



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

11/08/24

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **3rd Grade Parent Teacher Conferences** will be held on Thursday and Friday, November 14-15. Please select one day/time from the following link. Time slots are for 15 minutes and can be either in person or via Google Meet. Additionally, all conferences will be held together with Ms. Grassi and Mr. Little.
https://calendly.com/3rd_grassi_little_conferences/fall2024
- We are excited to be going on **field trips** this year and are looking forward to having parent chaperones help with that! To chaperone a field trip, you must be VIRTUS-trained. To register for that training, please use the following link:
https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?the
- Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to be drivers/ chaperones for our field trip in February to the Paramount Theater! Permission letters will go out in January for our trip.
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link

Calendar/Important Dates

- Monday, November 11 - Veterans' Day Prayer Service (8:15 AM)
- Tuesday, November 12 - 8:15 AM Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
- Thursday and Friday, November 14-15 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - Thursday - 11:30 AM Dismissal
 - Friday - No School

Teacher email addresses

- Ms. Grassi - k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org
- Mr. Little - t.little@cvillecatholic.org

Important School Announcements

- **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.
- **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.



- 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.
- 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

This 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.

Next Week: Students will identify all the geographic features on their map of South America and glue it into their passport. They will also work on completing a vocabulary flip book.

Math

This Week: Students are learning the properties of addition: commutative, identity, and associative properties.

Next Week: Students are learning addition using number patterns and compatible numbers as a strategy.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We “leapt” into 2 books authored by Patricia Polacco to teach us more about characters, how to ask questions as readers, and how to explore what climax means and identify it in a story. Since Polacco’s stories are similarly inspired from her own life, we were also able to compare and contrast both books (My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother and Picnic at Mudsock Meadow) through her writing style, illustrations, and tone. Additionally, these books helped us focus on grammar skills such as commas in a series and new and creative ways to describe (e.g., hyphenated adjectives), as well as review subject and predicate.

Next Week:

***At Home Project* - due Monday November 18**

-Turkey in Disguise Project - 2 Parts: Writing and Art Design

-Please check your child’s red Friday folder for the information packet

-Word Study (Spelling): **None (due to short week)**

-Writing/Grammar - ***Mentor Sentence Quiz - Tuesday, 11/19***

-Skill(s): Commas in a Series, Proper Nouns, The Writing Process

-Mentor Text: Saturdays and Teacakes

-Mentor Sentence: *Every Saturday she had hot biscuits, sweet butter, and Golden Eagle Syrup waiting on the kitchen table.*

-Reading - Understanding Characters/Changes, Memoir, Visualize, Mental Images - **Quiz - Friday**

Homework: **Reading Page (Let’s Learn It) - Week 7 *Due Thursday***

Study Resources: Grammar Voyages (Punctuation and Capitalization - Commas in a Series - 110, Capitalization 106, Proper Nouns 22), ELA Notebook, Reading Notebook, ELAR Folder, and Word Study Intro Letter/Packet

Theology

This Week:

This week consisted of finishing up our discussions within our Christ In Us workbook, Lesson 1.5: What is the Church? We also recognized Vocations Awareness Week, explored how God calls us to love and serve Him in our lives, and discussed the difference between a job (something you must do) and a vocation (your purpose). Furthermore, the kids enjoyed making cards of support for our designated seminarian, Brennen McCoy, who is currently studying at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore.

Next Week:

- Christ In Us Workbook (Unit 1) - Review and **Test - Thursday**
- Mass Prep - 3rd Grade (Mr. Little's Homeroom) will be leading Mass on Tuesday, November 19.
- November Tenet of the Month (Advocate)

Study Resources: Christ In Us Workbook (1.5), Theology Folder, Notebook, and **Study Guide**

Science

This 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.

Next Week:

Students will complete their vocabulary foldable. Students will be introduced to different ecosystems and the types of animals found in each ecosystem.