



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville School

Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

May 3, 2024

Emails

Ms. Shank: c.shank@cvillecatholic.org

Ms. Wawner: v.wawner@cvillecatholic.org

Calendar/Important Dates

Friday, May 10th: Grandparents and Great Friends day

Friday, May 24th: ½ day; 11:30 dismissal

Monday, May: No school; Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 4th: Last day of school for JK

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class conducted a honey bee inquiry this week. We brainstormed all the things we knew about bees, then we came up with questions that we wanted to find the answers to. We learned about the different jobs of worker bees, bee life cycles, how bees make honey, and why bees dance. We created bee costumes and simulated life in the hive, with everyone having their important role, like queen, cleaner, forager, builder, and guard. Next week we will start a unit on plants. Ms. Shank's class watched our caterpillars change into a chrysalis. We are hoping them hatch in the next week. We started a study of bees. Next week we will investigate flies and ants.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class started playing with subtraction this week. We learned how to read a subtraction math sentence and we played different games to help us understand that subtraction means taking away a number from another number to find the difference. We played "build and remove" with unifix cubes, and "build and smash" with play-doh. We will

continue to work on subtraction next week. Ms. Shank's class will continue to work on subtraction and review concepts we have learned so far.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class finished our alphabet study last week with the letter X. This week we started a review of letters. We are working each day on our handwriting and letter formation. We are learning about CVC words and how we can decode them by breaking them down into sounds. We are focusing on -AT word families first. Ms. Shank's class has been reviewing the letters and sounds. Some reading groups are working on short vowel CVC word families. We will also begin a study of the author Eric Carle.

Theology

Ms. Wawner's class talked about Mary this week. We started our Decade of the Rosary on Thursday mornings. Ms. Shank's class has begun a unit on Mother Mary.

Other News and Reminders

- Save the Date! Our annual Grandparents and Great Friends Day will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024. Students in JK-5th 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 Friday, May 3** so that we can properly plan for the day.
- **Call for Art Show Volunteers (STUDENT AND PARENT OPPORTUNITIES)**
Mrs. Devlin needs help mounting, labeling and hanging student art for our annual All CCS Art Show. Prep work begins now and the show will be hung Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th, The Open House will take place after school Wednesday, May 8th. Food and Beverages will be needed. Please see the SignUp Genius linked here to sign up.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EA9A82BA46-49042420-2024>
- **The Scholastic Book Fair is coming the Week of May 6-10!!** It will be open during your child's usual Library class times, first for creating their Wish List and later for shopping. The Fair will also be open Wednesday evening during the Art Show Open House and Friday morning during Grandparents and Great Friends Day.

You are more than welcome to come and help your child shop, or if you would prefer to have your child shop on their own, [you may set up an e-wallet](#) for them. Details will be on the Scholastic Flyer that goes home next week. Scholastic also takes credit cards, checks and cash.

Please consider signing up to help with the book fair. We need lots of hands to help make this event a success! [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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C48AEAA2AA0F58-49164722-teacherfaculty#/>

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!

- **Immunization and School Entrance Health Forms**

Students enrolling in Kindergarten need to have a Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health form. Physicals, including updated immunizations, must have been on or after August 20th, 2023. Please submit the entire document.

This form should not require an additional doctor's visit if they have been seen within this time frame. Many doctor's offices get busy over the summer with form requests, please ask for this as soon as possible. Your child CAN NOT attend school until these papers are provided and are reviewed by the school nurse.

Feel free to start sending them in from now.



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

