



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

May 2, 2025

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Important Dates

Saturday, May 3: 2025 CCS Gala

Tuesday, May 6: No Mass

Wednesday, May 7: Art Show

Friday, May 9: Grandparents & great friends day

Friday, May 23: Field Day and 11:30 dismissal

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day; School closed

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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.

Art Show 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.

- **A Message From the PTO: Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week**

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 Fair Volunteers](#)
- 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.**
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- **LAST CHANCE FOR GALA AUCTION TICKETS!** You don't want to miss out on the party of the year! [Ticket sales for the 2025 Gala Auction](#) CLOSE THIS FRIDAY, April 18, so make sure that you're registered to attend! We have an incredible lineup of Live Auction items, available to bid on ONLY at the event. Silent Auction bidding will open online on April 21. Grab your friends and enjoy an evening of good food, great company and dancing - all while supporting our incredible school!

Math

Ms. Wawner's class learned about subtraction this week. We practiced reading subtraction sentences and using manipulatives to solve equations. We practiced building and taking away with unifix cubes, as well as making play-doh balls and smashing them. We will continue exploring subtraction next week.

Ms. Shank's class began our unit on subtraction. We are using manipulatives to practice subtracting. We will also be reviewing units that we have learned throughout the year.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class started our ABC countdown this week. Students enjoyed sharing their stuffed animals, creating bubble solution and wands, creating chalk art, having a dance party, and doing some easy experiments. We also learned the elements of a story and listened to a few read alouds that have strong characters, settings, problems, and solutions. We will create a story together and hopefully students will create their own short story in the coming weeks.

Ms. Shank's class continued reviewing sight words as we prepare for kindergarten. We read books highlighting the words *my* and *is*. We focused on the letter Z. Next week we will begin discriminating between letters. We made zebras for our letter book. We have been practicing reading sentences with our sight words. We continued our author study of Eric Carle that fits with our study of insects. We read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", "The Very Grouchy Ladybug", "The Very Clumsy Click Beetle", We talked about how he created his illustrations and next week we will all become Eric Carles and create our own art project using his technique.

Theology/SEL

Ms. Wawner's class talked about how Catholics honor Mary in May and how we can honor her this month. Next week, We will start talking about Fruits of the Spirit.

Ms. Shank's class studied our Holy Mother Mary. We learned about the significant events of her life. We also talked about the rosary being a holy object and practiced how to hold the rosary and count the beads. We began saying the rosary outside with the school. We will continue to say the rosary every Thursday outside after the morning bell. Please feel free to join us.

Science and Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class is juggling lots of things in Science these days! We have large sprouts on our mammoth sunflowers that we planted before break. We take time to water and observe them each day. We continue to work with Mr. Bruscia's class to see if plants grow better outside in soil or inside by hydroponics. This Tuesday, we saw how our snap peas, radishes, strawberries and lettuce have thrived indoors. Next week, we will transfer some to our outside garden beds to see how they do there. Finally, we started a unit on insects this week. We will continue studying insects for the next couple of weeks.

Ms. Shank's class started our large unit on insects and life cycles. We received our caterpillars and our ladybug larva. The students were fascinated. We created a diagram of the butterfly life cycle. We also learned about bees and the different jobs that each bee performs and how they make honey. We will learn about ants and ladybugs next week. With our study the students are learning how important insects are and the part they play in the food web.

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