



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

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## Friday Newsletter

### First Grade

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#### Upcoming Dates:

- **February 27 - No Mass/students do not need to be in formal dress**
- **March 1&2** - Mary Poppins, Jr., 6:30pm
- **March 4** - No School, Teacher Work Day
- **March 7** - "Light My Path" Capital Campaign kickoff event, 5:30pm
- **March 18-23** - CCS Spirit Week (more details to follow!)
- **March 22** - End of 3rd Quarter
- **March 28** - Holy Thursday and 11:30am Dismissal
- **March 29 - April 7** - Easter Break

#### Announcements:

SECOND WEEK OF LENT ~ CRS Rice Bowl Story of Hope  
OVERCOMING HUNGER

In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope.

Please join us on Thursday, March 7 at 5:30PM in the gym for our "Light My Path" Capital Campaign kickoff event! Wine and light refreshments will be served, and childcare will be provided for school-aged children (***please note that because middle school children will be***

**staffing childcare, we are unable to accept children under 4 years of age).** RSVPs are required for this event. If you plan on attending, please click the link below.

[RSVP to Capital Campaign Kickoff](#)

Mary Poppins, Jr. at CCS

Charlottesville Catholic School's production of Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's "Mary Poppins, Jr." will take place on Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2 at 6:30PM in the school gym. "Step in Time" and join us for this "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" "Jolly Holiday" with Mary Poppins, Bert, and the Banks family! Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at <https://events.cvillecatholic.org/mary-poppins-jr/>

All adults who will be working with/supervising students (including chaperoning on field trips) need to be VIRTUS-trained. We will be holding another VIRTUS session on Saturday, February 24 from 9:00-12:00 at CCS. Please use the following link to sign up for this session:

[https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0)

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](#)

Please know that we will be going outside even in the very cold winter months. Our girls can wear navy tights or capris to keep them warm outside. Of course, pants and polos are also a good option. Bare skin on frigid days is a concern. Please help us by helping your child on days they wear a jumper. Thank you!

Even though the weather is colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:

- Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.
- If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
- If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on.
- **Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.**

## Social Studies

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This week we continued our study of Black History Month. We will learn about some famous African Americans in history and at the end will conduct a research project on one.

## Math

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This week we continued our unit on geometry and fractions. We constructed 3D shapes, classified and sorted 3D shapes, and described 3D shapes based on given attributes. Next week, move into learning about fractions as we examine equal and unequal shares and partition shapes into halves, fourths and quarters.

# Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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## Reading

This week we read the biography, "The Radiant Child," about the life of the artist, Jean Michel Basquiat. We learned about biographies and practiced identifying the Main Idea and Supporting Details within nonfiction texts. Next week, we will read "Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion" and will learn the elements of a folktale and how to compare and contrast.

## Grammar

We focused on writing dates with correct capitals and commas. Next week, we will study adverbs of time and how they answer the question: when?

## Writing

This week we wrote about key details from the life of Jean Michel Basquiat. There were also several writing opportunities across content areas including sentence dictation, spelling, and written responses in science and math. Writing activities in our Daily 5 rotations such as journal/story writing continued as well.

# Theology

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In Theology, we began a unit on prayer by determining the what, when, how, and who we might pray for using the 5-finger prayer method. Next, we learned the Stations of the Cross prayer and walked it in our classroom using Stations posters and booklets the students colored. Next week, we will talk about the Our Father, including the meaning of words within the prayer and why it is called "The Lord's Prayer". We will, also, examine the Hail Mary prayer and Glory Be prayers.

# Science

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This week we focused on social studies.

# Other Information

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### **Colder Weather is here!**

Please make sure that your child brings something warm and long sleeve to school each day (e.g., jacket, sweatshirt, sweater). We will continue to go outside, weather permitting, for recess, lunch, and snack as much as we can.

### **Winter Dress**

This means we are no longer wearing shorts and ankle socks. Girls must also be in navy knee highs, navy leggings, or navy tights. Please have your child try on their uniform pants to make sure that they fit, and place orders soon, as FlynnO'Hara has been running into distribution and shipping delays.

### **Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:50)**

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 - Art and Music   Tuesday - Library & Mass   Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday-Library   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)**

**Math**- Math Spiral Review #21

**Reading**- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night.  
FOR FUN! Reading February Challenge :) See how many you can complete.

**ELA**- ELA Spiral Review #21

**Religion**- Practice Our Father Prayer