



**Charlottesville
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Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

- **February 19** - No School, Presidents Day
- **March 4** - No School, Teacher Work Day
- **March 22** - End of 3rd Quarter
- **March 28** - Holy Thursday and 11:30am Dismissal
- **March 29 - April 7** - Easter Break

Announcements:

FIRST WEEK OF LENT—A SEASON FOR REFLECTION

CRS Rice Bowls were distributed this week, the charitable Lenten program from Catholic Relief Services. Your alms given to this cause will help support the work of CRS in over 100 countries. Twenty-five percent of the donations collected via the Rice Bowls stay in our local Richmond Diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. The other seventy-five percent will assist in CRS causes worldwide. Bowls will be collected at the end of Lent.

During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

All adults who will be working with/supervising students (including chaperoning on field trips) need to be VIRTUS-trained. We will be holding another VIRTUS session on Saturday, February 24 from 9:00-12:00 at CCS. Please use the following link to sign up for this session:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0

This spring at Charlottesville Catholic School we will 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 student. The cost will go towards supplies and compensation for teachers. Please read about the clubs below and contact the instructor directly if you are interested in signing up or have further questions. Payment for the clubs will be billed through FACTS.

[Spring 2024 Archangel Clubs](#)

Please know that we will be going outside even in the very cold winter months. Our girls can wear navy tights or capris to keep them warm outside. Of course, pants and polos are also a good option. Bare skin on frigid days is a concern. Please help us by helping your child on days they wear a jumper. Thank you!

Even though the weather is 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.**

Social Studies

This week we started our study of Black History Month. We will learn about some famous African Americans in history and at the end will conduct research on one and complete a project.

Math

This week we continued our unit on geometry and fractions. We identified 3D shapes based on given attributes and described 3D shapes. Next week, we will continue learning about 3D shapes and examine equal and unequal shares.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we discussed having a growth mindset and the central message or lesson of a story as we read "The Koala Who Could". Next week we will be reading the biography, "The Radiant Child," about the life of the artist, Jean Michel Basquiat. We will be learning about Biographies as well as practicing with Main Idea and Supporting Details within nonfiction texts.

Grammar

We focused on adding the ending -ed to words. Next week we will focus on writing dates with correct capitals and commas.

Writing

This week we wrote about the lessons that we learned from stories as well as words that end in the suffix -ed. There were also several writing opportunities across content areas including

sentence dictation, spelling, and written responses in science and math. Writing activities in our Daily 5 rotations such as journal/story writing continued as well.

Theology

In Theology, we prepared for Ash Wednesday by learning about what, why, and how this day is important to the season of Lent. We, also, talked about ways to increase prayer and practice fasting and almsgiving and students put together a Lent craft that can help them incorporate prayer, fasting, and almsgiving throughout the season while at home. Next week, we will learn about an important Lenten prayer, the Stations of the Cross, and begin praying the stations together on Fridays throughout the season.

Science

This week we focused on social studies.

Other Information

Colder Weather is here!

Please make sure that your child brings something warm and long sleeve to school each day (e.g., jacket, sweatshirt, sweater). We will continue to go outside, weather permitting, for recess, lunch, and snack as much as we can.

Winter Dress

This means we are no longer wearing shorts and ankle socks. Girls must also be in navy knee highs, navy leggings, or navy tights. Please have your child try on their uniform pants to make sure that they fit, and place orders soon, as FlynnO'Hara has been running into distribution and shipping delays.

Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:50)

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Our first grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

Specials Schedule

Monday - Art and Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday-Library Friday - Music

Dress Uniform

Boys - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks
NO white.

Girls- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

Homework (M-TH)

Math- Math Spiral Review #20

Reading- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night.

FOR FUN! Reading February Challenge :) See how many you can complete.

ELA- ELA Spiral Review #20

Religion- Practice Our Father Prayer