



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### First Grade

### 4.18.25

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### Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Friday, April 18 - Friday, April 25** - No School, Easter Break
- **Monday, April 28** - School resumes
- **Friday, May 2** - Blue & Gold Day
- **Saturday, May 3** - 2025 Gala Auction
- **Monday, May 5 - Friday, May 9** - Art Show & Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation Week
- **Wednesday, May 7** - Art Show Open House
- **Thursday, May 8** - Reading MAP Test
- **Friday, May 9** - Grandparents & Great Friends Day - please read below!
- **Thursday, May 14** - Math MAP Test
- **Wednesday, May 21** - First Grade Poetry Cafe, 2:00pm, Performance Space

### School Announcements:

Our annual Grandparents and Great Friends Day will be held on Friday, May 9, 2025. Students in JK-5th grade are encouraged to invite their grandparents or another special visitor to join them at school that day. There will be 2 sessions for visits—JK through 2nd grade at 8:45AM (check-in from 8:30AM-8:45AM), and 3rd through 5th grades at 10:45AM (check-in between 10:30AM and 10:45AM). Those visiting multiple students are welcome to attend both sessions. [Please fill out this RSVP form](#) no later than Monday, May 5 so that we can properly plan for the day.

**LAST CHANCE FOR GALA AUCTION TICKETS!** You don't want to miss out on the party of the year! [Ticket sales for the 2025 Gala Auction](#) CLOSE THIS FRIDAY, April 18, so make sure that you're registered to attend! We have an incredible lineup of Live Auction items, available to bid on ONLY at the event. Silent Auction bidding will open online on April 21. Grab your friends and enjoy an evening of good food, great company and dancing - all while supporting our incredible school!

All Families are invited to our annual **Art Show Open House** taking place after school on **Wednesday, May 7th from 4-6**. The Book Fair will have extended hours during this time and food, activities and first-class art will all be provided for you to enjoy. **Volunteers are still needed** on May 3rd and 4th to hang the Art Show. We are in need of many more adults to help set up and take down the art show this year. Middle Schoolers may also use this as an opportunity to get service hours for **any category**. Please use this [SignUp Genius](#) to schedule a time.

### Teacher Announcements:

**We can hardly believe the year is moving so quickly and spring break has arrived! We wish each of our students and their families a blessed Holy Week and a very Happy Easter!** We hope you enjoy the Resurrection Eggs students brought home with them over the break. To enjoy this activity as it was originally intended, grab your favorite version of the account of the Passion of Our Lord and read it with your child, opening the eggs along the way as you read. The book we read this Holy Thursday was *The Easter Story* by Brian Wildsmith, but the items can be adapted to different versions. Here is a list of the items found inside the eggs:

- 1 - Donkey - Jesus arrives in Jerusalem riding a donkey on Palm Sunday
- 2 - Coin - Jesus discovers the money lenders in the temple and expels them
- 3 - Cracker - Jesus joins his friends for the Passover meal, the first celebration of the Eucharist and His Last Supper
- 4 - Leaves - The agony of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane
- 5 - Whip - Jesus is arrested and scourged
- 6 - Thorn - Jesus is given a crown of thorns to wear on His head
- 7 - Cross - Jesus carries the cross
- 8 - Nail - Jesus is crucified
- 9 - Die - The soldiers gamble for Jesus' garments
- 10 - White linen - Jesus is wrapped in white linen after being taken down from the cross
- 11 - Stone - the stone covers the tomb where His body lays
- 12 - This egg is empty because...the tomb is empty! He is Risen!

We hope they will be a gift to your family and a Holy Week tradition in the years to come!

Joyfully,

Mrs. Mauney & Mrs. Milnor

#### **First Grade Poetry Cafe, May 21, 2:00pm**

Please join us in the Performance Space as your first grade poets share the poems they've written during our poetry unit. Families are welcome!

## Social Studies

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We focused on science this week.

# Math

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This week we finished our unit on graphing.

# Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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## Reading & Grammar

This week we reviewed topics that we have learned so far this year.

## Writing

This week we continued to work on our poetry unit to prepare ourselves for our poetry cafe.

# Theology

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This week we observed Holy Week by walking the Stations of the Cross with our 5th grade faith buddies. We, also, read *The Easter Story* by Brian Wildsmith to accompany our Resurrection Eggs activity.

# Science

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This week we finished learning about the 4 habitats that we will focus on (the woodlands, the rainforest, the desert, and the ocean). When we return from break we will start researching for our project.

# Other Information

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## **Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:30)**

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Our first grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

## **Specials Schedule**

Monday - Library & Music   Tuesday - Library & Mass   Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday- Art   Friday - Music

## **Dress Uniform**

Boys - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks  
NO white.

Girls- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

## **Homework (M-TH)**

Be on the lookout for your child's homework sheet in next week's Monday binder.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading is the MOST important homework and should be done EVERY night!

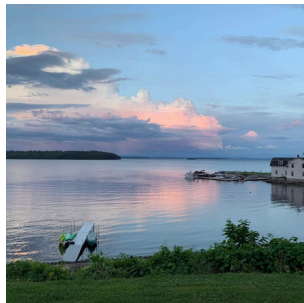
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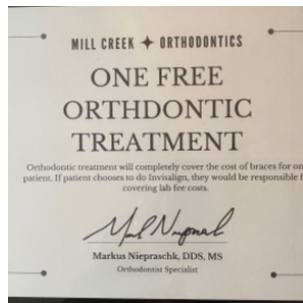
**DON'T MISS OUT ON FRIENDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP!**

**Ticket Sales for our Annual Gala Auction closes this Friday (18<sup>th</sup>) at midnight!**

**CHECK OUT THE AMAZING LINEUP OF AUCTION ITEMS!**



**LAKE CHAMPLAIN  
HOUSE AND BEACH**



**FULL ORTHODONTICS  
TREATMENT**



**NOTRE DAME BOX  
SEATS + LODGING**



**UVA VS. MIAMI FIRST  
PITCH & TICKETS**



**CCS TEACHER  
EXCLUSIVES**



**CCS STUDENT-MADE  
ART PIECES**



**1YR AQUA CAR WASH  
MEMBERSHIP**



**JAMAICAN VACATION  
FOR UP TO 18**

**Can't attend, but want to bid on Live Auction items? Proxy Tickets are available for \$75 - click the link to learn more!**

**[HTTPS://CHARLOTTESVILLECATHOLIC.SCHOOL.BETTERWORLD.ORG/EVENTS/2025-TICKETS](https://charlottesvillecatholic.school.betterworld.org/events/2025-tickets)**