



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter: 02/17/2023



5th Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **Monday, February 20**, school will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.
- **Tuesday, February 21**, there is no Mass, and no formal dress required.
- **Wednesday, February 22**, is Ash Wednesday, and there will be a Mass that day (formal dress is required). All students and adults will receive ashes at that Mass.
- During Lent, we will be participating in a number of activities that reflect a greater emphasis on fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. As part of that emphasis, a Rice Bowl from Catholic Relief Services was sent home yesterday. A letter outlining that program can be found at this link: [Introduction-Letter-to-Families-2022 \(1\)](#)
- Our fifth grade field trip will be held on Friday, April 21. Thank you to all the parents who reached out this week to indicate they could drive students on this trip. We are still in need of a few other drivers who are VIRTUS-trained and can transport students. ***Please email us as soon as possible if you are able to drive students on this trip.***
- Access to FACTS: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/pwr/school/>

Calendar/Important Dates

- **Thursday, February 23**: Test on The Nicene Creed
- **Friday, February 24**: Poetry packet is due

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Social Studies

We will continue our focus on key figures in the colonist rebellions. Students will be learning about primary sources.

Math

We have been working finding volume using formulas and working with perimeter. We will be starting our fraction unit this week.

*Students will need to complete (mastery level) Khan Academy *Coordinate Plane, Line Plot and Multiply Decimals* by the end of the 3rd quarter.

* Please practice the basic multiplication facts at home or in the car coming to and from school. Knowing your multiplication facts is a vital skill that students will be needing for success in math in school and in daily life.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we continued to work on the poetry-writing unit, which will be due on Friday, February 24. We also took a test on sentence fragments and run-on sentences and continued to work on identifying a main idea and supporting details in a text. Students also began reading *Love That Dog* a second time, this time annotating the book and focusing on the figurative language included in the story.

Next week, students will finish their poetry packets and turn those in on Friday for a project grade for both reading and writing. They will also begin a unit on prepositions, which is often challenging for many students. They will probably be ready for a quiz on the material early or mid-week the week of February 27. They will also receive a new list of spelling/vocabulary words next week..

Religion

This week students took a quiz on the first two parts of The Nicene Creed. They will be ready for a test on the entire prayer next Thursday. They also worked on some of the parts of the Bible Story project, and we continued to discuss the saints. Next week, we will focus on Ash Wednesday and Lent.

Science

This started our rock unit this week. We will be creating sandstone and crystals in our lab this week.