



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

4-28-2023

### 3rd Grade

#### **Teacher's Message/Announcements:**

- **Tuesday, May 2 - May Crowning**

- At CCS we honor Mary during May through the ceremony of May Crowning on May 2nd. A selected 8th grader adorns a statue of Mary with a flower crown, recalling that as the Bible tells us, she is the Queen of Heaven and Earth (Revelation 12). The rest of the school presents flowers to her in honor of the life she brought forth into the world through the Holy Spirit. At the beginning of Mass, all students will present flowers to Mary. **Each student is asked to bring in only one (1) long-stemmed flower that morning.** Please join us at Mass on Tuesday, May 2 at 8:15AM for this beautiful celebration.

- **May 8 - 12 - School Book Fair**  SKM\_368e23042407530.pdf

In Need of Volunteers (8:00-3:00, Wed until 5:00)

We are anxiously awaiting the Spring Book Fair! The students love the book fair, and it is a wonderful CCS tradition. Unfortunately, this year we are struggling to secure parent volunteers to make this happen. If we are unable to appropriately staff the book fair, we will unfortunately have to greatly reduce the time offerings for accessibility. Please email Mrs. Furin (j.furin@cvillecatholic.org) and sign up so that our students have this wonderful opportunity.

- **Sunday, May 8 - Volunteer Opportunity:** Father Joseph Mary of Holy Comforter Catholic Church has invited Charlottesville Catholic students to help with mass on Sunday, May 8 as greeters, ushers and gift bearers. [Here is the link](#) to sign up.

- **May 17 - Third Grade Field Trip: Monticello**

We will be leaving CCS at 8:20 am and returning at 2:30pm

**Please note: any child under 57" tall will need to bring a booster seat to school.**

**Field trip permission letter will be in the student's Friday Folder. Due Friday, May 5th**

- Monticello Guidelines:

- Bags and Backpacks. None exceeding 12 x 6 x 12 inches are allowed beyond the Shuttle Station. New security bag check stations are a good reason to ensure all prohibited items are left at home or on the bus.

- In the House. Eating, drinking, chewing gum and using tobacco products are prohibited. Still photography, filming, and video recording for anything other than personal use are prohibited. Guests are urged not to touch or lean on walls or furnishings.
- On the Grounds. The West Lawn is open to guests; otherwise guests are asked to remain on designated paths and trails. Smoking is not permitted near the house or its dependencies and terraces.
- Photography: Still photography, filming and video recording for personal use are permitted.
- Monticello is a tobacco-free and eCigarette-free site.
- Visiting with students. Students must be accompanied by a chaperone at all times.

- **Virtus Training (Volunteers)**

Just a reminder - If you are planning on driving and/or would like to volunteer for any school and student activities, you must receive prior training. You may register at [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0)

- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2022-2023**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HjgF59yh1nnTDitj7-o9xBbmia9KWB3S/view?usp=sharing>

### **Teacher email addresses:**

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- Mr. Little - [t.little@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:t.little@cvillecatholic.org)

## Science

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**This week** students will learn how the moon and earth interact, and will be introduced to the different phases of the moon. I am sending home their science vocabulary foldable study guide on Earth and its seasons in their Friday folders. Please review the words with your child.

**Next week** students will learn the order of planets in the solar system and be introduced to other bodies that make up our universe.

## Social Studies

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**This week** students will locate Ancient China on a map and learn about its contributions. We will compare and contrast how ancient China changed from its beginning to today.

- Study guides will be sent home in their Friday Folders.
- Test will be on Thursday, May 4th.

**Next week** students will be introduced to Life in Ancient Greece and learn about their contributions beginning with architecture.

## Math

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**This week** students learned strategies for multiplication and division. Students were introduced to the multiplication properties. We will also work on multi-step word problems involving multiplication and division.

- Students should be practicing their multiplication tables up to ten using the Math Trainer website.

**Next week** students will learn how fractions can be used to represent numbers and their parts. We will review unit fractions and how fractions are part of a set.

- Donations Needed for Ms. Grassi : two large bags of candies called “Smarties” for math fraction lessons.

### Websites:

- StudyIsland.com;they can practice multiplication and division
- Math Trainer- multiplication, and division Fluency And Accuracy Practice

## Language Arts/Writing

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### This Week:

- Daily Grammar Review: Reviewed past skills
- Word Study: Suffixes (-er, -or)
- Suffixes: Intro - **ist (tourist) - one who**, Review - ure, ous, us, less, ive, ful, ment, sub, ness, y
- Prefixes: Intro - **anti (antibody) - against**, Review - trans, de, fore, inter, un, re, pre, dis, mis
- Writing - Expository: Hamburger Paragraph Writing - “Describing My Easter Break”

### Homework:

- Word Study (M-Th) - 10 min. Students do not need to turn anything in.

### Next Week:

- Daily Grammar Review: What Makes a Good Book Report?, Character and Plot, Parts of a Book
- **No Quiz - Students will incorporate skills into their Google Slides Book Fair Report**
- Word Study: Prefixes (**im-, in-, non-**) - **Quiz on Friday**
- Suffixes: Intro - **ic (linguistic) - having characteristics of**, Review - ure, ous, us, less, ive, ful
- Prefixes: Intro - **mid (midway) - middle**, Review - trans, de, fore, inter, un, re, pre, dis, mis
- Writing - Book Fair Report: Students will be writing a Summary and about Story Elements
  - Artist Statements for upcoming student Art Fair submissions

## Reading

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### This Week:

- Featured Story: Novel Studies/Book Clubs (The Magic Finger, The Wind in the Willows, Frindle)
- Focus Skills: Story Structure/Elements, Main Idea, Summarizing, Theme
- We have done various activities and have had group discussions based on your child’s assigned book for the past several weeks. Students completed their readings and took the final test for their assigned reading.

### Next Week: **No Quiz on Friday**

- Continuing Novel Studies/Book Clubs (The Magic Finger, The Wind in the Willows, Frindle)
- Focus Skills: Story Structure/Elements, Main Idea, Summarizing, Theme
- We will be working on our Book Fair Reports next week during class. Students will be using Chromebooks/Google Slides for their presentations. I have included a link to a rubric for how these projects will be assessed.**

### Learning Ally

-read.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud Book options, similar to Epic, but can be accessed at home at no additional cost to you.

Username - For example - t.little@cvillecatholic.org or ti.little@cvillecatholic.org (Student email)

Password - For example - catholic1234 (catholic + last 4 of Student ID)

### **Not Homework but Recommended:**

Nightly Reading (M-Th) - Approximately 20 min. Students should indicate the number of minutes read each night/week in their planner.

## Religion

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### **This Week:**


We recognized St. Catherine of Siena this week, as her Feast Day is on April 29. She was an Italian member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic in the Roman Catholic Church. She was a mystic, activist, and author who had a great influence on Italian literature and on the Catholic Church. Canonized in 1461, she is also a Doctor of the Church. We watched videos, had discussions, prayed the Litany of St. Catherine of Siena, and wrote a letter, like Catherine did, giving advice and encouraging people to live in peace.

### **Next Week:**

While Easter Sunday and our break is over, we will still be in the Easter Season, which runs from April 9 (Easter) to May 28 (Pentecost). Therefore, we will continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection through the end of the school year. This will also be a time to remember that the Church is a gift of God and that we should share the love of Jesus with the whole world.

On Tuesday, after Mass, Third Grade will also be meeting with Father David, our chaplain, to get to know him better.



 **BOOK FAIR!**  
*SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!*

Dear Parents and Families,

I'm pleased to announce that our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair, which will take place from May 8-12, 8:00-3:00 (Wed until 5:00) at the Performance Space.

The return of the Book Fair will be a familiar and welcome celebration. Volunteers are crucial to the success of this event. We hope that you can offer your time and talents to help students discover the power of books to bring us together.

If you're available to help us with our upcoming Book Fair, please contact me. I'd be grateful if you'd let me know which Fair activities interest you as a volunteer. We need volunteers to help with:

- Advertising
- Decorating
- Setting up the Fair
- Helping shoppers at the Fair
- Cashiering
- Packing up the Fair
- Special events

Thanks for considering becoming a volunteer! I look forward to hearing from you.

Gratefully,

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