



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

February 7, 2025

Calendar/Important Dates

February 10- No School, parent/teacher conferences upon request

February 14- Valentine's Day Party, early dismissal 11:30 am, 3rd quarter interim

February 17- No School, Presidents' Day

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*Please don't hesitate to reach out! We are excited to be your partners in your child's education!

CLASSROOM REQUEST: With all the illnesses going around, we are running low. If you would please bring in this coming week: a box of tissues and a hand sanitizer for the classroom, we would appreciate it!

Important School Announcements

Friday, February 14 will be Valentine's Day TAG Day. We will also wear red that day to celebrate Heart Health Month and Wear Red Day.

Important:

- Students may wear a red shirt/sweatshirt for Wear Red Day; however, they **MUST** be in their uniform bottom (pants, skirts, or jumpers) and uniform shoes. Legging may **ONLY** be worn under a jumper (not alone).
- TAG Day items:
 - Allowed—socks, belts, earrings, necklaces, ribbons, bracelets, headbands with stabilized decor

- Not allowed—hats, sunglasses, wigs, t-shirts, headbands with flying objects, anything flashing
- Faith in Action will be collecting items for the SPCA next week. Please send in dog and cat items such as food, treats, puppy pads, etc.
- In JK-5th grade, students may bring Valentines in for a Valentine Exchange next Friday. Teachers will notify you if the exchange is by grade or by class. As far as treats, please refer to the list of approved food items in FACTS; non-food treats are always a great option! Treats that are received will be sent home with students. ***Because of the sheer volume of treat items that will likely come in for Valentine's Day and likely not in their original packaging, the school nurse will NOT be checking each item. For that reason we will be sending everything home for parents to approve.***

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.

CCS will be holding two Virtus training sessions (Saturday, February 8 and 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

On February 9, the UVA Women's basketball team will host Virginia Tech, and we have a great opportunity for Charlottesville Catholic School families to attend! UVA Athletics will be blocking off a "CCS" section. Discounted tickets to the game can be purchased using this link:

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Charlottesvillecatholic2>. Please note that tickets will be delivered electronically to your email address upon checkout.

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](#)

Teacher Announcements

We will be exchanging Valentine's Day cards on the feast day of St. Valentine, which is February 14th. In the STEM lab students will be decorating their valentine boxes, where they will hold the cards they receive. If you have any boxes that you are willing to donate to our students for this project please bring them to school with your child before or on February 12th. Thank you for all your support!

Math

Mrs. Parker's class continued the unit of measurement. This week we compared length using customary units. We used inches, feet, centimeters, and yards to compare and measure objects.

Mrs. Bryan's class has started measurements! We are also going to continue to review our addition and subtraction strategies as we work on this new measurement unit.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

In Mrs. Parker's class, we read Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch by Eileen Spinelli. This story is a wintry Valentine's Day tale that teaches a lesson about kindness and about helping others feel loved. We focused on point of view. Ask your child about the difference between a story written in the third person and that of a story written in the first person.

In grammar, we focused on abbreviations such as Mr. and Mrs. and how we might see them in the stories we read and how we might use them in the stories we write.

In writing, we focused on writing personal narratives. Next week, we will begin a Valentine's Day themed personal narrative project.

We have continued our novel study on The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary. We have been analyzing the characters and focusing on comprehension strategies.

In Mrs. Bryan's class, we are continuing to work on our classroom read-aloud *Willowdeen* by Katherine Applegate. Students are working on descriptive writing, what quotations look like and when to use in reading/writing, as well what it looks like to highlight a quote from a chapter.

We also began our read aloud for Black History Month, *Ranger in Time Long Road to Freedom* by Kate Messner.

We have also enjoyed a few Valentine's writing assignments in class.

Theology

This week we focused on Theology of the Body Lesson 8 and discussed how our families are gifts from God. The students used symbols to describe their family and then illustrated what they thought their family crest would look like. During chapel this week we began to practice our second mass, which will be held on February 18th.

Social Studies

This week we began our President research project in class! I love your students' enthusiasm!! We really enjoyed reading the picture books: *Worst of Friends* by Suzanne Tripp Jurmain and *So You Want to Be President* by Judith St. George and David Small

Science

This week we reviewed matter!

Other Information

Snack (9:20/9:55)/ Lunch (11:30)

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 second 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 - Music

Tuesday - Library & Mass

Wednesday - Art, P.E, & Chapel

Thursday- Library

Friday - Music

Homework (M-TH)

Please check your child's blue folder for any homework. All homework will be written by your child in their agenda book each day.

Your child will have a reading response prompt and a math/writing homework sheet.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading should be done every night!