



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

# Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

5th Grade  
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## **Teacher's Message/Announcements:**

- Our spring field trip to James Madison's Montpelier is Friday, March 28, so if you would like to chaperone this event, please be sure your VIRTUS certification is up-to-date. If you have not yet attended the initial session, we will be holding one here at CCS next month: March 22. Each session lasts three hours and will be from 11:00-2:00. You can register at this link: [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0)
  - If you are willing/able to chaperone this trip, please email us so we have an idea of whether we will have enough chaperones for the event.
- CCS will be participating in the Battle of the Books! Students in grades 3-8 will read books this spring and then compete against other diocesan schools in a trivia-style game. The Battle will take place on Tuesday, May 20, in Richmond. Please email Mrs. DeVane if your child is interested in participating.

## **Calendar/Important Dates:**

**Monday, February 17:** No school in commemoration of Presidents' Day

**Tuesday, February 18:** Poetry Packet due (extended deadline because of snow days)

**Wednesday, February 19:** Quiz on prepositions and prepositional phrases

**Thursday, February 20:** Test on the sacraments

**Friday, February 21:** A-I Constitution Project

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**Important School Announcements**

- Faith in Action will be collecting items for the SPCA next week. Please send in dog and cat items such as food, treats, puppy pads, etc.
- 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](mailto:l.devane@cvillecatholic.org).
- CCS will be holding a Virtus-training session (Saturday, March 22) from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. If you plan to chaperone any spring field trips, you need to be VIRTUS-trained, so please consider signing up for this or one of the other sessions. You may register at this link:  
[https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0)
- We are excited to be offering a variety of after-school clubs. Below you will find some information on the offerings. Each CCS staff-led club will cost \$175.00 per session. The cost will go towards supplies and compensation for teachers. Please read about the clubs below and contact the instructor if you are interested in signing up or have further questions. Payment for the classes will be through FACTS.  
[Winter 2025 Archangel Clubs](#)

## 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 how the US Constitution was created and the compromises that were made.

## Math

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Students will be learning to divide fractions and simplify (reduce) their answers. The key words are “keep, change, flip”.

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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 3rd quarter requirements are to complete Math: 5th grade for Coordinate Planes (unit 12), Line Plots (unit 15) and Multiplying Decimals (unit 8).

*\*\*All students need to be checked off for their multiplication facts 0-12 and xx by the end of 3rd quarter.*

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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This week students had the end-of-novel test on *Love That Dog*. We also continued our unit on prepositions, and our unit on Greek and Latin affixes. They also completed the Poetry Packet. The due date for the Poetry Packet, however, has been extended to Tuesday because of the snow days. This week, we also began a short unit on the Civil Rights Movement, in which students will read several articles on the topic and identify the main idea and supporting details for each. Students also participated in a Valentine's Escape Room, focusing on poetry and figurative language.

Next week, students will have the quiz on prepositions and will continue the study of Greek and Latin affixes. In the short week, we will also start reading one or two short stories focusing on conclusions and generalizations (similar to making inferences). We will also continue our unit on affixes, and the test on those will be early the following week.

## Theology

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This week, students began a unit about the sacraments and participated in a webquest on the topic. They will have a test on the sacraments next week.

Next week, students will also begin memorizing the Nicene Creed. This is longer and more complicated than the Apostles' Creed, so we will be dividing it into three parts. Students will quizzes on the first two parts and then recite the entire prayer for a test grade in a few weeks.

## Science

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We have begun our unit on rocks and minerals. We have some great labs coming up!