



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

5th Grade

12/15/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- Just a reminder: We return from Christmas break on Wednesday, January 3, and two IRAs are due on Friday, January 5.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** We will be taking our field trip to James Madison's Montpelier on Friday, April 19. We'll send out more details and permission slips as we get closer to the date..
- Even though the weather is turning colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:
 - Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.
 - If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
 - If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on.

Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.

- ****Please save and send in empty 2 liter bottles (rinsed please) for science.**
- 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 Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program. Students read books and then compete in a team trivia-style competition. The Diocese of Richmond has tentatively set a date for Wednesday, March 29 for schools to participate. We will have a grades 3-5 team and a 6-8 team. If your child would like to participate, please email Mrs. DeVane (l.devane@cvillecatholic.org).
 - [3-5 Book List](#)
 - [6-8 Book List](#).

Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, December 20:** First day of Christmas break
- **Wednesday, January 3:** Return from Christmas break
- **Friday, January 5:** Two IRAs due

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Reading, Writing and Theology

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Math, Science and Social Studies

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will be learning about the causes of the American Revolution.

Math

We have been learning about dividing with decimals. Remind your child when they get stuck, *over, over, up*!. Our next unit will be fractions.

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

This week we finished reading *Wonder* and completed work on the essay associated with the book. Students also turned in their banner project.

Because next week is such a short week, we will be doing a Christmas escape room and begin working on logic puzzles that will help with the skill of making inferences. We will be working on that skill when we return from the Christmas break. Students will also have some class time to work on their IRAs, which are due Friday, January 5.

Theology

This week students began studying the Apostle's Creed. Originally, we were going to have a test on that on Tuesday, December 19, but we've decided to postpone it until after the Christmas break.

Science

We have been learning about states of matter and atoms. We will be starting our unit on the Earth's structure and landforms.