



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

**5th Grade
02/07/2025**



Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- 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.
- 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:

Monday, February 10: Conferences (no school)

Tuesday, February 11: Test on *Love That Dog*

Wednesday, February 12: Math Test -Multiplying Fractions

Thursday, February 13: Quiz on prepositions and prepositional phrases

Friday, February 14: Poetry Packet is due

Wednesday, February 16: A-I Constitution Project

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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 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.***
- 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
- 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](#)

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will be learning how the US Constitution was created and the compromises that were made.

Math

We will have our test on multiplying fractions on February 12th. Students will be learning to divide fractions and simplify (reduce) their answers. The key words are “keep, change, flip”.

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).

***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 the second reading of *Love That Dog*, annotating the figurative language that appears in the book. We also started our unit on prepositions, and our unit on Greek and Latin affixes. They also began writing the final drafts of poems for the Poetry Packet.

Next week, students will have a test on *Love That Dog* and a quiz on prepositions. In the short week, we will also start reading one or two short stories focusing on conclusions and generalizations (similar to making inferences). We will also continue our unit on affixes, and the Poetry Packet is due on Friday. Finally, on Friday, students will participate in a Valentine's Escape Room, focusing on poetry and figurative language. It should be a fun day!

Theology

This week, students continued learning about the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, and they had a quiz on the material. They also started a webquest for our unit on the sacraments, and we will continue with that next week. They will have a test on the sacraments early the following week.

Science

We will begin our unit on rocks and minerals. We have some great labs coming up!