

# Charlottesville Catholic School

# Friday Newsletter

# 4th Grade

Good afternoon, 4th Grade families! We've had a great week at school and hope you did as well! Catholic Schools Week was a huge success. Thank you all for your support, especially those who donated to the charities spotlighted for Catholic Schools Week such as the food drive and Alyssa House. We have such a special community and it is because of wonderful families like yours. Thank you for all you do and have a great weekend!

#### **Announcements**

- Please make sure that your child's uniforms fit properly and guidelines regarding hair, makeup, and jewelry are being followed. Additionally, it is imperative that your child comes to school in proper outerwear for recess. Coats, hats, and gloves are required for the winter months. We truly appreciate your support.
- <u>Mass News-</u> Beginning February 7, Mass will now take place on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays with Father David.
- MUSIC/CHORUS CLUB: Our afterschool music/chorus club will be on Monday's from 3:30-4:45 pm and is offered to all students in grades 2- 5! We also have a possible opportunity to perform the songs learned in the next 10 weeks from February 6th to April 15th. in the spring open house art show. Please e-mail Ms. Wisbey at k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org if you would like to sign up.
- Science Fair-Charlottesville Catholic School's Science Fair is just around the corner (Thursday, February 2), and Mr. Bruscia is in need of many volunteer judges! Please contact Mr. Bruscia (m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org). We want this to be a great experience for our students, so please help us out!
- As we have several students with peanut allergies in 4th grade, please be conscientious of them when packing snacks/lunches.
- Contact emails: <u>a.burgin@cvillecatholic.org</u> <u>a.taleghani@cvillecatholic.org</u>

### **Calendar/Important Dates:**

• February 2, 2023- Science Fair (Judges needed, please email <a href="m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org">m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org</a> if interested.

- February 7, 2023- Mass (Mass will now be on Tuesdays with Father David.) 4B will be responsible for planning this Mass.
- Friday, February 17- School is closed for parent/teacher conferences. This conference day is not meant to be conferences for every child. Teachers will be reaching out to you directly if they would like to hold a conference. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress, please feel free to reach out to them.
- Monday, February 20- School will be closed in observance of Presidents Day.
- February 21, 2023- <u>Field Trip to Richmond Science Museum.</u> Permission slips should be signed and returned by February 1st.
- April 6, 2023- Passion Play

### **Social Studies**

This week in Social Studies, students continued our unit on the American Revolution! We focused on historical figures such as Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson. Students are very engaged with this unit and are learning a ton about this tumultuous time.

Next week, we will continue this unit and <u>we will test over this chapter next Friday,</u> <u>February 10.</u>

#### Math

This week, the kids enjoyed learning about input/output tables with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division rules. We were able to detect rules within the table so as to continue the pattern and learned how to create equations for given functions. We took our Ch. 7 test, and received Volume 2 of our Math textbook. We began Ch. 8 on Fractions with Factors and Multiples.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in Language Arts, students continued "Because of Winn Dixie" as well as a writing unit in which we focused on how to write realistic fiction stories. Students focused on stories that they wish existed in the world and how to create stories from issues that are important to them. We will continue this work next week.

### Religion

In religion this week we prepared for Mass, enjoyed a class "Catholic bee" and had the opportunity to write letters of appreciation to Veterans. Scenes 1-3 of the Passion Play should be memorized by Friday, February 10th.

#### <u>\*A look ahead:</u>

<u>Scenes 4-7 memorized by Thursday, February 16th</u> <u>Scenes 8-11 memorized by Friday, February 24th</u>

# Science

Students have enjoyed learning about different types of rocks, and the rock cycle which changes rocks over long periods of time. We learned about ways weathering and erosion affect rock formation, soil formation, and landforms, and also learned about ways soil composition affects vegetation. The students took their test over Ch. 7 and shared their Rock Cycle projects with the class.