

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

5th Grade 04/11/2025



Teacher's Message/Announcements:

• We start Easter Break with an 11:30 dismissal on Thursday, April 17. School resumes on Monday, April 28.

Calendar/Important Dates:

Monday, April 14: Test on direct and indirect objects and objects of a preposition

Tuesday, April 15: Quiz on Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter

Tuesday, April 15: Math Test (Algebraic Thinking)

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Important School Announcements

We hope you can join us for the 2025 Charlottesville Catholic School Gala Auction, which will be held on Saturday, May 3 at the Omni Hotel. The Gala Auction is a fabulous evening for the CCS community to come together and support the school! Featuring cocktail hour and a seated dinner, live and silent auctions, and a number of fun raffles, this is our school's biggest fundraising effort each year—you don't want to miss it!

Purchase your Gala Auction tickets here!

Social Studies

In history we will be looking at the growing pains of the new nation and at the issues that led to the Civil War. We will be learning about slavery and sectionalism. We will be covering the issues that lead to the Civil War and the major events that are part of this conflict.

Math

Students will be using PEMDAS to write and solve equations in our algebraic thinking unit. We will be conducting a data project in class to learn how to record, organize, analyze and display their data in clear formats using line plots, circle graphs, charts, line graphs and more. Students are encouraged to think of a survey topic they'd like to do.

To reinforce math concepts and skills, students are assigned sections for Khan Academy (khanacademy.org). This is for a grade. Students have their login and password in their

planner. 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 continued reading *The Phantom Tollbooth* and had a quiz on indirect objects. They also turned in the graphic organizer for the three body paragraphs of the research paper, and they received the new list of vocabulary/spelling words.

Next week, students will continue reading *The Phantom Tollbooth* and will continue working with the new list of vocabulary/spelling words connected with this book. We will also use the prewrite/graphic organizer for the research paper to begin writing the rough draft. The rough draft will be completed after break. In addition, students will begin diagramming sentences with object nouns, and they will have a quiz on that material when we return from the break.

Theology

This week, students began our short unit on Theology of the Body, but we focused primarily on Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter. They are creating a slide presentation with information derived from several sources, and that slide presentation will be the study guide for the quiz. We will also continue with the unit on the Theology of the Body, but we will finish that unit after the break.

Science

We will continue learning about asteroids, comets, centripetal force and more in our solar system unit.

I'd like to encourage your family to look into some evening star and planet gazing using a night sky app like *Night Sky* or *Sky Guide*.

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