



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 2nd Grade

### 03/01/2024

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Vivacious volunteers! In addition to the normal classroom shenanigans that benefit from your presence, be on the lookout for opportunities to volunteer for Roald Dahl's Half Birthday Bash and the Trashion Show!
- What to wear??? Since we're currently experiencing "all four seasons in one day," please continue to send your child to school in layers and with coats. It is chilly in the morning and in the shade! Of course, if it is warm enough to leave layers and/or coats inside, that will be an option.
- Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 7 at 5:30PM in the gym for the CCS "Light My Path" Capital Campaign kickoff event! Wine and light refreshments will be served, and childcare will be provided for school-aged children (***please note that because middle school children will be staffing childcare, CCS is unable to accept children under 4 years of age***). RSVPs are required for this event. If you plan on attending, please [RSVP to Capital Campaign Kickoff](#)
- "Step in Time" for a "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" "Jolly Holiday" with Mary Poppins, Bert, and all of your favorite characters! Bring the whole family out for Charlottesville Catholic School's production of Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's "Mary Poppins, Jr." on Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2 at 6:30PM in the CCS gym. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by clicking [here](#).
- Serve & Pray: Join Us for Holy Comforter's Lenten Soup Supper!
  - Calling all CCS families! On March 22nd, following their 5:45pm Stations of the Cross, lend a hand in making Holy Comforter's Lenten Soup Supper a success! Sign-up to volunteer or donate items using this [LINK](#). What a wonderful opportunity for almsgiving during this Lenten season! If you have any questions, please contact Megan Pearring at [m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org).

- Third Week of Lent ~ CRS Rice Bowl Story of Hope: Raising Chickens To Support Her Family
  - Nowadays, in Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope

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### Calendar/Important Dates

3/4 - No School - Teacher Work Day

3/13- Roald Dahl Day (volunteer timing TBD)

3/22 - End of 3rd Quarter

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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Hands-on happiness! The Hawks visited the STEM Lab on Wednesday to experiment with how canyons are formed. Using cornmeal and "rainmakers," these excellent experimenters observed first-hand how erosion impacts landforms. Seeing the negative repercussions of erosion, these excellent engineers were challenged to use cotton balls, toothpicks, and aluminum foil to prevent erosion on "cornmeal mountains." Teamwork and discovery learning build deep understanding and generate palpable excitement!

Marvelous meteorologists! As part of the weather/earth changes unit, these future forecasters enjoyed a special visit with AJ Willy of CBS19 News. The Hawks kept AJ on his toes with tons of thoughtful questions. Check out some of the brilliant wonderings our curious questioners posed:

- Why does Waynesboro get more snow than Charlottesville?
- Why do clouds turn gray before it rains?
- What is the worst weather you have ever reported?
- Can there be tornadoes in the winter?
- Can animals be harmed in extreme weather?
- How common are fire tornadoes?
- Have you ever made a mistake on air?

- What kinds of extreme weather (other than snow) are possible in Antarctica?
- When you were little, did you want to grow up to be a meteorologist?
- How do the flowers and blooming trees all know to come out at the same time?
- Will we get a snow day this school year?
- What is the fastest recorded wind speed?
- Can you get a tornado in the desert?
- What is the hardest part about being a meteorologist?

## Math

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Rulers up! The Hawks used both nonstandard (books, shoes, paperclips, thumbs, etc.) and standard (rulers and yardsticks) tools to measure supplies/furniture in our classrooms, as well as distances on the playground and blacktop. These measurement mavens are becoming proficient with inches, feet, and yards!

Fact fluency is key to computation...please help your Hawk maintain momentum with his/her math facts by practicing DAILY (flashcards, orally, worksheets, dice, playing cards, Splashlearn, etc.).

High tide! SplashLearn.com is a magnificent math resource for our math monsters! Your child has free access to the assignments that have just been added. Hooray! Follow these simple 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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Contractions, contractions, everywhere! These contraction cuties are becoming experts! The Hawks will continue working with contractions next week as part of a dual grammar/spelling unit, and cap it off with a quiz!

Awesome authors! The Hawks enjoy writing both fiction and non-fiction pieces to share with one another from the author's chair. It's exciting to see these sweet storytellers putting into practice learned grammar, capitalization, and punctuation.

The Hawks are devouring books! Our reading recipe includes, but is not limited to Roald Dahl read alouds (in preparation for his upcoming birthday bash), science/social studies nonfiction comprehension texts, novel studies, sight words, fluency passages, and decodable word work. These radiant readers are definitely diligent!

## Theology

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We finished the Stations of the Cross together this week. Students are looking forward to praying them with their Faith Buddies.

We are working on learning the prayers that are said at mass. Please help your child by using the missal at mass to practice responses.

We have also read and reflected on some of Jesus's parables, including the parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son. All teach of God's desire for us to be close to Him.

Next week, we will discuss the story of Creation and how we are all made in the image of God. We will connect that idea with the CRS rice bowls.