



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

5/16/25

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link

Calendar/Important Dates

- Tuesday, May 20 - 8:15 AM Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
- Friday, May 23 - JK-7 Field Day (11:30 AM Dismissal - STEAM Aftercare will be provided)
- Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day (School Closed)
- Tuesday, May 27 - 8:15 AM Mass (Last of the year - Students must be in formal dress)
- Tuesday, June 3 - Last Day of School for 1st-7th graders
 - Blue & Gold Day
 - End of Year Awards Ceremony
 - 11:30 Dismissal (STEAM Aftercare will **Not** be offered)
- Friday, June 6 - 4th Quarter Report Cards available on FACTS

Teacher email addresses

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Important School Announcements

- **From the Library:** Thank you so much to all who helped with our Book Fair! I truly appreciate each one of you. Just a reminder that this is the last week for book check-outs and **ALL** books are due back to the library **NEXT WEEK**. Thank you again for a wonderful year!
- **Field Day for JK-7th grade is Friday, May 23.** It is an **11:30AM dismissal** day for students-JK Extended Day and STEAM Aftercare will both be in session. Please read the following information carefully and ensure that your children come to school fully prepared.
All essential items needed this day (with a few rules):
 - Bathing suits are not required; if worn, they must be covered by shorts and a t-shirt at all times. Swim trunks are fine but t-shirts are to remain on.

- Appropriate closed-toed shoes; sneakers are preferred (NO Crocs, flip flops, or sandals)
- Sunscreen, sunscreen, sunscreen! Sunscreen MUST be applied at home, as we cannot apply it to students at school
- Comfortable loose fitting athletic attire that meets dress code requirements
- A FULL change of clothes (including socks) should be brought to school
- Hats are acceptable on this day as they provide sun blockage
- No sunglasses (unless prescription)
- LABELED Water Bottle (it is very important that we stay hydrated on this day)
- Towel
- [Sign up to volunteer here!](#)

Social Studies

This Week: Students will be introduced to what life was like in Ancient Greece and how it has changed over time. They will also complete a cause and effect activity about life in Ancient Greece.

*Study Guides will be sent home in Friday Folders and the Unit Test will be Tuesday, May 20th.

Next Week: Students will learn about the significant contributions to society in terms of architecture and government of Ancient Rome.

Math

This Week: Students will continue to learn multiplication and division strategies using the properties of multiplication. They will practice basic multiplication facts of 3, 4, and 6 using the mathtrainer website.

Next Week: Students will continue to practice their multiplication facts 3, 4, and 6. We will review using models, arrays, and multiplication properties for their multiplication facts of 7, 8, and 9. They will be introduced to the 11 and 12 multiplication facts.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We began our new book clubs this week with students choosing their books based on interest. We have an eclectic mix of books being read this go around including The Boxcar Children, My Teacher is an Alien, Charlotte's Web, Frindle, and The One and Only Ivan. We also began our final writing assignment of the year, a 3 Paragraph Research Paper. Students have been learning about the structure of this piece of writing and working primarily on the introduction (Hook, Connecting Information, and Thesis Statement), as well as researching their topic on the computer.

Next Week:

-Word Study (Spelling): **None**

-Writing/Grammar

-Skill(s): 3 Paragraph Research Paper (Next 2 weeks)

-Mentor Text: **None**

-Mentor Sentence: **None**

-Reading - Book Clubs (Next 2 weeks) - Story Elements, Reading Skills and Comprehension

Homework: [Reading Page \(Let's Learn It\)](#) - None

Study Resources: ELA Notebook, Reading Notebook, ELAR Folder (Reading Practice Pages)

Theology

This Week:

We began our Theology of the Body (TOB) Unit this week by introducing our mentor text, Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, an African Tale, which will serve as a key resource and reference point throughout our lessons this year. We completed our first two lessons focusing on Gift-Of-Self and how the body reveals the person. We also celebrated the crowning of Mary with flowers at our Mass on Tuesday.

Next Week:

-Rosary - Thursday (Decade 4 of 5)

-Theology of the Body - Lessons 3 and 4 - We will learn about how sin distorts the gift of our bodies and how families are a gift of God.

-Hail Holy Queen Prayer (Students have received a copy) - **Recite from Memory - Tuesday, 5/27**

What Is the Theology of the Body?

The Theology of the Body (TOB) refers to the collection of 129 Wednesday Audiences, or short public speeches, given by Pope St. John Paul II during the first five years of his papacy. TOB helps us understand the very foundation of our identity created in God's image as male or female. If you would like to know more, here is a link to the Curriculum that we are using to teach TOB. There you will find an overview and information regarding the types of lessons being taught. I've also attached a copy of the 3rd grade standards that relate to TOB. This can be found on the Diocese website as well.

<https://www.ruahwoodsintstitute.org/downloads/>

<https://discovercatholicschools.org/explore/academics/curriculum/>

Hail Holy Queen Prayer

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

(Amen.)

Add When Praying in a Group

Verse: *Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.*

Response: *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.*

Study Resources: Theology Folder, Notebook, Fatima Prayer Copy, Hail Holy Queen Prayer Copy

Science

This Week: Students will be learning about our Solar System beginning with planet Earth. They will learn about what causes the seasons and be introduced to the phases of the moon.

Next Week: Students will learn about the lunar cycle, phases of the moon, lunar and solar eclipses. They will begin a project on identifying the moon phases throughout a 30 day cycle.