



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

5th Grade

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Teacher's Message/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

Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Monday, February 19:** School Closed
- **Wednesday, February 21:** Math TEST -Ch. 11
- **Thursday, February 22:** Test on *Love That Dog*
- **Friday, February 23:** Poetry packet due (project grade for both reading and writing)

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Math, Science and Social Studies

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will be learning about major events of the American Revolution. We will be working in groups to complete an activity on the Constitutional Convention.

Math

In math we will be working on fractions: unit fractions, simplifying fractions, multiplying and adding fractions. We Will play SMITE on 2/21 and our test will be on 2/21.

We have been using formulas to solve for area with fractional numbers. Students need reminders to add squared units to their answers. We have also been learning how to divide fractions - please remind your child to *Keep-Change-Flip* (KCF) to solve.

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 qtr. requirements, **due before the end of the quarter 3/19/24** are Coordinate Plane, Line Plots and Multiplying decimals (under 5th grade - **not** Getting Ready for 5th).

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week students finished reading *Love That Dog* for the first time, focusing on making inferences. There will be a test next week on the content of the novel on Thursday. After that, we will read the novel a second time, annotating all the figurative language in the book. This week we also participated in a Valentine's Day Escape Room, focusing on poetry and figurative language. There was also a quiz on Greek and Latin roots. This week, students also worked on the poetry project, which is due on Friday, February 23.

Next week, students will be using the figurative language terms and definitions as our next list of spelling/vocabulary words. There will be a test on the material early the following week.

Theology

This week we wrapped up the unit on the sacraments with a test on Thursday. Next week, we will do a short unit on Lent.

Science

We have started our rock cycle unit. We will be doing several labs during this unit.