



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter: 12/16/2022



5th Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- When we return from Christmas break, please make sure that your child's uniforms fit properly and guidelines regarding hair, makeup, and jewelry are being followed. Additionally, it is imperative that your child comes to school in proper outerwear for recess. Coats, hats, and gloves are required for the winter months. We truly appreciate your support.

Quando regresemos de las vacaciones de Navidad, por favor asegúrese de que el uniforme de su hijo le quede bien y que siga las reglas con respecto al cabello, el maquillaje y las joyas. Por ejemplo, para los niños, el cabello no debe extenderse sobre las orejas o debajo del cuello de la camisa. Tampoco debe tocar las cejas. Para niñas, los lazos para el cabello deben ser conservadores. También no se permite esmalte ni aretas que cuelgan. Adicionalmente, es imperativo que su hijo venga a la escuela con abrigo adecuado para el recreo. Se requieren abrigos, gorros y guantes para los meses de invierno. Nosotros verdaderamente apreciamos tu apoyo. Como siempre, si tiene alguna pregunta acerca del uniforme, por favor comuníquese con la Srta. Goodwin.

- **Save the date:** Our field trip this year is scheduled for Friday, April 21 to James Madison's Montpelier. We will be holding another VIRTUS-training session (probably late January) for anyone interested in chaperoning on the trip but who isn't yet VIRTUS-trained.

- By mid- to late-January, we will begin reading *Love That Dog*. This is the last novel we are asking students to purchase, as we will be annotating it. Please contact Deb at d.samley@cvillecatholic.org if you have any questions about this.
- Access to FACTS: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/pwr/school/>

Calendar/Important Dates

- **Thursday, January 5:** Rough draft of four-paragraph essay is due
- **Thursday, January 5:** Two IRAs are due
- **Friday, January 6:** N. Central States & Cap. TEST
- **Monday, January 9:** Revised draft of four-paragraph essay is due
- **Thursday, January 12:** Final draft of four-paragraph essay is due

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Social Studies

We will be continuing to learn about life in Colonial times. We will be learning about the French and Indian War.

Students will need to learn all the US states and capitals for 2nd Qtr. They will be tested by region and there will also be a comprehensive test on all the states and capitals. Your child can start learning them now by using the following online resources.

Practice games for state names (by region) found @

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm>

levels 1-7

Learn the capitals for each state @

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/50-states-game-2/>

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/capitals/game-2/>

levels 1 & 2

Math

*We will be working on mastering our multiplication table 0-12 and doubles by the end of the 2nd quarter (this is an extension). Please practice the basic multiplication facts at home or in the car coming to and from school. Knowing your multiplication facts is a vital skill that students will be needing for success in math in school and in daily life.

*Students will need to complete (mastery level) Khan Academy *Add Decimals and Subtract Decimals* by the end of the 2nd quarter.

This week we worked with all operations using decimals. We will continue to work with decimals and also review PEMDAS, order of operations in math.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we ended our unit on *Wonder* by watching the movie. Because I was out sick for much of the week, we did not get to work on the four-paragraph essay. We will work on that after the break. Also, we will finalize our study of sentence fragments and identify subjects and predicates and have a quiz on the material. We will also continue to read several short stories from the *Journeys* anthology. By mid-January, we will start reading *Love That Dog*. This is the last novel we are asking students to purchase, as we will also be annotating it.

Students' two IRAs (historical fiction and free choice) are both due on Thursday, January 5. They each count as a test grade for reading.

Religion

This week students took a quiz on Advent. When we return from break, we will begin a unit on the structure of the Bible.

Science

This week we students participated in several matter labs. Our next unit will be on topography.