

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

5th Grade 04/12/2024

Teacher's Message/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
- 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!
- 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

- We are excited for our field trip next Friday, April 19! We'll send an email next week with this information as well, but here is some important information:
 - Students may wear their Spirit Wear shirt (or, if they don't have one, their PE shirt).
 - Students must wear long pants because we will be doing an archaeology program that involves them sitting/kneeling on the ground.
 - Students must wear close-toed shoes.
 - We will pack a bag lunch, which will be kept in the car during the morning sessions. We will have a cooler for perishable items, but the space will be limited, so either non-perishable items or an insulated lunch box would be helpful.
 - We will leave CCS in the morning around 8:30 and return approximately 2:30.

Calendar/Important Dates:

- Monday, April 15th: Math Test
- **Tuesday, April 16:** Spelling/vocabulary test (rescheduled from this week)
- Wednesday, April 17: Optional retest of nouns test (see note in LA section)
- Thursday, April 18: Quiz on the first of three parts of the Nicene Creed
- Friday, April 19: Field trip to Montpelier.

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Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will be learning about what our nation looks like at 50. As we continue through the 4th quarter we will be looking at the causes of the Civil War. Our last project in social studies will be a timeline that we will complete in class.

As part of learning about Westward Expansion, students are encouraged to play Oregon Trail online. Here's the link: <u>https://oregontrail.ws/games/the-oregon-trail/play/</u>

Math

We have been working on algebraic thinking and numerical patterns. The chapter 14 math test will be on Monday, 4/15.

To reinforce math concepts and skills, students are assigned sections for Khan Academy (<u>khanacademy.org</u>). This is for a grade. Students have their login and password in their planner. The 4rd qtr. requirements, **due before the end of the quarter 5/23/24** are Multiplying Fractions, Algebraic Thinking and Divide Decimals (under 5th grade - **not** Getting Ready for 5th).

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week students continued reading *The Phantom Tollbooth*. We also worked with the vocabulary words from the novel, and I realized they were not prepared to take the test on these words this week. We will continue to practice these difficult words and have a test next Tuesday. We also took the nouns test (covering nouns in direct address, subjects, subject complements, objects of a preposition, direct objects, and indirect objects). While many students did well with this test, there were others whose scores were below what they usually receive. As a result, I will give an OPTIONAL retest of this material next Wednesday and will hold extra tutoring sessions during working lunch on Monday and Tuesday. If a student chooses to retake the test, they will receive the score from the second test and NOT an average of both. If you would like your child to retake this test, please email me to let me know.

Theology

This week we continued working on the unit on the Pentateuch. As part of this unit, students are creating Interactive Notebook entries on the various stories. They will receive a completion grade for completing these for homework, but at the end of the unit, they will be turned in for a project grade.

We also began memorizing the Nicene Creed. Because that is a longer prayer than we have memorized so far this year, we have broken it into three parts, having a quiz after the first part next week, a quiz on the second part the following week, and then a test on the entire prayer the week after that.

Science

We are learning about the solar system. Thank you to everyone who came out to help us safely watch the solar eclipse! We will have a special multi lab event on 4/26. It's going to be so much fun!