



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
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## Friday Newsletter

### 2nd Grade

### 02/09/2024

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Love is in the air! The Hawks and I will honor this special holiday by celebrating friendship in our classroom! If your child would like to participate in the OPTIONAL Valentine's Day card/treat exchange, please make sure he/she exchanges with our **entire homeroom**. A list of all of the adorable Hawks is linked [here](#).
  - In lieu of a Valentine's Day Party, the Hawks and I will celebrate Fat Tuesday with some festive fun!
- One hundred days of HAPPY! Last week, the Hawks marked the 100th day of school! May the next 74 days be filled with just as much wonder, curiosity, joy, and friendship!
- Taco 'bout fun! The annual Mexican Fiesta will be held **NEXT TUESDAY**, February 13th from 5-7pm. **Tickets are required** for this scrumptious event, so please [reserve yours now](#).
- The Groundhog says Spring is on its way! Whether or not you believe Punxsutawney Phil, please continue to send your child to school in layers and with a coat. #ThisGroundHogOwesUsASnowDay!
- On Friday, February 16, school will be 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 19, school will be closed in observance of Presidents Day.
- All adults who will be working with/supervising students (including chaperoning on field trips) need to be VIRTUS-trained. We will be holding another VIRTUS session on

Saturday, February 24 from 9:00-12:00 at CCS. Please use the following link to sign up for this session: [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0)

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### Calendar/Important Dates

2/13 - No Mass - No Formal Dress  
2/13 - Mexican Fiesta, 5:00-7:00 pm ([tickets required](#))  
2/14 - Ash Wednesday Mass (Formal Dress)  
2/16 - No School - Teacher Work Day  
2/19 - No School - Presidents Day  
2/23 - Field Trip to Amazement Square, 8:15 am-3:00 pm  
3/4 - No School - Teacher Work Day  
3/13- Roald Dahl Day (volunteer timing TBD)  
3/22 - End of 3rd Quarter  
3/23 - JK-5 Father Daughter Dance, 7:00-9:00 pm  
3/28 - Holy Thursday and 11:30 am Dismissal  
3/29-4/7 - Easter Break  
4/24 - Trashion Show, 2:15-2:45 pm (CCS Gym)  
5/3 - Communion Retreat  
5/10 - Grandparents and Great Friends Day  
5/24 - JK-7th Grade Field Day; 11:30 am Dismissal  
5/27- No School - Memorial Day

## Science

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From navigation to magic, the Hawks became super scientists as they experimented with Magnets. They had a blast making and testing their very own compasses, planning magnet magic tricks to demonstrate for Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten, and magnetizing objects made of steel and iron. #DiscoveryLearning

The Hawks combined two passions in the STEM Lab this week..Science and Art! Instead of using a paintbrush, your creative cuties used a magnet to guide a paper clip through paint to make designs! Some of these works of art are very "Pollack-esque," while others trend more Picasso, yet they are all one-of-a-kind! Come check out their marvelous masterpieces on display!

## Math

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These sensational subtractors took their skills up a notch with an introduction to three-digit subtraction, including mentally subtracting 100s and 10s from three-digit numbers (examples: 300-200, 440-100, 620-10, 130-30, etc.) The Hawks also revisited regrouping, using the same tried-and-true subtraction strategies: the traditional algorithm, base ten

blocks, drawing, hundreds charts, number lines, decomposing, and/or a combination of strategies. As a reminder, when using the algorithm, we like to use the following rhymes:

- More on the top, don't stop!
- More on the floor, go next door and get some more!
- Numbers the same? Zero's the game!

Fabulous Fluency! Please continue to practice math fact fluency daily by using flash cards, calling out problems, rolling dice, or even using playing cards. Your Sloth or Cheetah is sure to impress!

Polar Bear Plunge! SplashLearn.com is a marvelous math resource for home use! Your child may access the site for free to complete work that we assign, including new assignments focused on three-digit addition and subtraction. The Hawks may access the site for free to complete assigned work. Follow these easy steps to set up home access:

1. Go to <https://uss.splashlearn.com/uss/f7NKJAEN>
2. Sign up for free and verify your email.
3. Enter class code: UBKIID
4. Select your child's profile to complete setup.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Spelling superstars! The Hawks got right back into the groove of spelling, both with classwork and homework. Graded tests will be sent home early next week. Due to back-to-back 4 day weeks in our future, these sensational spellers will practice the next set of words for **TWO WEEKS**. Words will be introduced on 2/12 and tested on 2/22. For optional at-home practice, feel free to use this spelling [menu](#).

Peppy puppeteers! The Hawks are busy writing scripts and rehearsing for the upcoming puppet shows in JK. They are learning so much about how to collaborate and delegate responsibility, while also enhancing their oral fluency and storytelling skills! When writing at home, please draw attention to missing or misused capitalization and/or punctuation.

## Theology

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We reviewed some of the faith words we have learned recently (blessing, Paschal Mystery, and mass). We also reviewed our sacraments and Act of Contrition. We spent time talking about the tenet for February, creators, and how we each have gifts and talents that can bring others closer to God. Blessed Carlo Acutis was our example of a creator.

Next week, we will talk about Lent and learn how to pray the Stations of the Cross.