



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

**5th Grade
02/28/2025**



Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- Next week, Mass is on Wednesday for Ash Wednesday. There is no formal dress requirement for Tuesday, but students must be in formal dress for Wednesday.
- 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 two weeks ago in the Friday folder, so, if you haven't done so already, please complete that and return it as soon as possible. We are still missing a few, and we need to finalize our count with Montpelier shortly.

- 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 March 4: Math Test: Dividing Fractions

Wednesday, March 5: Quiz on Greek and Latin affixes

Thursday, March 6: Recite first and second parts of the Nicene Creed (quiz grade)

Friday, March 7: IRA is due (project grade for reading)

Friday, March 7: Test on the structure of the Bible

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Important School Announcements

- CCS is honored to be able to offer three scholarships to our rising 6th-8th grade students. Please see the Tuesday Teller or the email from Mrs. DeVane for scholarship descriptions and the application. All current 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students are encouraged to apply. The required student essay will be written in school on **Tuesday, April 15**, from 3:30-4:30pm. All required documents should be returned on that date prior to the writing session.
- 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

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will be looking at the growing pains of the new nation.

Math

Students will be learning to divide fractions and simplify (reduce) their answers. The key words are "keep, change, flip". The Ch. 11 test on dividing fractions is on March 4th. Our next unit is measurement and data.

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). The 4th quarter requirements to complete for Math: 5th grade are *Multiplying Fractions* (unit 6), *Algebraic Thinking* (unit 13), and *Dividing Decimals* (unit 9)

***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 finished our short unit on the Civil Rights Movement and had a test on the articles. We also worked on Greek and Latin affixes and had some more practice with editing sentences.

Next week, students will have a quiz on Greek and Latin affixes and will also read a few short stories from the *Journeys* anthology. We will also begin a research project that will be a joint language arts/social studies assignment. Students will be researching and writing a paper about a topic related to the Civil War, which they will study in social studies in the fourth quarter. We will assign topics next week and begin the research.

Theology

This week, students took a test on the sacraments and recited the first third of the Nicene Creed for a quiz grade. We also began a unit on the structure of the Bible and how to cite and find passages in both the Old and New Testaments. There will be a quiz on the first two sections of the Nicene Creed, and a test on the structure of the Bible next week. There is a Slide Presentation on Google Classroom, containing the information students will need to know for the quiz on the Bible.

Science

We are going to start our unit on fossils. We will be making plaster molds of "fossils".