

#### Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

### 2nd Grade 05/3/2024

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements/Information from Administration

- The countdown is on! Grandparents and Great Friends Day is only one week away, and the Hawks are ready to welcome these special guests to our classroom and school. <u>Please RSVP</u> today! There will be 2 sessions for visits (those visiting multiple students are welcome to attend both sessions):
  - JK through 2nd grade at 8:45AM (**check-in from 8:30AM-8:45AM**)
  - 3rd through 5th grades at 10:45AM (check-in between 10:30AM and 10:45AM). Those visiting multiple students are welcome to attend both
- The Art Show Open House is right around the corner on Wednesday, May 8! Don't miss this opportunity to revel in all the beauty CCS students create with the amazing Mrs. Devlin. Want to be an Art Show hero? Check out the many ways you can earn your "cape" by signing up on this <a href="Link">Link</a>.
- **Eek! The Scholastic Book Fair is next week!!** The Hawks have private access to the Book Fair during their usual Library time to make a wish list and to shop til they drop! The Hawks will have additional shopping opportunities Wednesday afternoon/evening during the Art Show Open House and on Friday morning during Grandparents and Great Friends Day.
  - Scholastic also takes credit cards, checks and cash. If your child will be his/her own personal shopper, you may set up an e-wallet for them.
  - Looking for an opportunity to serve others? The Book Fair is a wonderful way to positively impact our school community! Many hands make light work!
     Visit the Sign Up Genius here for available slots.
- From the PTO: Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10. Please help us celebrate our incredible staff at CCS!

Monday- The PTO will stock the teachers' lounge with goodies Tuesday-Wall of Appreciation- Please send in your "donut" with shoutouts to the staff. This was sent home with students. The staff will be treated to coffee and donuts on this day.

Wednesday - The PTO will provide Sticks for lunch. We still need volunteers for recess/lunch duty. Please consider volunteering to make this day a success. <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C48AEAA2AA0F58-49164722-teacherfaculty#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C48AEAA2AA0F58-49164722-teacherfaculty#/</a>

Thursday - The PTO will provide a small token of appreciation Friday- Please send in a card from your child/family to their homeroom teacher along with any other staff member!

- Reminder: CCS will not be holding Mass next Tuesday, May 7. Students do not need to be in formal dress that day.
- A huge congratulations to all of those who will be receiving their First Communion this weekend! May the Lord continue to bless all of our beloved Hawks on their journeys of faith! We are praying for you always!

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#### **Calendar/Important Dates**

5/7 - No Mass/No formal dress

5/6 -5/10 - Book Fair

5/8 - Art Show Open House (after school)

5/10 - Grandparents and Great Friends Day (see above for timing)

5/14 - May Crowning and Volunteer Appreciation Mass

5/16 - MAP Testing (Reading), 8:15 am

5/20 - MAP Testing (Math), 8:15 am

5/21 - 2nd Grade Leads Mass

5/24 - JK-7th Grade Field Day; 11:30 am Dismissal

5/27- No School - Memorial Day

5/28 - Last Mass of the school year

6/4 - Fractured Fairy Tale Plays, 2:00-3:00 pm in the Performance Space

6/5 - Last Day of School

#### Science/Social Studies

These sensational second grade scientists are learning all about living and nonliving things in ecosystems. From life cycles (plants, butterflies, and frogs) to adaptations, the Hawks are learning it all! These ravenous researchers will soon have the opportunity to apply all they've learned to create a new species, detailing all of the characteristics that make it unique!

#### Math

Squares, triangles, and circles, oh my! We're having a blast learning all about two-dimensional shapes (including polygons and quadrilaterals!), and categorizing them based on their attributes (angles and sides). Next week, the Hawks will apply their knowledge of 2D shapes to better understand three-dimensional shapes.

Frugal? Not with fact fluency!!! Your magnificent mathematician is benefitting so much from daily math fact practice. Keep up the good work!

Keep it cool in the math pool!! SplashLearn.com is updated with new geometry and fraction assignments for the Hawks! This free digital resource is sure to make a splash with your mathematician!

#### Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Spelling superstars! Check folders for graded spelling tests today and give your cutie a high five for a job well done! The countdown is on!! Only two more weeks of spelling instruction/homework! Our final week of spelling will begin on May 13 and end on May 17.

Cursive cuties! The Hawks are feeling fabulously fancy and oh-so-very-grown-up knowing they're about to learn how to read and write in cursive! While our handwriting focus will shift, the Hawks will continue to have high expectations for both print and cursive handwriting.

Lovable literacy! This month, the Hawks will explore poetry and drama! Our perky poets will read tons of fabulous poetry from amazing authors, and will have a chance to pen some of their own marvelous masterpieces. Then, these adorable actors will take the stage to present fractured fairy tales...you'll love our hilarious takes on these classic stories. Join us on Tuesday, June 4 from 2:00-3:00 in the Performance Space!

#### Theology

On Friday, the Hawks participated in our incredible Communion Retreat, learning all about how we "Prepare a Place for Jesus". The *biggest* thank you to all who helped to make this day possible. The children absolutely loved our "Set the Altar" relay, the transforming picture craft, and preparing "Blessings Bags" for the homeless. Your little missionary should have brought a Blessing Bag home to give to someone in the community. Thank you, thank you, thank you to the many Hawk families who donated time and supplies for our Communion Retreat. Your generosity made this special day possible!

Next week, we will continue to learn about the sacrament of the Eucharist. We will also work to understand the Christian mission to care for all of God's creation. The Blessing Bags will be a wonderful springboard for this conversation.



## ART OPEN HOUSE

Charlottesville Catholic School Wednesday, May 8th from 4 to 6 p.m.



#### **OPEN HOUSE DETAILS**

Commence at 4 with musical performances by Ms. Wisbey's Middle School Music Improv Group and the Elementary Chorus Club.

Indulge in our reception while admiring over 1200 pieces of art chosen for this year's exhibition.

Engage in our enjoyable family art-making activities and contribute to our local Pediatric Cardiac Care unit with a donation. Our NJHS will oversee the free activities and donations.

# CCS HAS ARTISTS WITH HEART

Change Kids' Health. Change the Future®.

"As my 4th heart surgery approaches later this year, I feel blessed and grateful for the CCS community. THANK YOU, CCS, for supporting Pediatric Cardiology at UVA Health Children's. Your donation helps kids like me live life and DREAM big!" - Olivia

