



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

April 12, 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 now in the 4th quarter of school! We are going to continue to learn and grow as much as we can with the time that we have left with these fantastic students! As always, thank you for your continued support. This year has been incredible and we are so grateful for you and your families. Have a great weekend and please reach out if you have questions.

All the best,
4th Grade Team

Announcements

- Save the Date! Our annual **Grandparents and Great Friends Day will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024**. Students in JK-5th are encouraged to invite their grandparents or another special visitor to join them at school that day. More information, including an RSVP form, will be in next week's Tuesday Teller.
- **Call for Art Show Volunteers (STUDENT AND PARENT OPPORTUNITIES)**
Mrs. Devlin needs help mounting, labeling and hanging student art for our annual All CCS Art Show. Prep work begins now and the show will be hung Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th, The Open House will take place after school Wednesday, May 8th. Food and Beverages will be needed. Please see the SignUp Genius linked here to sign up.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EA9A82BA46-49042420-2024>
- 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 29- Field Trip to Science Museum of Virginia

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Social Studies

This week in SS, students completed a project about the Civil War. Students were tasked with choosing what they believe to be the five most important events from the Civil War and defending their ideas. We used the Canva site to aid in the creation of the timelines. This was a very engaging activity that the students enjoyed!

Next week, we will begin to learn about the Reconstruction era.

Science

In Science class this week we have been exploring various landforms and the forces that shape them, such as volcanoes, earthquakes, and glaciers. We also had a chance to share our rock projects and the rocks that friends brought into class. This was a great way to engage with geology hands-on! Next week we look forward to learning about fossils and the fossil record.

The Chapter 8 Test is scheduled for Friday, April 19th.

Math

In our math lessons this week, we've been focused on customary and metric units of measurement. From length and weight to capacity, the students have been exploring the ins and outs of these important concepts. They've been honing their skills in conversions, transitioning between various units of measurement and time. Looking ahead to next week, our focus will shift towards tackling word problems that involve multiple conversions. We'll also be diving into the realms of perimeter and area, and data analysis- learning how to display and interpret data on a line plot.

The Unit 13 Test is scheduled for the week of April 22nd (**conversions must be memorized**).

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students worked on their persuasive writing skills! We had a blast learning how to write through a persuasive lens. Students started out this week with a “Shark Tank” style writing assignment and are now working on their final drafts of their essays for a persuasive topic of their choice. This is a vital skill and one that students are progressing very well with!

Next week, students will begin our next novel *Some Places More Than Others* and begin our big culminating project in Language Arts.

Theology

In Theology, we've been focused on Unit 3 Lesson 15, exploring profound themes surrounding God's plan for our salvation. Throughout the week, the students have been engaging with the concept of original sin and God's response to it. We've been discussing the incredible life of God's life within us and the transformative power of conversion- the act of turning our whole hearts back to God. To bring these concepts to life, the kids have embarked on a mini-project. They're currently working on creating conversion stories, where they'll have the opportunity to reflect on personal experiences or imagined scenarios that highlight the journey of turning towards God.

The Unit 3 Theology test is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th. Next week will also be the second part of our Virtus lesson on Wednesday, April 17th- “Secrets, Surprises, and Promises” (See note below).

Charlottesville Catholic School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program, to our students over the next two weeks. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children*® program developed the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program. This program is required by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond as outlined in the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* as a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

One lesson per semester will be presented to all students at Charlottesville Catholic School. Each lesson will be approximately 45 minutes in length and will cover “Boundaries: You Have Rights,” and “Secrets, Surprises, and Promises.” We encourage you to read the *Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide* so that you are aware of the nature of the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program. To ensure the school and family connection remains strong, we will communicate the exact date of each lesson prior to the lesson being taught.

If you have questions about the program or the lessons, please contact Vada Fallica at (434) 964-0400 or v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org. For more information on the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at www.virtus.org