



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 3rd Grade

### 5/2/25

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **3rd Grade Retreat (At CCS) - Tuesday, May 6 (9:30 - 11:00)**

We are excited at the opportunity to take a moment out of our normal classroom routines to stop and reflect on how we are doing in our lives at this moment in time. What are our relationships with God, our friends, our families, our communities, and ourselves like? What is working? What is not working? What can we do to make things better? Retreats allow us a moment to slow down from our very busy lives to reflect on whether we are behaving in ways that show we are the loving and caring individuals God created. **Our focus will be on God's Grace.** Grace is the help that God gives us freely and constantly. God grants it to us so that we can hear His call to be His children. The Holy Spirit helps us to recognize this grace and to carry out the actions that inspire us to be children of God.

- Ms. Grassi needs boxes of Alka Seltzer for a science experiment on Grandparents Day. May 9th.

- Spring MAP Growth Assessments will be taken on Thursday, May 8 (reading) and Wednesday, May 14 (math). All students in grades 1-8 will take their assessments at the same time, starting at 8:30AM both days. In order for students to be prepared to do their best, they should be well-rested, have a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time. Outside appointments that require a late arrival or pick-up before 11AM should be avoided.

- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA\\_D6OGjSil0tg\\_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link)

#### Calendar/Important Dates

- Tuesday, May 6 - **No Mass/No Formal Dress** (Art Show) and MAP Reading
- Friday, May 9 - Grandparents and Great Friends Day
- Tuesday, May 13 - 8:15 AM Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
- Wednesday, May 14 - MAP Math

## Teacher email addresses

- Ms. Grassi - [k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org)
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## Important School Announcements

- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5-9. Please help us celebrate our incredible staff at CCS!  
**Monday, May 5th:** Wall of Appreciation - Please send in your sunshine shout-outs to the staff. This was sent home with the students.  
**Tuesday, May 6th:** The PTO will treat the staff with coffee and donuts on this day.  
**Wednesday, May 7th:** Parent volunteers will visit each classroom to distribute treats from the "treat cart". You can sign up to donate \$5 to fill the treat cart on the SignUp Genius below.  
**Thursday, May 8th:** The PTO will provide Sticks for lunch. We need volunteers for recess/lunch duty as well as seltzer water and desserts. Please consider volunteering to make this day a success.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A44A5A62BA0F85-56351033-appreciation>  
**Friday, May 9th:** Please send in a card from your child/family to their homeroom teacher along with any other staff member!
- We are still in need of volunteers to help with putting up the Art Show this weekend, as well as volunteers to staff the Book Fair next week. Please see the Sign Up Geniuses below:
  - [Art Show Volunteers](#)
  - [Book Fair Volunteers](#)
- 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.
- 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.
- Our annual May Crowning will be held on Tuesday, May 13 during Mass. At the beginning of Mass, all students will present flowers to Mary. **Each student is asked to bring in one (1) long-stemmed flower that morning.**

## Social Studies

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**This Week:** Students will be introduced to the contributions from Ancient Greece and how we use these contributions in modern times.

**Next Week:** Students will learn about their types of architecture, arts, and sports as well as their government. They will also be introduced to what life was like in Ancient Greece and how it has changed over time.

## Math

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**This Week:** Students will continue to learn how multiplication and division are related using a variety of strategies. They will be introduced to the concept of inverse operations.

**Next Week:** Students will continue to learn multiplication and division strategies. They will also learn basic multiplication facts of 3, 4, and 6.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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### **This Week:**

We continued with our Poetry/Figurative Language Units this week, examining different features and types of each. With the help of a Figurative Language Flow Chart, students were able to ask the right types of questions to unlock hidden meanings and decipher language that needs to be "figured out." Students also began writing poetry. A few types that we are working on are Limericks, Haikus, Acrostics, Cinquains, Alliterations, Diamantes, and I Am poems.

### **Next Week:**

-Word Study (Spelling): Suffix/Prefix Review (walked, dancing, preview) - Quiz - Monday, 5/5

\*No New Words/No Quiz on Friday, 5/9\*

-Writing/Grammar

-Skill(s): **Figurative Language** (e.g., similes, metaphors, personification, idioms, alliteration, hyperbole, onomatopoeia) and **Poetry** (Features and Types)

-Mentor Text: **None**

-Mentor Sentence: **None**

-Reading - Poetry/Figurative Language Units

- MAP Testing Preparation (Reading MAP Test will be on Thursday, 5/8)

- Book Clubs (Novel Study - TBD) - Introduce New Book Clubs

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

Study Resources: Grammar Voyages, ELA Notebook, Reading Notebook, ELAR Folder (Reading Practice Pages), and Word Study Intro Letter/Packet

## Theology

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### **This Week:**

Mrs. Grassi's homeroom did a wonderful job at leading Mass on Tuesday. We also completed a lesson in our Christ In Us Workbook (3.15, which focused on God's Grace and served as a

preview of our retreat next week), practiced the Fatima prayer, and said the first decade of the Rosary as a whole school.

### **Next Week:**

-3rd Grade Retreat (At CCS) - **Tuesday, 5/6 (9:30 - 11:00)** - Our focus will be on God's Grace.

-Christ In Us Workbook - Unit 3 (How do we live what we believe?) - **Test - Friday, 5/9**

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

Beginning on Thursday, May 1st we will pray the rosary weekly in honor of May being the month devoted to Mary. The rosary includes two prayers that may be less familiar to students (Fatima Prayer and Hail Holy Queen Prayer). The Fatima Prayer is said at the end of each decade of the rosary while the Hail Holy Queen is said upon completion of five decades of the rosary.

### **Fatima Prayer**

*O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.*

*Amen.*

### **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**

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**This Week:** Students will be comparing the density and volume of different objects. They will also learn how temperature can cause changes to the states of matter, as well as how certain types of matter can become a mixture or a solution.

**Next Week:** Students will be learning about the difference between chemical changes and physical changes to matter. A Study Guide will be sent home in Friday Folders for their Unit Test on Matter.

- **Matter Unit Test- Thursday, May 15th**

# EVENT SCHEDULE

# MAY 5-9

**05**

MAY, 2025

**ART SHOW AND  
BOOK FAIR OPEN  
TO STUDENTS**

**07**

MAY, 2025

**ART SHOW OPEN  
HOUSE**

REFRESHMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND  
BOOK FAIR EXTENDED HOURS

04-06 PM

**09**

MAY, 2025

**GRANDPARENTS  
DAY**

LAST DAY FOR BOOK FAIR,  
SEE TELLER FOR DETAILS