



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 2nd Grade

### 03/15/2024

#### **Teacher's Message/Announcements/Information from Administration**

- Calling all volunteers! The Trashion Show is our next big event! [Sign up here](#) if you'd like to share your time and talent as the Hawks prepare for their catwalk debut!
- Robinson's Rummage is overflowing with unlabeled K-2 Lost and Found items! If your Hawk is missing a hoodie, fleece, sweater, or coat, please stop by to reunite it with your cutie! Unclaimed items will be sent to the CCS Lost and Found (located in the stairwell near the cafeteria) next week. The CCS Lost and Found will be cleaned out at the end of the quarter (3/22/24); remaining items will be donated.
- The Father Daughter Dance is just around the corner and we need your help to make this evening extra special! Please consider donating to this memorable event by signing up [here](#). Tickets for this adorable tradition can be purchased using this [link](#):
- Join Region Ten Prevention Services at CCS on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm for a parent presentation on youth substance use trends and prevention strategies. Find out what parents need to know and what steps can be taken to help prevent youth substance use. Registration for this **adults only** event is required for attendance; please sign up [here](#).
  - Topics to be covered include:
    - Why is adolescent substance so concerning?
    - Most frequently used substances in our community
    - What do these drugs look like or how are they being disguised/distributed?
    - What to look for as potential signs of substance use
    - How to talk to your kids about substance use
- The Student Council will be hosting an optional Spirit Week next week! If your Hawk would like to opt out, he/she may wear the regular school uniform. All CCS students

will wear Formal dress for Mass on Tuesday, March 19. Themes for each of the days are:

- **Monday, March 18: Decades**
  - Dress up with fun clothes based on a certain decade's style
- **Tuesday, March 19: Crazy Hat**
  - Students can bring a crazy hat to wear after Mass
- **Wednesday, March 20: Wacky**
  - Wear your craziest and wackiest clothes
- **Thursday, March 21: Cozy**
  - Wear your comfy pajama pants or sweatpants with sweatshirts (no leggings)
- **Friday, March 22: All-Out Blue and Gold**
  - Go ALL-OUT with Blue & Gold pride—wear blue and gold spirit wear with fun team-colored accessories

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### Calendar/Important Dates

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, volunteer schedule TBA

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/Social Studies

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Par 4! Over the next few weeks, the Hawks will use their time in the STEM Lab to put their understanding of friction and gravity to the test by designing and constructing a mini golf course for our pet stink bug, Spencer! Not only will they be tasked with creating the perfect tiny putter and finding the best type of ball to use, the Hawks will also select from a range of materials to make their hole both challenging and attainable. Our study of measurement will also come into play, as the Hawks will be using inches and standard measuring tools as they design their greens. Perhaps we'll see some cotton ball bunkers, toothpick forests, or toilet paper tunnels!

## Math

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After concluding a unit on linear measurement, the Hawks brainstormed the many other ways we measure the world around us, including temperature and weight, which were our focus this week. It was fun to experiment with each!

The Hawks also celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a leprechaun-themed Math Mystery, filled with all of the mathematical skills they've studied this year! When collaborating, we always find gold at the end of the rainbow!

Awesome automaticity! Keep your Hawk's fact fluency fresh with daily fact practice, using flashcards, oral games, worksheets, dice, playing cards, etc.). Fact practice can be planned for a quiet space at home, but is also perfect for those "how to fill the time/on the fly" moments like carline, when you're stuck in the drive through at Chick-fil-A, on the sidelines of a sibling's soccer practice, when you're waiting for the microwave timer to beep...you name it! Stash some flashcards, playing cards, and/or dice in your car and you have on-the-go practice at your fingertips! Call-and-response practice is wonderful, too, and requires no materials!

Red Rover!! Red Rover!! Send the Hawks right on over to SplashLearn.com! With assignments, games, and fact practice aplenty, your Hawk will be busy!

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Marvelous with mechanics! The Hawks reviewed types of sentences (statements, questions, commands, and exclamatory) as they showcased proficiency with consistent punctuation, both in isolation (worksheets and quizzes) and in context (their own writing and the writing of others).

Reading begets reading! Please support your child's reading at home with repeated reading fluency passages, read alouds (you read to child), partner reading (child reads aloud to you and/or another adult), and silent sustained reading (child reads to self). As you read together, ask questions, encourage your child to make predictions, search for spelling words (or words that fit the feature currently being studied), practice decoding, and model intonation/expression. You are one of the BEST resources in your child's reading toolkit!

Happy Half-Birthday to You! Happy Half-Birthday to You! Happy Half-Birthday, dear Roald Dahl! Happy Half-Birthday to You! Complete with 3D candies, flowing streamers, and neon decorations, we transformed the Performance Hall into a wondrous backdrop for Roald Dahl's 107th half-birthday! Ask your party-goer about Matilda's Memory Challenge, Miss Honey's Mindfulness, The Topsy Turvy Trunchbull MagicTrick, Roly Poly Origami,, Extra-Usual Word Creation, Brilliant Book Suggestions for Bookworms, The BFG's Dream Jars, applying for a job at Willy Wonka's factory, and all the many other splendid things that made today a whoppsy success! The celebration continued today with a private screening of "The BFG" and a tasty tea party! Thank you to the many volunteers who made each of these special days possible!

# Theology

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This week, we learned about the Great Commandment - love the Lord your God with your whole heart, mind, soul, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. We also reviewed Reconciliation and Adoration. Lastly, we talked about the virtue of compassion.

Students started learning about the vestments that the priest wears. Next week, Fr. David will be staying after mass to teach them about the vestments.