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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

March 15, 2024

Dear 4th Grade Families,

We had a wonderful week in 4th grade and hope you did as well! It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the 3rd quarter. Time really flies when you're having fun and learning well! As we approach the Passion Play and Spring Break, we just want to say thank you for all of your support. We truly couldn't do this without you and your amazing families. This year has been incredible so far and will end before we know it. Have a wonderful weekend and please reach out if you have any questions.

All the best,
4th Grade Team

Announcements

- 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!

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/>

- 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.
- 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>
- 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
 - 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.
 - 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!

Important Dates

- Friday, March 22- End of 3rd Quarter/11:30 Dismissal
- Thursday, March 28- Passion Play at 9 am/11:30 Dismissal

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Social Studies

This week in SS, students began to learn about the Civil War! We focused on some of the core differences between the north and south as well as some of the causes of the Civil War. Students also learned about the Underground Railroad and about famous abolitionists.

The journal entries written from the perspective of a Corps of Discovery member were fantastic! Students also had the chance to write from the perspective of Henry "Box" Brown this week as we learned about the Underground Railroad. Learning to see and feel from someone else's perspective is part of what makes Social Studies such a wonderful subject!

Next week, we will continue this unit. Students will learn about the actual war itself now that we have established the causes of the war.

Science

Our young geologists have been on an exciting journey through the wonders of the Earth's processes, focusing on the rock cycle, weathering, and erosion. As part of our exploration, students have embarked on captivating rock research mini-projects, delving into the formation, distribution, and uses of various types of rocks. They've investigated the origins of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks and uncovered some unique properties and applications. We've also been learning about what soil is made of and why it is an important resource.

The Ch. 4 Test is scheduled for Friday, March 15th.

Math

In our recent lessons, we delved into the fascinating realm of decimals, focusing specifically on writing decimals less than and greater than one, as well as mastering the arts of comparing them using our knowledge of place values (to the left and right of the decimal), models, and the number line. The kids have deepened their understanding of fractions and decimals while honing their skills in mathematical operations. They have converted decimals to fractions in order to pave the way for confident and efficient decimal addition. Next week, we will solve decimal problems involving money.

Our Unit 12 Math Test is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students continued a cross curricular research project in which they are researching a sub topic of the American Revolution. This group research project will push

students to learn more about the American Revolution and sharpen their critical thinking and research skills. Students have learned how to synthesize, summarize, and write in a way that engages their audience.

Next week, we will continue this unit. Students will begin writing their final drafts of their project.

Theology

In Theology this week we've enjoyed the timeless wisdom encapsulated within the 10 Commandments. These foundational principles serve as pillars of moral guidance, offering invaluable insights into leading a life of integrity, compassion, and reverence. Throughout our discussions, the kids have been engaged in exploring the significance of each commandment and reflecting on its relevance in today's world. The kids were grateful for the opportunity to go to Reconciliation this week, and 4B has done an excellent job preparing for Mass on Tuesday.

***There will be a Passion Play dress rehearsal on Wednesday, 3/20. Students will bring their full costumes to school to ensure they're set for our performance on 3/28. Thank you for your support and cooperation!**

Our Unit 3 Lesson 13 Quiz is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th.