



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
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## Friday Newsletter

### Junior Kindergarten February 21, 2025

#### **Teacher's Message/Announcements**

##### **Immunization and School Entrance Health Forms**

Students enrolling in **Kindergarten** need to have a [Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health form](#). Physicals, including updated immunizations, must have been **on or after August 20th, 2024**. Please **submit the entire document**. This form should not require an additional doctor's visit if they have been seen within this time frame. Many doctor's offices get busy over the summer with form requests, please ask for this as soon as possible. Your child **CAN NOT** attend school until these papers are provided and are reviewed by the school nurse. Feel free to start sending them in from now.

##### **Upcoming Virtus Training Sessions**

CCS will be holding two Virtus training sessions on 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](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0)

##### **RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES - STREP - STOMACH BUG are visiting CCS!**

We are seeing it all!! Flu, Strep and GI bugs are on the rise. Please remember to keep your student(s) home until they meet the requirements to return; FEVER FREE for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications, as well as 24 hours free of GI symptoms including vomit and diarrhea.

Please remember to contact the school if your child will be absent. Sharing symptoms of your child's health is helpful for us to monitor current illnesses here at CCS and in the community.

## Teacher email addresses

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## Math

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Ms. Wawner's class started a unit on Measurement. We started talking about length and height and used non-standard units such as unifix cubes and paperclips to measure different objects. We will continue this topic next week. Ms. Shank's will continue working learning about math/science tools when we investigate measurement, weight, and time. class finished our unit on ordinal numbers and began looking at math tools, (measurement, weight, temperature, time).

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Ms. Wawner's class learned about the letter Ll this week and read lots of books featuring Ll. We will learn about the letter Ff next week and the sight word "you." Ms. Shank's class focused on the letter Pp this week. In our reading groups we read poems that contained the sight words we are learning. We will continue to work on our sight words we have learned so far. Our rainforest unit began this week with lots of non-fiction reading..

## Theology/SEL

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Ms. Wawner's class learned about Works of Mercy this week and how the Catholic faith emphasizes service to others. We read the book, " Last Stop on Market Street" and talked about what a soup kitchen is and how CJ and his Nana helped others by making and serving them food. JK will create blessing bags for the unhoused next week. Ms. Shank's class learned about the Good Samaritan. We also tied that to our learning about famous black Americans like Martin Luther King, Jr. and Ruby Bridges. We talked about how they were good Samaritans helping those in need.

## Science and Social Studies

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Ms. Wawner explored chemistry this week and the changing states of matter. We applied heat to different types of candy to see whether they would turn into a liquid. We also made ooblek by mixing water, cornstarch and food coloring. We will continue some chemistry experiments next week. Ms. Shank's class began with our rainforest unit. The students met with their 6th grade friends and completed their research on their animal. They determined whether their animal was a mammal, reptile, i.e. They learned about predators and prey and interesting facts about their animals. We will continue learning about the Amazon Rainforest.