



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

**5th Grade
02/21/2025**



Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- Our spring field trip to James Madison's Montpelier is Friday, March 28, so if you would like to chaperone this event, please be sure your VIRTUS certification is up-to-date. If you have not yet attended the initial session, we will be holding one here at CCS next month: March 22. Each session lasts three hours and will be from 11:00-2:00. You can register at this link: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0
 - If you are willing/able to chaperone this trip, please email us so we have an idea of whether we will have enough chaperones for the event.
- The permission slips for the Montpelier trip went home in last week's Friday folder, so, if you haven't done so already, please complete that and return it when you can.
- CCS will be participating in the Battle of the Books! Students in grades 3-8 will read books this spring and then compete against other diocesan schools in a trivia-style game. The Battle will take place on Tuesday, May 20, in Richmond. Please email Mrs. DeVane if your child is interested in participating.

Calendar/Important Dates:

Tuesday, February 25: Test on the sacraments (rescheduled from last week)

Tuesday, February 25: A-I Constitution Project (extended deadline due to snow days)

Wednesday, February 26: Quiz on first third of the Nicene Creed

Thursday, February 27: Test on the Civil Rights packet (reading)

Friday, February 28: Science Test: Rocks and Minerals

Tuesday March 4: Math Test: Dividing Fractions

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Important School Announcements

- The Village School will host their annual GEM (Girls Excelling in Math) tournament on Saturday, March 22. Girls in grades 4 through 8 may participate. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mrs. DeVane at l.devane@cvillecatholic.org.
- CCS will be holding a Virtus-training session (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 this or one of the other sessions. You may register at this link: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0
- We are excited to 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 session. The cost will go towards supplies and compensation for teachers. Please read about the clubs below and contact the instructor if you are interested in signing up or have further questions. Payment for the classes will be through FACTS.
[Winter 2025 Archangel Clubs](#)

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We have been learning about how the US Constitution was created and the compromises that were made. Students will be making a Bill of Rights poster (see p 354) to go along with our study of these important additions to our constitution.

Math

Students will be learning to divide fractions and simplify (reduce) their answers. The key words are "keep, change, flip".

To reinforce math concepts and skills, students are assigned sections for Khan Academy ([khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)). This is for a grade. Students have their login and password in their planner. The 3rd quarter requirements are to complete Math: 5th grade for Coordinate Planes (unit 12), Line Plots (unit 15) and Multiplying Decimals (unit 8).

***All students need to be checked off for their multiplication facts 0-12 and xx by the end of 3rd quarter.*

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week students turned in the Poetry Packet, and we continued our short unit on the Civil Rights Movement in which students read several articles on the topic and identified the main idea and supporting details for each. Students also reviewed prepositions and had a quiz on that material on Friday.

Next week, students will have a test on the content of the Civil Rights Movement packets and will resume the study of Greek and Latin affixes. They will have a quiz on the affixes early the following week. We will also read a few short stories from the *Journeys* anthology next week.

Theology

This week, students continued the unit on the sacraments and reviewed the webquest on the topic. They will have a test on the sacraments next week (rescheduled from this week), and the webquest page (returned to students in class) will be the best study guide for the material. Students also began memorizing the Nicene Creed, and they will have a recitation quiz on the first third of the prayer next week.

Next week, students will also begin a unit on the structure of the Bible and how to cite and find passages in both the Old and New Testaments.

Science

We have begun our unit on rocks and minerals. We have some great labs coming up and a guest speaker.