



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

5th Grade
03/14/2025



Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- Please be sure to return the Family Life packets that were sent home.
- The ACRE Test (Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education), which is given in grades 5 and 8, will be given to our classes on Thursday, March 20.
- Spring uniforms may be worn beginning April 1. Please see the student handbook for what may be worn as part of the summer uniform.

Calendar/Important Dates:

Wednesday, March 19: Last day to take the test on the entire Nicene Creed

Wednesday, March 19: 3rd Quarter CBG Party

Wednesday, March 19: Math test

Thursday, March 20: ACRE Test

Friday, March 21: Quiz on objects of a preposition and direct objects

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Important School Announcements

- **Join Us For CRS Rice Bowl's 50th Anniversary!** CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. During the 40 days of Lent, let us journey together through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Your child was given a Rice Bowl from CCS (if you need or want another, please email h.bryan@cvillecatholic.org). Bowls will be collected after Easter and all money collected will be sent directly to CRS. Visit crsricebowl.org/join to learn more and to share your Lenten prayer intentions.
- CCS is honored to be able to offer three scholarships to our rising 6th-8th grade students. Please see the Tuesday Teller or the email from Mrs. DeVane for scholarship descriptions and the application. All current 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students are encouraged to apply. The required student essay will be written in school on **Tuesday, April 15**, from 3:30-4:30pm. All required documents should be returned on that date prior to the writing session.
- 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
- The Library Treasure Box needs to be restocked for the last quarter. If you have any gentle used trinkets that you no longer need, please send them in and they will be put to good use. Thank you so much! -Mrs. Carbone

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will be looking at the growing pains of the new nation. We will be looking at the issues that led to the Civil War.

As we study westward expansion, students are encouraged to play Oregon Trail.
<https://oregontrail.ws/games/the-oregon-trail/play/>

Math

Students will be learning about measurement and data and converting units. We will use the phrase, "Horse to fly...multiply. Fly to horse...divide of course." for converting from large to small units or small to large units. The test will be on March 19th.

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 **4th quarter** requirements to complete for Math: 5th grade are *Multiplying Fractions* (unit 6), *Algebraic Thinking* (unit 13), and *Dividing Decimals* (unit 9).

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This short week students finalized their research questions for the research paper and began taking notes on their topics. All materials for this project are on Google Classroom/Written Communication. We also read a short story in the *Journeys* book to start focusing on how to identify a theme of a book. Finally, we also practiced with object nouns.

Next week, students will continue working on the research project and will read another short story in the *Journeys* book. We will continue to be focusing on identifying the theme of a story, and we will begin reading *The Phantom Tollbooth* early the following week. We will also have a quiz on object nouns in grammar and begin studying Greek and Latin roots.

Theology

This week, students continued to focus on memorizing the entire Nicene Creed. Some have already taken the test on the entire prayer, and they may take it any time between now and Wednesday, March 19. We also began to study the stories of the Pentateuch and began the project connected to that topic. We will continue to work on that project next week, and students will also take the ACRE test on Thursday.

Science

We have been learning about light and starting our solar system unit.