



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

# Charlottesville School

## Friday Newsletter

### Junior Kindergarten

### February 2, 2024

#### **Emails**

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#### **Calendar/Important Dates**

January 29-Feb 2: Catholic Schools Week

February 16th: School Closed

February 19th: School closed for Presidents Day

#### **Science/Social Studies**

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Ms. Wawner's class finished our unit on maps. Students created a map of an imaginary town that included roads, trees, stores, offices, etc. They also did their first take-home assignment and created a map of their room. Students enjoyed sharing their bedrooms with the class. Thanks for the help, parents! Next week, we will do a social studies unit where we learn about and celebrate the Chinese New Year. Ms. Shank's class had fun learning about chemistry. We made rubber eggs by soaking them in vinegar. We made raisins "dance" in soda. We also watched how baking soda and vinegar cause a chemical reaction. Next week we will start a large unit on the Rainforest. It will take us approximately 3 weeks. The students will learn about the layers of the rainforest, what animals live in the forest, what a carnivore, omnivore and herbivore is, and a food chain. We will also create our own rainforest in a box with the different layers including the animals that live at each layer. The students will also be making a craft of the animal they chose. The students with the help of their faith buddies will each research a different animal. Our room will be decorated like a rainforest.

#### **Math**

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Ms. Wawner's class started a unit on graphs. We are having fun asking questions to the class and graphing our answers. Ms. Shank's class will continue to work on teen numbers. There are many students who still do not recognize their teen numbers and can not count a group of more than 10 objects. We have been working hard on "counting on" using ten frames. For example, if we know that one ten frame has ten and the other ten frame has 3 then we know it

is 13. We can just count up from ten. This is not only to be able to recognize and count more than 11 but is also in preparation for our unit on adding and subtracting.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Ms. Wawner's class focused on the letter H this week. Students made houses and hidden messages with white crayons and watercolors. We started learning about syllables and how we can count how many beats each word has. We reviewed the sight words we have learned thus far with different review games. Next week, we will learn the letter "F" before reviewing all our letters and sounds and we will learn the sight word "we."

Ms. Shank's class worked on the letter B. Next week we will look at the letter H and continue working on our rhyming skills. We have been working on them for 2 weeks and I would like to see how the students are doing. Next week we will begin learning about syllables. We will also review the recent letters/sounds and assess our knowledge of those. Our book for next week will be "Bonkers Likes to Bark". Our sight words will be "like, to, at". We will be reading lots of non-fiction books about the rainforest.

## Theology

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Ms. Wawner's class talked about miracles and listened to the story of Moses parting the Red Sea. We created a Pop-up picture of Moses parting the waves. We also celebrated Catholic Schools Week. Ms. Shank's class began a study of the Bible hero Joseph. We talked about forgiveness and will continue to talk about forgiveness next week.. Each student was able to make their own coats of many colors. If you have an opportunity please come to our final day of Catholic Schools week celebration with our living rosary at 8:15, Catholic Bee at 1:00 followed by a very moving faith rally sing along which should start around 1:45. Last year it was quite amazing to hear all of the students singing together.

## Other News and Reminders

**Catholic Schools Week in YOUR Parish!** Charlottesville Catholic School hopes to have a large presence in our local parishes for Catholic Schools Week this weekend. Please consider signing your family up to serve in this capacity. Greeters, ushers, gift bearers, and hosts for our information tables are needed. We invite students, parents, grandparents – anyone with a love for our great school - to help. See the sign ups below.

### [St. Thomas Aquinas \(February 3/4\)](#)

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](#)

**From Administration:**

As Valentine's Day approaches, we are reminded that this year it coincides with Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season. During this time, we are called to fast, abstain, and repent in order to refocus our hearts on the Lord and prepare ourselves for Easter.

Throughout the 40 days of Lent, we are encouraged to distance ourselves from worldly distractions and instead replace them with prayer and practices that bring us closer to Jesus. Rather than focusing on traditional Valentine's Day gifts, let us celebrate in a new way by showing our love for the One who loves us most.

This February 14th, let us make sacrifices for the Beloved and enter deeper into the True Love that is Christ. By doing so, we can fully embrace the spiritual growth and renewal that comes with the Lenten season.

We will not be having our traditional Valentine's Day parties, but the students are welcome to bring in Valentines to exchange with their friends as this is a lovely way to show our care for one another.