



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

08/23/24

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- This year at Charlottesville Catholic School we will be offering a variety of after-school clubs. Attached you will find some information on the offerings.
[After-School Clubs](#)
- We are excited to be going on field trips this year and are looking forward to having parent chaperones help with that! To chaperone a field trip, you must be VIRTUS-trained. To register for that training, please use the following link:
https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?the
- Our third grade classes will be shopping at our class store at the end of September and they will use their play money to purchase an item. Donations of gently used toys, games, pencil sharpeners, erasers, ect..would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!
- A great way for us to help our students become collaborators and leaders is to encourage them to participate in the mass choir. This year, we are inviting students in grades 3 through 8 to sign up. Below is a link for the sign up and a few items of note:
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-50743257-mass>
 - Students may sign up for as many masses as they would like.
 - Mass choir is open to students in grades 3 through 8.
 - Students should be dropped off at 7:40 so that there is time to practice. If you are running late and arrive after 7:45, you must go through carline.
 - Siblings may be dropped off as well. They will need to sit quietly up front until the bell rings at 7:45.
 - Students will also be practicing mass music in class.
 - While you should receive a reminder email from signupgenius, please make note of the dates you sign up for.
 - If you must cancel at the last minute, please email Ms. Wisbey at k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org.

- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link

Calendar/Important Dates

- Tuesday, August 27 - Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
- Thursday, August 29 - Fall MAP Testing (Math)
- Monday, September 2 - Labor Day (School Closed)
- Wednesday, September 4
 - Fall Map Testing (Reading)
 - JK-5 Back to School Night
- Friday, September 6 - Blue & Gold Day

Teacher email addresses

- Ms. Grassi - k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org
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Social Studies

This Week: Students are working on their autobiography and participating in a scavenger hunt to get to know their classmates.

Next Week: Students will learn about parts of a map and identify the seven continents on a map.

Math

This Week: Students are learning about our money system for third grade. They have set up their math journals and agenda to record their total amount of currency and coins earned on Friday.

Next Week: Students will learn about place value up to the hundreds. They will explain and demonstrate strategies using place value blocks. They will be introduced to writing the three digit numbers in three forms- standard method, expanded method and word form.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

Students completed two initial benchmark assessments (A Spelling Inventory and Oral Reading Fluency) and a baseline writing assessment that will help guide instruction moving forward. We also shared our summer reading assignments and worked through our "First Day Jitters" with several activities that helped break the ice and get to know one another a little better. Finally, we introduced a weekly Grammar activity using a mentor sentence to highlight specific skills and review broader writing and grammar rules. This type of activity will be completed often throughout the year.

Next Week:

-Word Study (Spelling): Short Vowel Blends (tent, flag, sled, milk) - **Quiz - Friday**

-Writing/Grammar - **Mentor Sentence Quiz - Friday**

-Skill(s): Adjectives, Subject/Predicate

-Mentor Text: Enemy Pie

-Mentor Sentence: *Dad dished up three plates, side by side, with big pieces of pie and giant scoops of ice cream.*

-Reading - Story Elements/Summarizing

Homework: [Word Study Packet - due Friday](#)

Theology

This Week:

We introduced and practiced school-wide prayers, met with our 7th grade Faith Buddies, and prepared for our first school Mass of the year. This included looking at upcoming readings and reinforcing appropriate mass behaviors/expectations.

Next Week:

-Christ In Us Workbook (1.1) What do we believe?

Science

This Week: Students will be introduced to the steps in the scientific method and inquiry tools we will be using with our experiments.

Next Week: Students will be learning the meaning of each step in the scientific method through our experiment on surface tension.