



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

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## Friday Newsletter

### 2nd Grade

### 8/25/2023

#### **Teacher's Message/Announcements**

- Next Wednesday, August 30, second grade students will take the MAP Growth Reading Test. There is no need to prepare academically for this online assessment, other than ensuring your dreaming darling gets a good night's sleep, followed by a scrumptious 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 magical year!

#### **Calendar/Important Dates**

8/29 - First Mass of the 2023-24 School Year (please join us!)

8/30 - Map Growth Test - Reading

9/4 - Labor Day (no school)

9/7 - JK-5th Grade Back to School Night, 6:00 pm

9/16 - Back To School Picnic, 4:00-6:00 pm

9/22 - 1st Quarter Interim

10/9 - Teacher Work Day (no school)

10/20 - End of 1st Quarter

10/27 - 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

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Rocking responsibilities! These spectacular second graders are knocking good citizenship out of the park! From voting to penning a class constitution, these cute kiddos can do it all! The result of our first election was our fabulous new class nickname: The Hawks That Wear Socks! Have you ever wondered "What Makes a Good Teacher? The Hawks That Wear Socks have the answer to this burning question! The Hawks used post-it notes to anonymously finish the following sentence stems. Check out some of their cute comments!

A Good Teacher Is... nice, neat, funny, fun, amazing, awesome, a hugger, a role model  
A Good Teacher... loves math, listens, helps, knows the best books, notices me  
A Good Teacher Isn't... selfish, vain, rude, irresponsible, bad at learning, scared of new things  
A Good Teacher Doesn't... throw stuff, interrupt, hide, yell, scream

In our discussion, 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. We then repeated the activity, but replaced the word *teacher* with the word *student*.

## Math

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Your sweet little math monster is ready to flex his/her math muscles! 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, making missing math homework a worry of the past!

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Teamwork makes the dream work! The Hawks spent a lot of time building relationships, establishing a classroom community, and collaborating, resulting in a classroom that already feels like a home away from home! We competed in reading and writing challenges, using a broad range of literacy skills on our many adventures...think scavenger hunts, Human Bingo, Mystery Bags, and more!

The Hawks That Wear Socks were also treated to a tour of our curated classroom library full of books that will be fan favorites. Of course, they couldn't resist all of the fantastic titles at their fingertips, and found themselves busy building reading stamina! #bookworms

## Theology

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Mrs. DeVane and I are co-teaching theology this year (#DreamTeam)! We have a beautiful curriculum designed intentionally for your little theologian to thrive. This week, we introduced our classroom prayer corner...it's going to be adorable! We also read letters from the book "Dear Pope Francis" by Pope Francis, and wrote letters to Bishop Knestout with our own thoughtful questions. We're eagerly anticipating his response!

Next week, we will review prayers for mass; introduce our class saint, St. Therese of Lisieux; and discuss how we are all called to be saints! We will also begin our weekly visits to the chapel.

## Science

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This year, your mad scientist will be treated to weekly visits to the STEM Lab (including this week!), and will discover his/her inner scientist through hands-on experiments designed to leave your Hawk That Wears Socks wanting more! From friction with putt-putt to hover disc rides, and everything in between, science will become your child's favorite subject!