



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

2/7/25

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **Valentine's Day** - Friday, February 14
Valentine's Day is coming up and 3rd graders are allowed (not required) to bring in Valentines for their entire homeroom or for both homerooms. Students must include everyone in their homeroom if they wish to exchange Valentines. If they want to bring in Valentines for someone in the other homeroom, they must bring in for the entire class. This rule is to ensure that no one is left out. All Valentine's will be bagged and sent home to be opened and any attached treats can be eaten then.
 - Ms. Grassi's Homeroom
Livy, Martha, Landon, Seth, Liam, Laela, Ally, Oliver, Miles, Mackenzie, Catherine, Hudson
 - Mr. Little's Homeroom
Ayun, Charlie, Calvin, Isabel, Julia, Porter, Grace, Hanorah, Austin, Gracie, Rosie, Bowen, Alex
- **Class Store:** Ms. Grassi needs donations for our class store. We could use gently used board games, stuffed animals, magnets, puzzles, toys, ect.. to send in for restocking our class store.
- **Field Trip** to the Paramount Theater on February 19th
Thank you to all parents who volunteered to drive and chaperone students. I have contacted parents who will be driving/chaperoning for our field trip.
- **Tuesday, March 18 - Field Trip to Monticello: Field trip forms need to be signed and returned by Wednesday, February 12th.**
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link

Calendar/Important Dates

- Monday, February 10 - No School (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- Tuesday, February 11 - 8:15 AM Mass *3rd Grade Led (Students must be in formal dress)
- Friday, February 14 - 11:30 Dismissal (3rd Quarter Interim)

- Monday, February 17 - No School
- Tuesday, February 18 - 8:15 AM Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
- Wednesday, February 19 - Field Trip: Paramount Theater
- Tuesday, March 18 - Field Trip: Monticello

Teacher email addresses

- Ms. Grassi - k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org
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Important School Announcements

- Friday, February 14 will be Valentine's Day TAG Day. We will also wear red that day to celebrate 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, 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.
- 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](#)

- 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.
- 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
- A great way for us to help our students become collaborators and leaders is to encourage them to participate in the **mass choir**. This year, we are inviting students in grades 3 through 8 to sign up. Below is a link for the sign up and a few items of note:
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-54054132-mass>
 - Students may sign up for as many masses as they would like.
 - Mass choir is open to students in grades 3 through 8.
 - Students should be dropped off at 7:40 so that there is time to practice. If you are running late and arrive after 7:45, you must go through carline.
 - Siblings may be dropped off as well. They will need to sit quietly up front until the bell rings at 7:45.
 - Students will also be practicing mass music in class.
 - While you should receive a reminder email from signupgenius, please note the dates you sign up for.

Social Studies

This Week: Students will make a Travel Advertisement Poster for their project in class on the five continents including two geographic features for each continent. They will present their poster by Friday to the class.

Next Week: Students will be introduced to Ancient Civilizations. We will begin with Ancient Egypt to learn about the importance of the Nile River and contributions to modern society.

Math

This Week: Students will learn about representing fractions greater than one on a number line. They will be introduced to mix numbers and improper fractions using models and number lines.

Next Week: Students will learn about fraction equivalence and comparison. We will begin by covering equivalent fractions using fraction tiles, models, and number lines.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We concluded our unit on pronouns and activities focused on main idea & key details. Our focus this week was about bringing together the strategies that we have been learning about in order to be effective readers (e.g., filtering important details from those that are simply interesting yet unrelated to the main idea and how to locate information in a text by asking and answering questions).

Next Week: *Short Week - 3.5 days*

-Winter Assessments Continued: Oral Reading Fluency, Individual Reading Inventories

-Word Study: **None**

-Writing/Grammar - **Mentor Sentence Quiz - Thursday, 2/13**

-Skill(s): Compound Sentences, Alliteration

-Mentor Text: Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride (Continued)

-Mentor Sentence: *Sojourner put one big-black-beautiful foot in front of the other, and she STOMPED on the floorboards of ignorance that were underneath.*

-Reading - Main Idea & Key Details - **Reading Test - Wednesday**

- Folk Tale/Synthesising - **Quiz (Polar Bear Son) - *Friday, 2/21***

Homework: [Reading Page \(Let's Learn It\)](#) - None

Study Resources: Grammar Voyages (Ch. 1 - Sentences), ELA Notebook, [Reading Notebook](#), [ELAR Folder \(Reading Practice Pages\)](#), and ~~Word Study Intro Letter/Packet~~

Theology

This Week:

We prepared to lead Mass on Tuesday, February 11. This time around, Mr. Little's homeroom will be doing the readings and other roles of the Mass. We also spent time in our Christ In Us workbook, learning about how we can praise and give thanks to God.

Next Week: *Short Week - 3.5 days*

-Focus will be on St. Valentine (Lessons and Activities)

-Mass on Tuesday, February 11 - 3rd Grade (Mr. Little's Class) will lead

Study Resources: Theology Folder, Notebook

Science

This Week: Students will learn about the Properties of Matter and be introduced to the physical properties, mass, volume and density. They will work on their vocabulary foldable activity.

Next Week: Students will review the steps of the scientific method when performing an experiment. They will be introduced to how energy can change phases of matter and learn the difference between a mixture and a solution.