



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 4th Grade

Dearest 4th Grade Families, it has been an action-packed week. The kids worked hard in our first Passion Play rehearsal, got to listen to our very own Mr. Snoddy talk about his job at the kyanite mine and learned more about metamorphic rocks and how they're used in everyday life, and had a blast watching our school-wide spelling bee. We look forward to our Valentine's Day TAG day just around the corner as well as our field trip to the Science Museum of Virginia. Fourth grade is the place to be!

#### Announcements

- 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.
- Valentine's Day is on Tuesday. Although it is formal dress for Mass that day, it is also a TAG Day for students. This week's Tuesday Teller has a list of approved/non-approved items for TAG Day. For our classroom activities:
  - Students may bring in Valentines to share with classmates, but if they choose to bring them in, they need to provide one for every child in the class. They do NOT have to bring in Valentines for the other homeroom, but if they choose to share one with any student in that room, they should bring in one for every one of the students.
  - If any of the Valentines come with edible items, please note that they will NOT be checked by the nurse, so all Valentines will come home in a sealed bag, and none will be consumed at school. Please be sure to check the items when they are brought home.
    - Please consider non-edible items attached to the Valentines (if any), but in no instance should any item be a homemade edible item
- Your child's attendance counts! We have officially entered our busiest time of year, and it is imperative that the kids are at school with us. **Thursday/Friday afternoons should not be missed from now until our Passion Play performance on April 6th.**
- 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.

- As we have several students with peanut allergies in 4th grade, please be conscientious of them when packing snacks/lunches.
- Contact emails: [a.burgin@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:a.burgin@cvillecatholic.org) [a.taleghani@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:a.taleghani@cvillecatholic.org)

### **Calendar/Important Dates:**

- Tuesday, February 14- Valentine's Tag Day- All students must still be in formal dress for Mass.
- 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.
- February 21, 2023- Field Trip to Richmond Science Museum.
- February 22, 2023- Ash Wednesday (Formal Dress for Mass)
- April 6, 2023- Passion Play

## Social Studies

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This week in Social Studies, students continued our unit on the American Revolution! The students participated in a debate as either a patriot or a loyalist. This was a fantastic and engaging activity that the students thoroughly enjoyed! Their arguments were strong and well supported.

We also tested over chapter 5. Next week, we will complete a brief project about the American Revolution.

## Math

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In Math this week the students have worked hard learning about prime and composite numbers, solidifying understanding of factors and multiples, and enjoyed learning how to recognize, and generate equivalent fractions. We used our knowledge of factors and division to put fractions in their simplest form.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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This week in Language Arts, students continued "Because of Winn Dixie" as well as a writing unit in which we focused on how to write realistic fiction stories. Students learned how to create story arcs and "show, not tell" in writing. These stories are really coming together and the students' writing is dramatically improving.

## Religion

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In Religion this week we began Unit 3 Lesson 11. We discussed the importance of being made in God's image, the dignity and rights we are entitled to because of it, and learned the meaning of true freedom through free will. We recalled ways 4th graders can do God's work in their everyday life to achieve true happiness. We learned how moral law and reason go hand in hand to guide us towards the right decisions and choices. We had a wonderful Passion Play rehearsal and look forward to our next. Scenes 4-7 should be memorized by Thursday, February 16th. Additionally, our Unit 3 Lesson 11 Quiz will be on Wednesday, 2/15.

\*A look ahead:

Scenes 8-11 memorized by Friday, February 24th

## Science

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In Science this week we've enjoyed comparing and contrasting various landforms, learning about volcanoes, earthquakes, rivers and glaciers and how they change the land over time, and loved being scientists in our fossil discovery activity. The Ch. 8 Science Test is scheduled for next Thursday, 2/16.