



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

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2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families,

Love is in the air! We'll be honoring this special holiday by celebrating friendship in our classrooms! If your child would like to participate in the OPTIONAL Valentine's Day card/treat exchange, please make sure he/she exchanges with his/her **entire homeroom**. If your child would like to exchange with both homerooms, he/she should give to all second grade students. You may use the class lists sent home via email to address cards or access names through FACTS. Please do not send Valentine's Day cards for students in other grades. If your child brings an edible treat, please make sure it is on the approved list of shareable foods found in FACTS or choose one that is not edible (sticker, eraser, bookmark, etc.)

Another thing to love next week on Valentine's Day, our 2nd grade kiddos will be hosting Mass for the school! Please consider coming and praying with us at 8:15am that morning!

One hundred days of HAPPY! This week, the Sloths and Cheetahs marked the 100th day of school! May the next 75 days be filled with just as much wonder, curiosity, joy, and friendship!

God bless,
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Calendar

2/14 - 2nd Grade leads Mass + Valentine's Day
2/16 - Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, 5-8 pm (Barracks Road Location)
2/17 - No School / Conferences

2/20 - No School
2/21 - Mexican Fiesta
2/22 - Ash Wednesday
3/4 - Father/Daughter Dance, 6-8 pm
3/15 - Torchy's Taco Spirit Night
4/3 - Spring Dress Begins
4/6-4/14 - Easter Break
4/21 - Blue and Gold Day
4/29 - Gala Auction
5/12 - Grandparents' Day, JK-5 Spring Concert, Spring Musical
5/26 - 11:30 Dismissal
5/29 - No School
6/2 - Blue and Gold Day

Announcements

- Calling all palms! Our chaplain, Fr. David, is collecting previously used Palm Sunday branches to create our ashes for our upcoming Ash Wednesday Mass. Please send in any palms you may have on Monday, February 13th so that Father may take them to burn for the following week's liturgy.
- Nuggets for your little nugget! Show your school spirit at the Barracks Road Chick-fil-A on Thursday, February 16 from 5-8 pm. Tell the cashier that you are part of the Charlottesville Catholic School community and 15% of all sales will come back to our sensational school!
- Friday, February 17, school is closed for parent/teacher conferences. This conference day is not meant to be conferences for every child. Teachers will be reaching out to you directly if they would like to hold a conference. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress, please feel free to reach out to them. Monday, February 20, school will be closed in observance of Presidents Day.
- Snacks + Students = Success!! **Please remember to send a snack** to school with your child. Yay Lunch selections do not include a snack!
- Cue the Cutlery! If your child needs a fork or spoon in order to easily eat his/her snack or lunch, please send one or both with your child's food. **Cutlery for student snacks/lunches is not available at school.**
- Birthdays are the sweetest at school! We love celebrating your cute kiddos and school! Please remember to **check the approved list of shareable foods** in FACTS. Your child is also welcome to share non-edible treats, such as pencils, mini playdough, stamps, stickers, etc.
- The Groundhog says 6 more weeks of winter! Whether or not you believe Punxsutawney Phil, please send your child to school in layers and with coats.

Students who are not appropriately dressed for the weather will need to stay inside. Of course, if it is warm enough to leave layers and/or coats inside, we'll make sure that's an option.

- If you're missing uniform/spirit wear items, check out the CCS Lost & Found (located in the stairwell near the cafeteria), as well as the Silly Sloth Classroom Lost & Found (aka Robinson's Rummage), located in a box under the ActivPanel.

Math

Field Trip Fankids! We had an utterly fantastic time at Danny Carmo's Mathematical Mysteries. The Sloths and Cheetahs sat on the edge of their seats with wide eyes and audible gasps while the magic unfolded before their very eyes. Check out the link below to learn Danny's sensational secrets:

<https://cahootsni.com/danny-carmos-mathematical-mysteries-handbook/>

Awesome adders! The Sloths and Cheetahs concluded this unit with a bang! Please check folders for graded math tests.

Coins and cuties! Next week, we'll begin a unit on money! If you have spare change lying around, now's the time to press it into action! The Sloths and Cheetahs will be identifying, counting, and comparing collections of coins.

Polar Bear Plunge! SplashLearn.com is a marvelous math resource for home use! Your child may access the site for free to complete work that we assign, including new assignments all about money!

Fabulous Fluency! Please continue to practice math fact fluency daily by using flash cards, calling out problems, rolling dice, or even using playing cards. Your Sloth or Cheetah is sure to impress!

Literacy

The Sloths and Cheetahs are learning all about pronouns (I, me, you, him, her, he, she, they, them, we, us, it), when to use each one, and what types of words they replace. We'll delve into possessive, indefinite, and reflexive pronouns next week.

Spelling superstars! The Cheetahs and Sloths got right back into the groove of spelling, both with classwork and homework. Graded tests will be sent home early next week. Due to back-to-back 4 day weeks, our sensational spellers will practice our next set of words for two weeks. More information will be shared via email next week.

Peppy puppeteers! The Sloths and Cheetahs are busy writing scripts and rehearsing for the upcoming puppet shows in JK. They are learning so much about how to collaborate and delegate responsibility, while also enhancing their oral fluency and storytelling skills! When writing at home, please draw attention to missing or misused capitalization and/or punctuation.

Religion

Our little theologians continued to discuss the mystery of the Trinity focusing on God the Son, Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit. Additionally, we spent our chapel time on Thursday practicing for our 2nd grade led Mass next Tuesday the 14th!

Next week, 2nd grade will practice again for our Mass before we lead our CCS community in prayer on Tuesday morning. Finally, we will conclude our study of the Trinity with a quiz on Wednesday the 15th. Looking ahead, we will be learning about the season of Lent when we return from our 4 day weekend! Please do consider sending in any palms from last year with your child on Monday so they can be burned for our Ash Wednesday ashes!

Science/Social Studies

Magnet magicians!! The Cheetahs and Sloths had an absolute blast performing magnet magic for Kindergarten, eliciting loads of oohs and awes! The best part according to the Sloths and Cheetahs? The big reveal and explanation, of course! It's an honor to watch these stellar scientists shine!

Magnet tests will be graded and sent home in blue folders early next week.

Next week, the Sloths and Cheetahs will test gravity and friction as they learn about the forces and motion that are all around us everyday! We'll use the scientific method to ask questions and design experiments.