



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

8/23/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Next Wednesday, August 28, second grade students will take the MAP Growth Math Test. There is no need to prepare academically for this online assessment, other than ensuring your child gets a good night's sleep, followed by a good breakfast, encouraging hugs, and an **on time arrival to CCS!**
- Volunteer opportunities will be shared via email and at Back to School Night. It's going to be a wonderful year!

Calendar/Important Dates

8/27 - First Mass of the 2024-25 School Year (please join us!)

8/28 - Map Growth Test - Math

9/2 - Labor Day (no school)

9/4 - JK-5th Grade Back to School Night, 6:00 pm

9/20 - 1st Quarter Interim

10/7 - Teacher Work Day (no school)

10/18 - End of 1st Quarter

10/25 - 1st Quarter Report Cards

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- Please don't hesitate to reach out! I'm excited to be your partner in your child's education!

Social Studies

Our second graders are learning all about citizenship. The students came up with their own agreements for our class. In our discussions, we connected the student responses to our three pillars (Christ, Community, and Scholars), as well as the tenants that embody the pillars:

accepting, respectful, compassionate, advocates, leaders, stewards, collaborators, achievers, and creators.

Math

We're jumping head-first into a new and dynamic math curriculum called Reveal Math, complete with dynamic digital components, as well as a handy homework workbook.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Our second graders spent a lot of time building relationships, establishing a classroom community, and collaborating. We have started to build our reading stamina or "reading muscles," as the students like to call it.

Theology

Mrs. DeVane and I are co-teaching theology this year! The students have met their sixth grade faith buddies, who will sit with our students during mass. This week, our students were able to visit the chapel and learn what is expected during mass.

Next week, we will review prayers for mass and begin our weekly visits to the chapel.

Science

This year, our second grade scientists will be treated to weekly visits to the STEM Lab and will discover his/her inner scientist through hands-on experiments. More information to come!

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)

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)

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)

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.



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Wow! Our first week of second grade has concluded! What a fantastic week! Thank you so much for the privilege of teaching your children. I have an amazing class!

Tuesday, August 27 First Mass of the School Year (*please have your student in the appropriate formal uniform that day*)

Monday, September 2 Labor Day NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 4 Back to School Night (*adults only*)

My email is t.bryan@cvillecatholic.org please feel free to contact me anytime!

Math

We began reviewing our math this week and learned a few fun games to work on addition and subtraction fluency.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

We began our first literature study using the book *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*. We will be reading this book over the next month during class. For this book study we are focusing on: copywork, spelling and grammar.

Theology

This week we were able to go to Chapel and learn what to expect at our first Mass this upcoming week.

Science

We dug into science learning what a scientist does and how a scientist is similar to a detective.

Other Subjects

We spent a lot of time discussing and reviewing classroom rules, what our schedule will look like, discussed classroom jobs and conversed about ideas to use for classroom incentives. We celebrated our second day of second grade by working on a unit focusing on twos. We read a book, Tuesday (ask your child about flying frogs). This book led to a great discussion as it was a wordless book, so we discussed why an author may choose to write a wordless book. Your students came up with some great reasons!

