



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

February 9, 2024

Dear 4th Grade Families,

As we step into the second month of the year, it's with great joy and pride that we share with you the countless moments of learning, laughter, and achievement that have filled our weeks. The students have shown remarkable dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm, making each day a delightful journey of discovery and growth, and they only continue to inspire us with their eagerness to learn. We are immensely proud to be their teachers, and grateful for the opportunity to witness their growth firsthand. It's clear the children thrive because of the love, support, and guidance they receive from you at home. Thank you for your unwavering commitment, support, and partnership.

Please let us know if you'd like to set up a conference call in the next few weeks. **Optional** conferences are scheduled for Friday, February 16th, however Ms. Taleghani will be unavailable to meet on that day due to prior commitments.

In Christ,
4th Grade Team

Announcements

- The Mexican Fiesta will be held **NEXT TUESDAY**, February 13th from 5-7pm. **Tickets are required** so please reserve yours now. Purchase Meal Tickets [HERE](#)
- 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

Important Dates

- Tuesday, February 13, 2024- Mexican Fiesta Night (5-7 pm)
- Tuesday, February 13, 2024- No Mass/No Formal Dress
- Tuesday, February 13, 2024- Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras celebration
- Wednesday, February 14, 2024- Ash Wednesday Mass (4T Mass)
- Friday, February 16, 2024- School Closed/Parent Teacher Conferences/3rd Quarter Interim
- Monday, February 19, 2024- School Closed

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Social Studies

This week in SS, we finished our unit on the American Revolution! Students were able to participate in a project in which they wrote a letter to King George III addressing the Intolerable Acts. They also had to decide between being a Patriot or Loyalist. This was a very engaging activity in which students researched and wrote compelling letters!

The final draft of this letter is due on Tuesday, February 13.

Science

This week in Science we've been learning about renewable and nonrenewable resources, the various ways humans impact an ecosystem, and the ways we can restore ecosystems when they're threatened or damaged. We finished presenting our ecosystem projects and enjoyed creating a display in the hallway. They've been a huge hit! Next week we will finish Ch. 5 and begin Ch. 6- "Energy Transfer in Ecosystems".

Our Ch. 5 Test is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th.

Math

This week in Math the kids have mastered addition and subtraction of fractions with like-denominators. We learned how to use various fraction models and a number line as tools to show what we know. We took our test over Unit 9. We look forward to learning addition and subtraction strategies with mixed numbers next week in Unit 10.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students continued our unit in which they are learning how to write their own realistic fiction stories! This week, students learned how to write powerful endings to their stories. I am so proud of the amazing effort that is being put into this work. We also finished our mentor text *Because of Winn Dixie*. One final piece of work we did this week was to begin Book Clubs. This is a great opportunity for students to push their reading skills and continue to excel.

Next week, we will watch the *Because of Winn Dixie* movie and finish up our stories.

Theology

This week in Theology we finished Unit 3 Lesson 11. The kids enjoyed learning about Blessed Carlo Acutis last week to kick off our February Tenet of the month- "creators", and in addition to making an inspirational saint card and crafting a short prayer related to his story, have been researching the Eucharistic miracles he featured on his very own website. The kids are working on these projects in groups to create pamphlets and mini-posters showcasing their research on these miraculous events.

*Memorize scenes 10 & 11 of the Passion Play for our next rehearsal on Friday, 2/23.

*4T is planning our Ash Wednesday Mass on 2/14.