



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter



### 5th Grade

### 08/23/2024

- Welcome to fifth grade! We are very excited for many great adventures this year.
- We are looking forward to seeing you all at Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, September 4. Please see the Tuesday Teller for details about this event.
- We sent out the carline-duty sign-up earlier this week, so please let us know if you did not receive that email. As we noted in that email, the schedule only goes until Friday, September 13, because we will be training the students who are new to the school until that date. After that, everyone will be ready to serve this important service to our school, and a new sign-up covering the last couple of weeks of September and all of October will be sent, allowing all students to sign up to serve. A couple of important things about carline:
  - If your student is working in carline on a particular day, please plan on picking them up at approximately 3:30.
  - This service counts as a test grade in Theology, based on serving the minimum required shifts in each month.

- If your child is scheduled to serve carline, but they are sick that day and are not in school, we will find a replacement for them without any penalty to their grade.
- If your child is signed up for carline and you need to change their schedule for any reason other than they unexpectedly are sick that day, we ask that you find a substitute and let us know who will be serving that day.
- We will go over this all in the Back-to-School Night on September 4.
- This year, we will once again be offering a variety of after-school clubs. Please see the attached for more information:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K00eUMKFGAzT4gb\\_zYhumJCZ-knpEQOPwCSDcnfR4hg/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K00eUMKFGAzT4gb_zYhumJCZ-knpEQOPwCSDcnfR4hg/edit)
- 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](mailto:k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org).

### Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Friday, August 30:** All students who were at CCS for 4th grade will have a quiz on the daily prayers; all new students will have an additional two weeks to memorize the prayers for a quiz on September 13.
- **Wednesday, September 4:** JK-5 Back-to-School Night

### Teacher email addresses:

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## Social Studies

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In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. Students will be tested on sections of the United States. Students need to identify each state and write

the correct name and its capital. To make this more manageable, students will only be learning one section at a time.

To help learn the states, your student may want to play some helpful online review games. <https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/50-states-game>

## Math

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We will be starting the year by reviewing place value to the thousandths place and to the millions place. We will learn to solve decimal numbers problems using all operations,

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To reinforce math concepts and skills, students are assigned sections for Khan Academy ([khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)). This is for a grade. Students have their login and password in their planner. The 1st qtr. requirements are to complete Decimal Place Value, Add Decimals and Subtract Decimals. Students will work on Khan Academy as part of their extended math time.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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This week we reviewed the summer reading (*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*), and took a virtual tour of The Met. Students completed a scavenger hunt based on that tour. Students also turned in their summer reading homework, and they completed an "Exit Ticket" with three questions about the book.

Next week we will read a short story in the *Journeys* anthology and focus on story structure and characterization. We will also begin a unit in grammar on what constitutes a complete sentence.

## Theology

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This week we focused on prayer and specifically on the prayers we say daily at CCS. For those students who were here in fourth grade, they will have a quiz on those six prayers next Friday, August 30. For students who are new to CCS, they will have the quiz on September 13. Students each received a paper copy of those prayers, and they are posted on Google Classroom/Theology..

## Science

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We will begin the year by reviewing lab safety. Students will create a lab safety mini-poster. We will then focus on plant and animal cells.