



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

5th Grade

8/25/23

Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- We are so excited to be working with your child! We have had a great start to this school year.
- We start MAP Testing next week, with the reading test scheduled for Thursday, and with the math test scheduled for Wednesday of the following week.
 - Please have your child get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast before these tests.
 - Please be sure your child arrives to school on time those days, as we will start testing immediately after prayers those mornings.
- We start our carline service next week. Thank you to all the parents who have signed up! At this point, if your child would like to serve any additional shifts, please feel free to sign up for as many open spots on Sign-Up Genius that remain.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F48AAAA28A3F58-2023>

Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, August 29:** First Mass of the year; formal dress required
- **Thursday, August 31:** MAP Test (Reading)
- **Friday, September 1:** Students recite CCS Daily Prayers for quiz grades
- **Monday, September 4:** Labor Day; No School
- **Wednesday, September 6:** MAP Testing (Math)

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Reading, Writing and Theology

Math, Science and Social Studies

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation.

Students in 5th grade will be tested on all US states and their capitals. The states will be chunked by region for learning and mastery. A great way to study the states is found on a free game learning website:

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/50-states-game>

Math

This week we investigated how math is used in our daily lives. We will begin working with place value from the thousandths to the millions.

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, due before the end of the quarter are Decimal Place Value, Add Decimals and Subtract Decimals.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

We had a great week this week discussing the summer reading book and working on some fun activities associated with it. We did a virtual field trip of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and completed a scavenger hunt of the museum. We also became more familiar with Google Classroom and the ways in which we will use it this year. Next week we will complete our activities on the book by working in groups to write a script and perform a favorite scene from the book. We will also be administering the spelling inventory and taking the MAP reading assessment.

Theology

This week we introduced some of the key vocabulary that will be covered in theology this year by playing a basketball game with the terms. We also reviewed the six prayers we say daily at CCS, and students must recite all six by next Friday for a quiz grade. I will work with the new students to provide an extension of this deadline to see when they are ready to take those quizzes, because they are less familiar with these prayers. Next week, we will begin our unit on the parts of the Mass and the ways in which we participate in the Mass. We will also have our first Mass of the year on Tuesday, and students must be in formal dress.

Science

In science we reviewed lab safety. We will be reviewing the scientific method next week.