

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

4-28-2023

Good afternoon 4th grade parents. We're back with another edition of our weekly newsletter. We've had a great week of school, and are in the final stretch to the finish line. We are impressed with the progress the children have made, and appreciate your love, trust, and support. The kids are looking forward to grandparents day, and our scholastic book fair. We look forward to seeing you this weekend if you plan on attending the auction. Have a great weekend.

4th Grade

Announcements

- Please make sure that your child's uniforms fit properly and guidelines regarding hair, makeup, and jewelry are being followed.
- Mr. Burgin & Mr. Hendrick are auctioning off a trip to the Alamo Theater for the Gala. Please visit this link if you are interested. <u>Gala Auction Link</u>
- Your child's attendance counts! We have officially entered our busiest time of year, and it is imperative that the kids are at school with us.
- As we have several students with peanut allergies in 4th grade, please be conscientious of them when packing snacks/lunches.
- 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. <u>Here is the link</u> to sign up.
- 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.
- 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 (<u>i.furin@cvillecatholic.org</u>)
- Contact emails: a.burgin@cvillecatholic.org a.taleghani@cvillecatholic.org

Calendar/Important Dates:

- Saturday, April 29- Gala Auction at the Omni Hotel
- Monday, May 8-12- Book Fair Week
- Friday, May 12- Great Friends & Grandparents Day
- Wednesday, May 17 & Thursday, May 18- MAP Testing (Please be present & on time!)
- Thursday, June 8- Last Day of School/Blue & Gold Day (11:30 Dismissal and No Aftercare)

Social Studies

This week in Social Studies, students began chapter 8 which focuses on the aftermath of the Civil War. We learned about Reconstruction and how America moved on from the past and into the future with the Industrial Revolution.

We will have a test over chapter 8 on Tuesday, May 2.

Math

In Math this week we have been focused on Customary Units of length, capacity, weight and time. We are becoming experts with conversions, and working to memorize our conversions for the test on Tuesday. We have also learned how to display measurement data using line plots, and solve measurement word problems.

Our Chapter 11 Math Test: Customary Measurement is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd. Students will not be allowed to use conversion sheets for this test. All conversions for length, capacity, weight, and time should be memorized.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in Language Arts, students finished our novel, *Some Places More Than Others*. This is a wonderful story in which students will learn about family history and will lead us to our big end of year project! Details for the Suitcase Project are on Reading Google Classroom. Students can start the writing process for the project at any time. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Next week, students will begin a unit in which they will participate in a historical fiction book club.

Religion

In Religion this week we have been focused on Unit 4 Lesson 17: "Why do we pray?" We have learned that the Holy Spirit guides us in prayer. We recalled who taught us our first prayers, and the people that continue to guide us in our prayer lives. We learned that prayer helps us do God's will as long as we come to prayer with humble hearts. To better

understand this concept we focused on the Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector. We are comforted knowing that prayer strengthens us to live as Jesus' disciples and leads us to true happiness. We look forward to incorporating our newfound understanding of prayer into our daily lives.

Science

In Science this week we have transitioned from properties of matter to changes in matter. We learned all about atoms, elements, and compounds, physical vs. chemical changes, chemical reactions and physical vs. chemical properties to describe matter. I am impressed to see our excitement over chemistry!

The Ch. 12 Science Test will be on Wednesday, May 3.



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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