



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 5th Grade

### 12/08/2023

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- We will be watching the movie *Wonder* on Friday, December 15, after we have a test on the novel. This movie is rated PG, so we will be sending an email allowing you to opt your child out of this movie, so please look for that early next week.
- 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.**
- **The new lunch company will not begin providing lunches until after the Christmas break, so please continue to be sure to pack a lunch for your child for all of December.**
- Friday, December 15 is our Tacky Christmas Sweater Day at CCS! Students will be allowed to wear appropriate tacky Christmas sweaters to school that day.
  - Students in K-5 may wear either their school uniform jumpers or pants, or CCS sweatpants.

- Middle School students may wear school uniform skirts or pants, blue jeans, or CCS sweatpants.
- All students must wear their uniform shoes.
- Any students not participating must wear their normal uniform.
- The originally published dates for the CCS Christmas Concerts have changed slightly. While the 3rd-5th Grade concert will remain on Tuesday, December 12, the JK-2nd Grade concert has been moved to **Wednesday, December 13**. Both concerts start at 6:15PM—students will need to arrive at school **between 5:40PM and 5:55PM**.
- 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:

- **Tuesday, December 12:** Revised draft of *Wonder* essay due
- **Wednesday, December 13:** Test on *Wonder* and banner project is due
- **Friday, December 15:** Unit 8 Math TEST
- **Friday, December 15:** Matter Test
- **Friday, December 15:** Watch *Wonder* movie
- **Tuesday, December 19:** Test on the Apostle's Creed

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Reading, Writing and Theology

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 be learning about the causes of the American Revolution.

## Math

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We have been learning about volume, composite figures and cubic units. We will be learning about dividing with decimals. Remind your child when they get stuck, *over, over, up*.

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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 essay associated with the book, and had a quiz on collective nouns.

Next week we will finish reading and annotating *Wonder*, and we will have a test on the novel on Wednesday. The banner project will also be due on Wednesday. Students will also turn in the revised draft of the essay connected to *Wonder*, and they will watch the movie *Wonder* on Friday.

## Theology

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This week students had a test on the liturgical calendar and Advent. Next week, they will begin a short unit on Catholic creeds and have a test on the Apostle's Creed on Tuesday, December 19.

## Science

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We are going to be learning about states of matter and atoms. We have a few fun labs coming up. We will be conducting a density lab. This activity can be recreated at home for fun if you would like - with adult supervision.