



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

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## Friday Newsletter: 04/28/2023



## 5th Grade

### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- 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 ([j.furin@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:j.furin@cvillecatholic.org)) and sign up so that our students have this wonderful opportunity.
- Our traditional Grandparents and Great Friends Day will return on Friday, May 12! There will be 2 sessions for visits- JK through 2nd grade at 8:30AM, and 3rd through 5th grades at 10:30AM. Those visiting multiple students are welcome to attend both sessions. Please fill out this RSVP form no later than Friday, May 5 so that we can properly plan for the day.
  - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYlPtB-R59lvdcr8CaG58Kq8VlSrQ-d2berQKn2mO9h2qSlw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

- 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: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094eaea62ea7fd0-charlottesville4#/>
- Thank you to all the parent chaperones for our field trip last Friday. We had a wonderful time! Also, we received very positive feedback from one of Montpelier's employees, Trish Beeks, who also happens to be a former 5th grade teacher at CCS. This is her very kind note about our students:
  - Dear Deb,  
Your students are adorable! They were so good with each other, too. They each said thank you when we were helping them at the retail. It was so sweet that one of your girls donated \$3.00 to Montpelier.  
What a grand school year you must be having 😊 I'm sure you are very proud.
- Access to FACTS: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/pwr/school/>

#### Calendar/Important Dates

- **Friday, 5/5:** Religion quiz on recitation of the first four Beatitudes

#### Teacher email addresses

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## Social Studies

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Last week we learned about how the government dealt with the Native Americans. We will begin our focus on the Industrial Revolution.

## Math

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We will continue this week on learning about measurement and will be working with conversions.

\*Students will need to complete (mastery level) Khan Academy *Add and Subtract Fractions*, *Multiplying Fractions*, and *Algebraic Thinking* by the end of the 4th quarter.

\* Please practice the basic multiplication facts at home or in the car coming to and from school. Knowing your multiplication facts is a vital skill that students will be needing for success in math in school and in daily life.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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This week students took a test on the first part of *The Phantom Tollbooth*. They also had a test on grammar lessons VIE 1.9, 1.10, and 1.11, and one on the spelling/vocabulary words from chapters 6-9 of *The Phantom Tollbooth*. They also were introduced to a writing project connected to the novel.

Next week, we will continue reading *The Phantom Tollbooth*, receive a new list of spelling/vocabulary words, and focus heavily on the writing project based on the novel.

## Religion


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This week students continued our unit on The Beatitudes. They focused on the meaning of the first three, and they are working on a unit-long project that will be due at the end of the unit in approximately two weeks. They will also start memorizing The Beatitudes and will have a recitation quiz on the first four at the end of next week, and a test on all of them when we complete the unit.

## Science

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We have been learning about stars, seasons, and day and night. This week we will be learning about the moon and centripetal force.



 **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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