



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

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## Friday Newsletter

Feb 17, 2023

### 2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families,

Friends make the world go 'round! Valentine's Day is the perfect time to reflect on and be thankful for our wonderful friends and classmates! We found many ways to honor this special day with friends through science, math, and literacy. Ask your child about making cards for Ms. Wisbey, how chocolate is made, which animal has the biggest heart, how we ended "Cupid's Catastrophe," and candy science! It's a great day when eyes are wide, and smiles are wider!

A big thank you to all of our Cheetahs and Sloths who helped us to pray so well at Mass this last Tuesday morning! They are naturally humble leaders. Can't wait to see them be stupendous ministers again on April 4th!

Next week begins the season of Lent! Please consider taking time as a family to discuss something to give-up and take-up that will help you and your family draw closer to the Lord. While sacrifices are hard, we make them to remind us of Jesus' sacrifice for us and how sacrifices can be transformed into something beautiful. Below are a few resources that you may wish to refer to as you prepare your hearts for the coming of our Resurrected Lord at Easter:

- [A Lenten Checklist for Catholic Families \(Sadlier\)](#)
- [Your Catholic Family Guide to Lent \(Teaching Catholic Kids\)](#)
- [Keeping Lent: A Guide to What We DO for Kids \(Catholic All Year\)](#)

God bless,

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## **Calendar**

2/17 - No School / Conferences

2/20 - No School

2/21 - Mexican Fiesta

2/22 - Pronouns Quiz

2/22 - Ash Wednesday

3/4 - Father/Daughter Dance, 6-8 pm

3/15 - Torchy's Taco Spirit Night

3/23 - Second Grade Science Day

4/3 - Spring Dress Begins

4/6-4/14 - Easter Break

4/21 - Blue and Gold Day

4/27 - Second grade Trashion Show, 12:30-1:20 (time may change slightly)

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**

- Lent is coming! This week, your child brought home a CRS Rice Bowl. Please see the letter from CCS's Faith in Action leader, Heather Bryan, on the last page of this newsletter for further information about how this annual practice can help your child and family practice giving alms during this penitential season.
- So fun to see so many Sloths and Cheetahs at Chick-fil-A! Thank you for supporting our special school through the love of food!
- Yummy, yummy, yummy...pack a snack for their tummy! **Please remember to send a snack** to school with your child. Yay Lunch selections do not include a snack!
- Cutlery and cuties!! 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.**
- Hip, hip hooray...it's so fun to celebrate student birthdays! 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.
- While that goofy groundhog appears to have been wildly wrong, please continue to send your child to school in layers and with coats. It is chilly in the morning and in the shade! **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

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Marvelous with Money! The Sloths and Cheetahs observed each coin (penny, nickel, dime, and quarter), as they practiced locating identifying features. They also compared and contrasted the size, color, and value of each coin. Check between those couch cushions and under your car seat for long lost change! Your Sloth or Cheetah will benefit from having extra practice with real money!

Pool noodles! 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!

Fluency fireworks!! Keep those math fact skills sharp! After our unit on money, the Sloths and Cheetahs will return to computation with a unit focused on three-digit subtraction.

## Literacy

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Pronoun Party! The Sloths and Cheetahs tried their hand at possessive, indefinite, and reflexive pronouns this week. After a brief review on Monday, they'll flex their grammar muscles on a pronoun quiz!

Spelling is back in full swing! Due to the four-day schedule both this week and next, the Sloths and Cheetahs will work with the current word list again next week. Please complete at least two homework activities each week from the [homework menu](#). The test for these words will occur next Friday, February 24.

And the crowd goes wild! Our captive audience of Junior Kindergarteners adored the puppet shows! This multidisciplinary project involved reading, writing, speaking/performing, creating (props, puppets, scenery), and collaborating. We couldn't be more proud of the Cheetahs and Sloths!

## Religion

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What a wonderful job 2nd grade did leading Mass for CCS this week! We are so proud of them all. Later during the week, we finished our unit on the Trinity with a rousing review game of Stinky Feet (ask your Cheetah or Sloth about all the fun!) followed by a culminating quiz. It's so impressive that theologians this young can get a strong grasp on such a big mystery!

Next week, as a community, we will be celebrating the beginning of the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Then, we will be learning about the beautiful season of Lent as we listen to / watch Brother Francis and begin praying our weekly Stations of the Cross.

## Science/Social Studies

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After exploring and experimenting with magnets, the Sloths and Cheetahs learned all about gravity and friction, testing out each with lots of fun experiments this week! Ask your child about the ball races, gravity cup challenge, and designing their own super fast slides! On our upcoming Science Day, the Cheetahs and Sloths will each experience how a lack of friction will allow them to hover over the gym floor on Mrs. Robinson's hover disc!

Next week, in the hopes of teasing out a snow day or two, the Sloths and Cheetahs will investigate weather!

Dear Families,

This Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger—and our Gospel call to care for our global human family.

CRS Rice Bowl gives us a wonderful opportunity to encounter different people from around the world, know more about their lives and recognize them as our sisters and brothers. We will see how, through our prayer, we encounter Jesus, who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we fast, we encounter the obstacles that prevent us from fully loving God and our neighbor. And when we give alms, we share in solidarity with those who need our support.

By joining our sacrifices, prayers, and alms giving this Lent with those of other parishes and Catholic schools in the United States, we will help millions of women, men and children around the world whose economic challenges have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Together as a Church, through CRS Rice Bowl, we can contribute to the efforts of those who seek to build a better world for themselves and their communities.

CRS Rice Bowl provides many resources for daily reflection throughout the liturgical season. Consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey.
- Use the CRS Rice Bowl recipes to prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.
- Visit [crsricebowl.org](https://crsricebowl.org) to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

Your sacrifices during this holy season have the power to change lives by providing enough nutritious food for families to thrive. And by practicing the pillars of Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, I hope both your faith and connection to our one human family deepens.

CRS Rice Bowls will be collected at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more. Thank you for participating in the CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

Sincerely,

Heather Bryan and the Faith in Action Elective  
Charlottesville Catholic School