



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### First Grade

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### Upcoming Dates:

- **Tuesday, August 27-** Mass 8:15 (All students must be in formal dress)
- **Wednesday, August 28-** Math MAP Test
- **Monday, September 2** - No School, Labor Day
- **Wednesday, September 4** - Back to School Night (more information below)
- **Thursday, September 5-** Reading MAP Test
- **Friday, September 20** - 11:30 Dismissal

### Announcements:

What a fantastic first week of first grade! We spent the week building our classroom community by establishing classroom rules, playing games, and getting to know more about each other. We also decorated our space with work about ourselves and learned ALL the procedures that will help make our school day flow smoothly. Next week, we will begin our work in earnest and will introduce a unit on growth mindset to help students believe they can develop their abilities through persistence, hard work, and the willingness to try hard things and keep going even when they don't get something right away. Cultivating a growth mindset in kids helps them learn and achieve more and is something we will reference and encourage throughout first grade.

### **Back to School Night Information**

#### **Elementary School: Wednesday, September 4**

- 6:00 - Meet in the gym for a Principal's Address with Mrs. Fallica
- The information provided by homeroom teachers in Session I and Session II are

identical. We provide two sessions for families having multiple children. Each session is 20 minutes long.

- 6:20 - Session 1
- 6:50 - Session 2

## **CCS After-School Clubs**

This year at Charlottesville Catholic School we will be offering a variety of after-school clubs. Below you will find some information on the offerings. Each CCS staff-led club will cost \$175.00 per session. The cost will go towards supplies and compensation for teachers. Please read about the clubs below and contact the instructor if you are interested in signing up or have further questions. Payment for the classes will be through FACTS.

Tap Dance - Mrs. Mitchell ([c.mitchell@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:c.mitchell@cvillecatholic.org))

Grades K - 3 on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:35

Dates: September 30

October 14, 21, 28

November 4, 11, 18

December 2, 9, 16

This energetic and exciting class is designed to provide young dancers with an introduction to the fundamentals of tap dance. Early exposure to the rhythms and unique mind-to-foot connection associated with tap dance will allow students to progress and excel at the art as they move through life.

Students will need tap shoes for the class.

Drama Club - Mrs. Shank ([c.shank@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:c.shank@cvillecatholic.org))

Grades 3 - 5 on Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30

Dates: September 10, 17, 24

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12

Students will practice each week with a performance on November 16. They will be performing a children's version of The Wizard of Oz. There will be extra rehearsals the week of November 16.

Clay Club - Mrs. Devlin ([v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org))

Grades 4 - 8 on Fridays from 3:30 - 4:30

Dates: September 6, 13, 27

October 4, 11

November 1, 8, 22

December 6, 13

We will build our knowledge of ceramics with a focus on hand-building techniques, surface decoration, and an introduction to the potter's wheel.

Students should bring clothes to change into that can get dirty.

## **Social Studies**

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This week we introduced our journal as well as more routines and procedures.

## **Math**

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This week we began practicing procedures and routines during math class. Next week we will

be focusing on reviewing Kindergarten skills and introducing math games.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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This week we discussed/practiced procedures and routines during language arts/reading time. Next week we will talk about letters (consonants and vowels), parts of a book, author and illustrator. This week we introduced our journals (writing and word work) as well as more routines and procedures. Next week there will be opportunities for written responses based on our reading and other classroom discussions. There will also be opportunities for students to practice handwriting skills (e.g., letter formation and names), spelling, and word work skills.

## Theology

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In Theology this week, we read *When God Made You* and talked about how God knew our names before we were born. We used chalk to make name art and followed this lesson up with a conversation on friendship and how to be a good friend. We highlighted how God would want us to treat each other and connected this lesson to Jesus' second greatest commandment - to treat others as we want to be treated. Next week we will prepare for our first Mass of the new school year, review the Sign of the Cross, and practice the Glory Be prayer.

## Science

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This week we introduced our journal as well as more routines and procedures. Next week we will discuss what a scientist is and we will participate in a "name STEM" challenge.

## Other Information

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### **Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:30)**

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Our first grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

### **Specials Schedule**

Monday - Library and Music    Tuesday - Library & Mass    Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday-Art    Friday - Music

### **Dress Uniform**

Boys - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks  
NO white.

Girls- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

### **Homework (M-TH)**

There was no homework this week. Moving forward, weekly homework can be found in student binders. Homework will consist of nightly reading for 15 minutes (suggested) and practice saying prayers for 5 min (suggested). Math, Writing, and Word Study homework may

also be assigned nightly for around 5-10 minutes each.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading is the MOST important homework and should be done EVERY night!