



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

April 17, 2025

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Important Dates

Thursday, April 17: 11:30 dismissal

Friday, April 18-27: Easter Break

Saturday, May 3: 2025 CCS Gala

Friday, May 9: Grandparents & great friends day

Friday, May 23: Field Day and 11:30 dismissal

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day; School closed

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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!](#)

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.

Art Show 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.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class continued to play with addition this week. In Math centers, students played games like Build and Add, Grab and Add, and Tower Races to practice writing math sentences and adding two numbers together. We will begin our subtraction unit when we return from break.

Ms. Shank's class continued our unit with addition. We also looked at the relationship between numbers using number bonds, what are the different ways to make 10 is an example. The students are doing a great job of understanding the concept. We will begin a unit on subtraction when we return from Easter break.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class completed our alphabet study with the letter Xx. We learned that x, though a consonant, can make two sounds depending on where it falls in a word. We read the book "Not a Box" and created our own not a box pictures. We also completed our alphabet book, which will be bound and given to students in the coming weeks. When we return from break, we will spend time focusing on story elements, with students hopefully creating their own short story. We will also review our letters and sounds and learn a few more sight words before the year is over.

Ms. Shank's class continued reviewing sight words as we prepare for kindergarten. We read books highlighting the words *in*. We focused on the letter A. After our Easter break we will be working on the letter Zz. We have been practicing reading sentences. The students are doing great. We began our Author study of Eric Carle that fits with our study of insects.

Theology/SEL

Ms. Wawner's class celebrated the Easter story this week. We created a bracelet with beads that represent different parts of Jesus' story during Holy week. We are looking forward to the passion play on Thursday. We will pray the rosary every Thursday in May to celebrate Mary with the rest of the school and we will learn about fruits of the spirit.

Ms. Shank's class continued studying miracles of Jesus. We created a craft that goes with Jesus feeding the 5,000. We read about and watched several videos on the Easter story. The students made hats where they sequenced the Easter story. We will also begin as a school saying the outdoor rosary every Thursday of May. We will also be studying Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Science and Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class continued our study of plants this week. We learned about the different parts of a plant and its life cycle. Students studied real sunflowers to identify its parts, as well as some edible plants, like broccoli and celery. We planted our own mammoth sunflowers from seed and are hoping that we will see sprouts when we return from Easter break. We continue to work with Mr. Bruscia's class every Tuesday on our hydroponic experiment. This Tuesday, we measured the sprouts height and counted the leaves of everything we planted the week prior. When we return from break, we will start a unit on insects, while also continuing to work with the 6th graders on our project.

Ms. Shank's class started our large unit on insects and life cycles. The students will have an opportunity to watch the life cycle of a caterpillar, ladybugs, and praying mantis. We order these eggs each year and it gives a live action experience watching life cycles in action for the students. We will continue this unit when we return to school.

FINAL CALL FOR GALA AUCTION TICKETS!



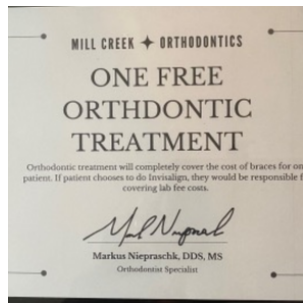
DON'T MISS OUT ON FRIENDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP!

Ticket Sales for our Annual Gala Auction closes this Friday (18th) at midnight!

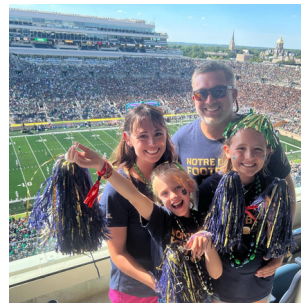
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