



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, February 25** - No Mass, students can wear regular uniforms
- **Tuesday, March 4** - No Mass, moved to Ash Wednesday on 3/5
- **Wednesday, March 5** - Mass, students wear formal dress, Ash Wednesday
- **Friday, March 7** - Blue & Gold Day
- **Thursday, March 13** - 11:30am dismissal, end of 3rd quarter
- **Friday, March 14** - No School, End of Quarter
- **Monday, March 17** - No School, Teacher Work Day
- **Friday, March 21** - 3rd Quarter Report Cards
- **Friday, March 21** - Supplies for Resurrection Tombs due!
- **Friday, March 28** - Resurrection Tombs in STEM Lab, 2:00-2:45pm
- **Thursday, April 10** - Supplies for Resurrection Eggs due!
- **Friday, April 11** - First grade student-led Stations of the Cross, 8:15am

School Announcements:

Faith in Action will be collecting items for the SPCA next week. Please send in dog and cat items such as food, treats, puppy pads, etc.

CCS will be holding two Virtus training sessions (Saturday, February 8 and Saturday, March 22) from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. If you plan to chaperone any spring field trips, you need to be VIRTUS-trained, so please consider signing up for one of these two sessions. You may register at this link: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0

[Winter 2025 Archangel Clubs](#)

Teacher Announcements:

During Lent, first grade will be participating in a few special activities and would welcome parent help and involvement!

March 28, 2:00-2:45pm, STEM Lab - Making a Resurrection Tomb

The children will make a Resurrection Tomb in anticipation of Easter. A few items are needed and volunteer assistance is requested to help assemble the craft. If you are able, please donate or sign up to join us: [Resurrection tombs signup](#). **Please send donated items to school no later than Friday, March 21st so they can be prepared in advance.** Thank you!

April 10 - Resurrection Eggs supplies due - *please provide a one-dozen egg carton filled with a dozen empty, plastic eggs*

On Holy Thursday, first grade will be participating in an activity called Resurrection Eggs, where they will each receive their own set of Resurrection eggs to bring home and keep. Once filled, each egg will contain a symbol that helps teach students the story of the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord. As we read the Easter story, students will open their eggs to find a symbol inside that represents that piece of the account. If you'd like to learn more, here is a link: [Resurrection Eggs for Easter - Creative Catholic Mamas](#)

April 11, 8:15am, student-led Stations of the Cross

All families are welcome to join first grade as we walk the Stations of the Cross around the CCS drive following morning carline. Students will be leading the stations. No sign up is required!

Social Studies

This week we continued to learn about maps. Mrs. Mauney's class made our own bedroom map and made up our own color code. Mrs. Milnor's class had snow days during our social studies day. We will continue with maps next week.

Math

This week we began our 5th unit of the year - geometry! We identified, described, and constructed 2D shapes based on given attributes. Next week we will continue our study of shapes.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we listened to the book "The Big Bed" by Bunmi Laditan and talked about point of view. Because of the short week we did not test on the book or the skill. Next week we will be reading the biography, "The Radiant Child," about the life of the artist, Jean Michel Basquiat. We will be learning about Biographies as well as practicing with Main Idea and Supporting Details within nonfiction texts.

Grammar

Next week we will focus on writing dates with correct capitals and commas.

Writing

This week we wrote about point of view, focused on using the appropriate article when constructing sentences, and responded to various writing prompts. Writing activities in our Daily 5 rotations such as journal/story writing continued as well.

Theology

This week we read from the book of Matthew how Jesus tells His people about the greatest commandment; to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. In chapel this month we have been learning about Saints of color in observance of Black History Month. This week, we learned about the life of St. Josephine Bakhita! Next week, we will begin preparing for the season of Lent.

Science

We focused on Social Studies this week.

Other Information

Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:30)

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Our first grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

Specials Schedule

Monday - Library & Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday- Art Friday - Music

Dress Uniform

Boys - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks
NO white.

Girls- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

Homework (M-TH)

Be on the lookout for your child's homework sheet in next week's Monday binder.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading is the MOST important homework and should be done EVERY night!