

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

03/15/24

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Parent Presentation by Region 10

Join Region Ten Prevention Services for a 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. 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

This session is for **adults only**, and will be held at CCS on **Thursday, March 21** at 7:00PM. Registration is required for attendance–please sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/ZGgzANidUovxf8Bg9>

- Friday, **March 22** is the end of the 3rd quarter. Students will have an 11:30AM dismissal that day. STEAM Aftercare and JK Extended Day will both be in session.

- Lost and found will be cleaned out at the end of this quarter, 3/22/24. Please remind your child to look there for any missing items, specifically winter coats that they think are in their locker, but actually are not. We will be donating any items left behind.

- The Student Council will be hosting a **Spirit Week** for all students the week of March 18-22. Students who do not wish to participate in dress-up days must be in their regular school uniforms. **Formal dress is still required for 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

- The Father Daughter Dance is just around the corner (**Sat - 3/23**) and we need your help to make this evening extra special! Please consider donating to this memorable event!
 - Sign Up to donate HERE:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C48AEAA2AA0F58-48302760-father#
 - Tickets can be purchased HERE:
<https://events.cvillecatholic.org/father-daughter-dance-2024/>
- Thursday, **March 28** is an 11:30AM dismissal and begins Easter Break. JK Extended Day will NOT be offered that afternoon.
- **Gala Auction "Stock the Bar" Wall**
The *Wall of Wine* has been one of the most coveted auction items of galas past and this year the wall is growing to include all you'll need to fully STOCK YOUR BAR. The *Stock Your Bar Wall* will include 50 bottles of wine and spirits, mixers, and bar tools and we need your help to make this happen! Please drop off donations to the front office (you can also hand it off in carline and a teacher will ensure it gets somewhere safe). Thank you for your help!
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2023-2024**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing

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Social Studies

This week students will learn why water clocks and the calendar were invented. They will discover how these inventions were used in ancient times.

Next week students will explore how the geography of Ancient Egypt had a big impact on its peoples lives and how Egypt has changed in size over time. **I will be sending home a study guide on Ancient Egypt as homework.**

Math

This week students will use strategies such as drawing models, multiples, numbers lines, and repeated subtraction to solve division problems.

Next week students will be learning about the relationship between division and multiplication by using inverse operations, as well as fact families. We will also be learning our basic multiplication facts up to 12.

- MATH WEBSITES:
www.studyisland.com - use student username and password to access Study Island.
www.mathsisfun.com - for increasing addition/subtraction fluency and accuracy.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We have been enjoying our novel study on Stone Fox, as we follow a 10 year-old boy, Little Willy, who is determined to help his Grandpa and save his farm. We will continue reading and discussing this book into next week, as well as completing a variety of different activities that will focus on vocabulary and story elements (characters, setting, plot, and theme), and text structures (e.g., cause and effect, sequencing, problem and solution, and compare/contrast).

Next Week:

-Grammar:

-*Workbook - Section 6-Adverbs and Conjunctions, Quotations/Dialogue (pp. 116, 164)*

-*Mentor Sentence (Focus: Adverbs, Quotation/Dialogue) - Quiz - Wed 3/20*

Trouble with Trolls - "I really need those boots," I said reassuringly to the twins.

-Old: Word Study (Spelling): Short oo(book), Long oo(room) Vowel Teams - Quiz - Wed 3/20

-New: Word Study (Spelling): **No New Words Assigned - No Quiz - Wed 3/27**

-Featured Story: *Stone Fox* - (Whole Group Novel Study) - Test - Fri 3/22

Students will complete all readings and work in the classroom

-Writing Unit - Compare and Contrast (St. Valentine vs. St. Patrick) and Transitions

Learning Ally The Novel (*Stone Fox*) is available here and can be accessed at home to support your child's needs (e.g., catch up because of an absence/missed time). However, your child should not read ahead. Please reach out if there are any questions about reading expectations.

-portal.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud/Audiobook options, similar to Epic, but can be accessed at home at no additional cost to you.

Username - For example - t.little@cvillecatholic.org or ti.little@cvillecatholic.org (Student email)

Password - For example - catholic1234 (catholic + last 4 of Student ID)

Theology

This Week:

Through Reconciliation and Adoration, we grew closer to God, while asking him for forgiveness. We also learned how we are strengthened for service to God and others through the sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders and when we share God's love with other family members. Finally, St. Patrick's day is almost here, so we learned a little about St. Patrick and some of the history behind this festive celebration.

Next Week:

Continued from last week, we will be working through our Theology of the Body curriculum (Lesson 3 - Sin Distorts the Gift). Students will learn that sin is a failure to love, will recognize that sin distorts our ability to recognize the gifts of God, and will identify ways to reconcile relationships between people and God. We will also be having a Theology Test on Unit 2 of our Christ In Us Workbook. Students will receive a Study Guide next week, along with their workbook, to help them prepare for this test. - **Christ In Us Test - Unit 2 - Fri 3/22**

Science

This week students will learn about the physical properties of solids, liquids, and gas. They will also begin learning vocabulary associated with our matter unit.

Next week students will learn about the properties of mass, volume, and density through our experiments. They will discover how heat energy can change the phases of matter.

A" BIG" THANK YOU for parents who donated materials for our matter experiments!