



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

**5th Grade
03/07/2025**



Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- Please be sure to return the Family Life packets that were sent home last week.
- Thursday, March 13, is an 11:30 dismissal, and there is no school for students either Friday, March 14, or Monday, March 17.
- 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.
- The permission slips for the Montpelier trip went home three weeks ago in the Friday folder, and are due no later than next Thursday, March 13.
- 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:

Monday, March 10: Test on structure of the Bible

Wednesday, March 12: Fossil Test

Thursday, March 13: War of 1812 Newspaper Article

Tuesday, March 18: Test on the entire Nicene Creed

Wednesday, March 19: 3rd Quarter CBG Party

Thursday, March 20: ACRE Test

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Important School Announcements

- 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
- Join us for CCS Night at Chick-fil-A Woodbrook Dr. (near Lowes) on Tuesday, March 11 from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Tell your cashier (in restaurant or drive thru) that you're with CCS and 15% of your net food purchase will be donated back to school. Mobile Orders count too – toggle to and select "Support Community Care Event" in the app before check-out. Chick-fil-A Bingo will be available @ 5:30-7:00 pm for a chance to win free food!

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.

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.

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 **3rd quarter** requirements are to complete Math: 5th grade for *Coordinate Planes* (unit 12), *Line Plots* (unit 15) and *Multiplying Decimals* (unit 8). 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 week students took a quiz on Greek and Latin affixes and began research for a research paper on events and people associated with the Civil War. They also read two short stories in the *Journeys* book and had a short reading quiz on "Lewis and Clark."

Next week, students will continue working on the research project and will read another short story in the *Journeys* book. We will be focusing on identifying the theme of a story. We will continue with that the week of March 18, and then we will begin reading *The Phantom Tollbooth* either late that week or early the following week. We will also work on object nouns in grammar.

Theology

This week, students recited the first two parts of the Nicene Creed for a quiz grade. We also reviewed the structure of the Bible and how to cite and find passages in both the Old and New Testaments. Students were not quite ready for a test on the Bible, so that has been postponed until Monday. The Slide Presentation on this material is on Google Classroom, and students were given a study guide to help them study this material.

Next week, we will begin to study the stories of the Pentateuch. There will not be a test on this material, but students will be completing a packet that will be counted as a project grade at the end of the unit. As they are completing the individual components of the packet, those will be graded as a homework/classwork assignment.

Science

We have been learning about fossils. We made plaster molds of "fossils".