



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

May 5, 2023

2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families,

The Spring Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing will take place on May 22nd and May 24th. All testing will begin at 8:15AM. In order for us to gather accurate data, it is vital that students arrive at school on time, rested, and fed. Please do not schedule appointments for your child that may interfere with their testing time. While makeup testing is available, students tend to not perform as well when they are not in the full session with their classmates. We appreciate your help with this. Data collected helps us make informative instructional decisions.

Reminder: CCS will not be holding Mass next Tuesday, May 9. 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 Sloths and Cheetahs on their journeys of faith! We are praying for you always!

God bless,

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Calendar

5/8 - 5/12 - Book Fair and Last Week to Check Out Books from Library

5/9 - No Mass - Students do not need to be in formal dress

5/10 - Art Show Open House

5/12 - Grandparents' Day, JK-5 Spring Concert, Spring Musical (more details to come)

5/15-5/19 - Last Week of Spelling Instruction
5/22 - MAP Testing, 8:15 am
5/24 - MAP Testing, 8:15 am
5/26 - Screening of the movie "Matilda" (please email if your child will NOT be watching)
5/26 - 11:30 Dismissal
5/29 - No School
6/2 - Blue and Gold Day
6/2 - Field Day
6/7 - Fractured Fairy Tale Plays, 1:00-2:00 in the Performance Space
6/8 - Last Day of School, 11:30 Dismissal

Announcements

- Four seasons in one day? That's how we know it's the beginning of May! Prepare your cutie for these chilly Spring mornings with sweaters, fleeces, and hoodies!
- Thank you, thank you, thank you to the many Sloth and Cheetah families who donated time and supplies for our Communion Retreat. Your generosity made this special day possible!
- The Book Fair is coming! The Book Fair is coming! The **Spring Book Fair** is a wonderful CCS tradition, and adored by our students! If you're able to be a **BOOK HERO**, please email Mrs. Furin (j.furin@cvillecatholic.org) and sign up to volunteer at the Book Fair. Check out the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter for more information!
- The last week of spelling instruction/homework will be May 15-May 19. Let's finish strong!
- Matilda, The Trunchbull, and Miss Honey! Our favorite characters from "Matilda," our most recent read aloud, will come to life on the "silver screen!" The Sloths and Cheetahs will be treated to a morning screening of Matilda on Friday, May 26. This movie is rated PG. If you do not want your child to watch this movie, please email us at your earliest convenience.

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 Cheetahs and Sloths 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 Sloths and Cheetahs! This free digital resource is sure to make a splash with your mathematician!

Literacy

Playful with prefixes and superb with suffixes! The Sloths and Cheetahs are investigating base words, prefixes (re-, un-, pre-) and suffixes (-y, -less, -er, -or). Next week, we'll turn our attention to homophones.

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 15 and end on May 19.

Cursive cuties! The Sloths and Cheetahs are feeling fabulously fancy and oh-so-very-grown-up learning how to read and write in cursive. While our focus has shifted, we'll continue to have high expectations for print handwriting, as well as cursive.

Lovable literacy! This month, the Sloths and Cheetahs 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. Our adorable actors will take the stage to present fractured fairy tales...you'll love our hilarious takes on these classic stories. Join us on Wednesday, June 7 at 1:00 in the Performance Space!

Religion

What a week in Religion we had!

This week, we began by learning about Mary, whom we celebrate all this month! We read "Take it to the Queen," a fable story that teaches us about the beauty of who Mary is and how she takes all of our needs to God. Tuesday, we celebrated a beautiful May Crowning Mass with the whole school.

Then, Wednesday was our incredible Communion Retreat where we learned 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, our 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.

Finally, on Friday, we continued learning about Mama Mary as we learned about all of her special feast days AND got to listen to our amazing Faith Buddies present their projects on Eucharistic Miracles.

Next week, our spring VIRTUS lesson will be taught on Monday. Please let Mrs. Pearring know if you want to opt your child out of this lesson. On Wednesday, we will continue learning about Mary as we begin discussing the Mysteries of the Rosary, beginning with the Joyful Mysteries!

Science/Social Studies

Our sensational second grade scientists are learning all about living and nonliving things in ecosystems. From life cycles (plants, butterflies, and frogs) to adaptations (camouflage, coloring, mimicry, migration, nocturnal, etc.), the Cheetahs and Sloths are learning it all! Our 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!



SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR!
SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

Dear Parents and Families,

I'm pleased to announce that our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair, which will take place from May 8-12, 8:00-3:00 (Wed until 5:00) at the Performance Space.

The return of the Book Fair will be a familiar and welcome celebration. Volunteers are crucial to the success of this event. We hope that you can offer your time and talents to help students discover the power of books to bring us together.

If you're available to help us with our upcoming Book Fair, please contact me. I'd be grateful if you'd let me know which Fair activities interest you as a volunteer. We need volunteers to help with:

- Advertising
- Cashiering
- Decorating
- Packing up the Fair
- Setting up the Fair
- Special events
- Helping shoppers at the Fair

Thanks for considering becoming a volunteer! I look forward to hearing from you.

Gratefully,

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