



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

**5th Grade
12/20/2024**



Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- If your child is scheduled to do carline duty on a day that it is cold, please be sure they come to school with the appropriate cold-weather clothing. Girls wearing jumpers ARE allowed to wear any kind of sweatpants (does not need to be CCS sweatpants) when they are doing carline.
- Two IRAs are due on Monday, January 6. They are both online, and students are given ample time in class to complete them, but if, for any reason your child would like to complete some of the slides on paper rather than online, it is fine to submit a hybrid project in which some slides are done online and some on paper.
- Please be sure to refill your student's supply of notebook filler paper and pencils for the 3rd quarter.

Calendar/Important Dates:

Monday, January 6: IRAs due

Friday, January 10: End of 2nd Qtr., Blue & Gold Day

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Math, Science, and Social Studies

Important School Announcements

- **Christmas Break is a great time to make sure that uniform pieces fit students properly (especially lengths for pants, skirts, and jumpers), and for boys to get haircuts.**
- The Village School will host their annual GEM (Girls Excelling in Math) tournament on Saturday, March 22. Girls in grades 4 through 8 may participate. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mrs. DeVane at l.devane@cvillecatholic.org.

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will be exploring the events surrounding the Revolutionary War.

Math

We are going to be starting our unit on fractions. Your child will be learning to add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals, how to simplify and to estimate using 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 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. The 3rd quarter requirements are to complete Math: 5th grade for Coordinate Planes (unit 12), Line Plots (unit 15) and Multiplying Decimals (unit 8).

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we focused on defining words in context and on main idea/supporting details. We also started using logic puzzles to develop our skills of making inferences. Students also took a quiz on subjects/subject complements.

After we return from the break, we will be reading *Love That Dog*. We will read this very short book twice: the first time to focus on the content and making inferences, and the second time to focus on figurative language. We will be working on our poetry unit while we read this book (which is written as a poem). We will also begin diagramming sentences with subject complements.

Theology

This week, students recited the St. Michael's Prayer for a test grade.

When we return from the break, we will begin a unit on the structure of the historical foundations of the Church and its hierarchy.

Science

Students are learning about earth's structures and topography. We will be making 3D models and topographic maps.