



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

March 29, 2024

Dear Families,

As we approach the joyous occasion of Easter, we reflect on the incredible journey we've embarked upon together. Our 4th graders have shown tremendous dedication and hard work in bringing to life the timeless story of the Passion of Christ. Their commitment to excellence and their passion for both storytelling, and their faith, truly shone through in every rehearsal and performance. We recognize this was no easy feat. Throughout this Lenten season, we've witnessed our students embodying the core pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. They have embraced these principles with open hearts, demonstrating compassion, self-discipline, and a deepening connection with their faith. As we've entered into Holy Week, let us take the time to pause, reflect, and renew our spirits. Let us remember the sacrifices made for us and rejoice in the promise of the Resurrection and new beginnings. May this Easter be a time of peace, joy, and spiritual growth for each and every one of you. Wishing you all a restful and meaningful Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and a joyous celebration of Easter! May the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ fill your hearts and homes.

God bless,
4th Grade Team

Announcements

- **Spring Dress begins on Monday, April 8** (when we return from Easter Break)
- CCS is honored to be able to offer four scholarships to our rising 5th-8th grade students. Please see the attached information packet for scholarship descriptions and the application. All current 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students are encouraged to apply. The required student essay will be written in school on Tuesday, April 16 from 3:30-4:30pm. All required documents should be returned on that date prior to the writing session.

[2024 Scholarship Packet](#)

Important Dates

- Monday, April 8, 2024- School Resumes/Solar Eclipse
- Friday, April 12, 2024- Blue & Gold Day

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Social Studies

This week in SS, students finished up their unit on the Civil War! Students learned about how the war ended and some of the effects of the war. We will study the Reconstruction era next and learn about how America moved past the Civil War next.

Upon returning from Easter Break, students will complete a timeline project based on the Civil War.

Science

This week the kids completed their rock projects. In groups, they chose a journey of discovery by selecting a category of rocks that intrigued them the most: sedimentary, igneous, or metamorphic. After choosing their category, our budding geologists then selected a specific rock to research further. They uncovered fascinating facts about their chosen rocks such as how it forms, where it is found and what it's used for. They created illustrations of their rock of choice, showcasing their understanding of its physical properties through detailed drawings. When we return from break, we will begin Chapter 8: "Changes to Earth's Surface" and we are looking forward to learning about and observing the eclipse!

Math

As we journey throughout the year, it's important for us to take moments to reflect on the vast array of knowledge and skills our students have acquired in math. This week the kids engaged in a "spiral review", which allowed them to revisit and reinforce topics covered since the beginning of the year. When we return from break, we will begin Unit 13: "Units of Measurement and Data".

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students finished up their cross curricular research project in which they learned and wrote about the American Revolution. This was an incredible learning experience and one in which they worked very hard. Congratulations to all of our students for creating something wonderful!

Upon returning from Easter Break, students will begin our next novel *Some Places More Than Others* and begin our big culminating project in Language Arts.

Theology

This week in Theology we finished Unit 3 Lesson 14: "What turns us away from God's love?" Our students had the opportunity to participate in Eucharistic adoration and engage in the profound tradition of the Stations of the Cross. In addition to these activities, our students were hard at work rehearsing for the Passion Play. We are immensely proud of their efforts, and want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to you, our parents, for your unwavering support and encouragement in making this show possible. Next week we will begin Unit 3 Lesson 15: "What turns us towards God's love?"