



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

February 17, 2023

### Kindergarten

Kindergarten had an exciting week! Students had a great time exchanging Valentines on Tuesday. Thank you for helping your child create a fun day. They also played in the “snow” and made elephant toothpaste in the STEM lab.

Monday, February 20, school will be closed in observance of Presidents Day.

Please send a well rinsed 64 ounce milk or juice carton by Monday, April 3.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments. The best way to reach us is by email.

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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

Our annual Mexican Fiesta will be held on Tuesday, February 21, from 5:00PM-7:00PM in the school gym. We hope you all will join us for this "Fat Tuesday" celebration before the Lenten season begins. A huge thank you to the Martinez Morales family for making all of the food, and to the PTO for all of their hard work in making this event happen. Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://events.cvillecatholic.org/mexican-fiesta/>

Units

February: Groundhogs, Valentines, Presidents, Dental hygiene, Black History, 100th Day of School, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday,  
March: Dr. Seuss' birthday, Lent, Saint Patrick's Day, Spring, wind

- Please send a school fleece or sweater for the classroom in case your child is cold in the building.
- Please label everything that you would like returned to your house. Over the years, we have had a very high rate of return for misplaced items that were clearly labeled.

## **Important Dates**

- 2/20 School Closed for Presidents Day
- 2/21 Mexican Fiesta
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday
- 3/3 Blue & Gold Day
- 3/4 Father Daughter Dance
- 3/24 School Closed Student//Teacher Holiday
- 3/27 School Closed Teacher Work Day
- 4/3 Spring dress begins
- 4/6 - 4/14 Easter Break
- 4/21 Blue and Gold Day
- 4/29 Gala Auction
- 5/5 Blue and Gold Day
- 5-8 Book Fair and Art Show
- 5/12 Grandparents' Day, JK-5 Spring Concert, Spring Musical
- 5/26 11:30 Dismissal
- 5/29 School Closed for Memorial Day
- 6/2 Blue and Gold Day
- 6/7 Kindergarten Ceremony and last day for kindergarten

## **Social Studies**

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Students say prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance each day. We are learning about famous black Americans.

## **Math**

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We continued our Math Journals this week. Each day we graph the weather for the day, add a number to our calendar, draw a circle in our 180 day ten frame chart, and color in a number in our 100s chart. We composed and decomposed numbers up to 10. We finished subtraction. Please have your child practice counting by ones, fives, and tens to 100. Soon, we will begin our unit on time, practice time to the hour with clocks, read *The Very Grouchy Ladybug*, make a ladybug out of an egg carton, and play February themed math games.

We are into our unit on money(first) and time (second).  
Please use everyday teachable moments to help reinforce these skills.

Math Practice at Home

Tell the time on a clock in your house to the hour or half hour.

Identify coins and count change.

Add or subtract items in your house or while shopping at the store.

Group and count objects in your house.

## **Language Arts/Reading/Writing**

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We continued fluency passages. Each passage focuses on a particular word family, consonant blend, or digraph. Please have your child read these passages to you at home. Students are learning to blend sounds to read consonant-vowel-consonant words. Please

continue to practice sight words at home. Students are working on pencil grip and writing on the lines. Students are learning the structure of Daily Five. As we send books home, please have your child point to each word and read the book three or more times. We are working hard to help students build independence by approaching tasks with the following guidelines: get started right away, work the whole time, stay in one spot, work quietly, build your stamina.

### Reading Practice at Home

Please let your child read a decodable reader (word family focused), or leveled reader book to you each night. We'd also encourage you to read to your child each night as well. The effect size for both is great.

Listen to a story.

Read at least one story or fluency passage to an adult each night.

Practice reading nonsense words or other cvc words.

Practice sight words.

## Religion

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We read a Bible story each day, prayed and talked about how God led the Israelites to the promised land. We also have a science related devotion each day and we are learning a lot about God's amazing world.

## Science

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Kindergarteners enjoyed playing in the snow and making elephant toothpaste in the STEM lab.

<https://www.steamda.com/summer-experience>

<https://www.steamda.com/schoolyearprograms>

Steam Discovery Academy: <https://www.steamda.com/charlottesville>

## Other Information

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2022/2023 Student/Parent Handbook

<https://cvillecatholic.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9b38293f7bcd2ecbc2bab7c88&id=a89cb5f427&e=fdab17459c>

[Charlottesville Catholic School Uniform Policy](#)

Kindergarten website

<https://sites.google.com/cvillecatholic.org/ccs-kindergarten-website/home>

Songs and story links:

*Hartman Penguin dance:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uf0uKwKwnKs>

[Kids Worship: Psalm 23](#)