fight pirates, Tiger Lily gets captured, and more! Performances are TOMORROW (Saturday, November 4) at both 1:00PM and 6:00PM in the Performance Hall. There is no cost to attend—hope to see you there!

- **Altar Server Training**

We have been so grateful for the return of our altar server ministry at our CCS school Masses! Due to the success, we have another opportunity for training for more students to get involved! **Those students who would like to get involved in this ministry must be Catholic and in 4th grade or up.** Middle school students will be eligible to put altar service towards school OR church service. If interested, mandatory training (for new servers) will be held on Monday, November 13th in the Chapel from 3:30pm-4:15pm. This training is optional for existing CCS altar servers. Sign-up by contacting Megan Pearring, Religion Coordinator at [m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org).

to wear their formal dress uniforms on Tuesday, October 31.

- Charlottesville Symphony Orchestra is offering free tickets to students and their families from Charlottesville Catholic School. Free student and accompanying adult tickets are available for their Masterworks concert on Sunday, November 12 at 3:30pm at Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center. The program features Beethoven's *Emperor* piano concerto and symphonic choral works by American composers.

Please send your information on how many tickets you need for you and your family through our Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/VpFxtBV1Foj7o5C49>

The deadline for requesting tickets for this concert is Wednesday, November 8, 5pm.

- With the weather changing, and the increased need for outerwear, please check sweatshirts and fleeces that have been brought home, especially interior labels and return any misplaced items to the school so they can be returned to the correct student. Thank you.
- You can still sign up for conferences that will be held on Thursday and Friday, November 9 and 10 at this link: [https://calendly.com/5th\\_grade\\_fall\\_conferences/2023-conferences](https://calendly.com/5th_grade_fall_conferences/2023-conferences)

### **Calendar/Important Dates:**

- **Tuesday, November 7:** Colonial Trade rough draft due
- **Wednesday, November 8:** Spelling quiz (High-Frequency Words #1 - no definitions)

- **Thursday, November 9:** 11:30 dismissal; afternoon parent conferences
- **Thursday, November 9:** Quiz on possessive nouns (VIE 1.4)
- **Friday, November 10:** No school for students; parent conferences
- **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 copy due
- **Thursday, November 2:** Point of View quiz
- **Friday, November 3:** Theology quiz on pages 19-36 of the textbook

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Math, Science and Social Studies

## 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:

Rough draft due 11/7

Final copy due 11/15,

Presentations (in costume, with props) 11/15 & 11/16

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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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This week we focused on 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.

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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, and that project will continue through the rest of the time we are working on the novel. In the end, students will have created a total of six banners in which they are identifying character traits and providing supporting evidence for those traits. We also had a quiz on identifying points of view in literature. Students also worked with the new list of spelling words (high-frequency words). We also began studying possessive nouns.

Next week we will continue reading and annotating *Wonder*, and we will continue to work on the banner project. Students will also have quizzes on the high-frequency spelling words and on possessive nouns.

## Theology

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This week we had a quiz on lessons 1 and 2 in the *Christ in Us* testbook. Next week we will start a unit on the Holy Days of Obligation.

## Science

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We have been learning about ecosystems. We will learn about invasive species and their impact on the environment.



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