



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

09/01/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Next Thursday, September 7, The Hawks that Wear Socks will take the MAP Growth MATH Test. Your mighty mathematician is counting on YOU for help with quality sleep, a hearty breakfast, and **on time arrival to CCS!** You've got this!
- Our first Mass was amazing! The Hawks did a beautiful job receiving the blessing, and were role models for their first grade and kindergarten peers throughout the service.
- Fashionistas at the ready! Please review the CCS [uniform policy](#), for both daily and formal dress, including the policies on hair, jewelry, and accessories. Clothing should fit properly, be clean, and be free from fraying/holes. Girls should wear dark colored biker shorts (no prints or patterns, please) under the plaid jumper!
- Calling all volunteers! Vibrant volunteer opportunities will be shared via email and at Back to School Night, including chaperoning field trips, working with students in person, collecting supplies, and helping to prepare projects from the comfort of your own home!
- Speaking of volunteers, it's time to train! Lucky you...a VIRTUS training session will be at CCS on Tuesday, September 12, from 5:30PM to 8:30PM. Reminder: all adults who would like to drive/accompany students on field trips or help with students in any other capacity need to be VIRTUS-trained. To register for this session, please go to the following link: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0

Additional upcoming trainings in our area can be found through virtusonline.org

- Thank you for getting excited about Mystery Reader! If you haven't yet read about it and signed up, here's your chance! Click [this link](#)!
- We are excited to announce our fall Archangel Clubs offerings for our students. We hope to see our students engage in these opportunities so that Charlottesville Catholic School can continue to grow its after-school programming. [Click here for more information on current offerings.](#)

Calendar/Important Dates

9/4 - Labor Day (no school)

9/5 - Mass - formal dress

9/7 - MAP Growth Testing (Math)

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

9/12 - School Picture Day (1st and 2nd Grade) - formal dress

9/15-10/15 - Hispanic Heritage Month

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

9/22 - 1st Quarter Interim

10/9 - Teacher Work Day (no school)

10/3 - Bilingual Mass

10/20 - End of 1st Quarter

10/27 - 1st Quarter Report Cards

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Social Studies

Wings up! The Hawks are exploring the world with a globetrotting bunny named Felix. After getting accidentally left behind at a busy airport, this cuddly lovey set off on adventures to each of the seven continents and across the five oceans, learning about countries, languages, and cultures along the way. As luck would have it, Felix's travel plans have conveniently complemented our study of geography and mapping!

Here is some key vocabulary you can casually work into dinner conversation at home: compass rose, cardinal directions (north, south, east, west), legend, symbols, key, equator, Prime Meridian, hemisphere, and the names of each continent and ocean (North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, Antarctica, Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Southern Ocean, Indian Ocean, and Arctic Ocean).

Next week, we'll begin locating major rivers around the world, as well as mountain ranges and other physical features in the United States.

Math

The Hawks are spreading their wings as mathematicians! In these early weeks, these counting cuties are describing how math is used in daily life, exploring strategies for problem solving, relating quantities in a problem, and using mathematics to represent real-world situations/problems. Your perky problem solvers enjoy collaborating, using games to extend their thinking, and completing exit tickets to showcase knowledge.

This class + math = amazing!

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Our class is rich in literature! We've been building reading stamina, intonation, and expression through both independent reading and read alouds, often connecting our bountiful books to core subjects and affirmations, including these fan favorites: "Letters from Felix: A Little Rabbit on a World Tour" by Annette Langen & Constanza Droop and "Happy Dreamer" by Peter H. Reynolds.

Ready, set, read, and write! While touring the world with Felix, the Hawks have practiced writing and reading by narrating comics, penning a newspaper article, cracking codes, playing detective with comprehension, illustrating captions, and so much more. Time flies when we're having fun!

Fluency and spelling and word recognition...oh my! In addition to the MAP Growth Testing, I am assessing each Hawk's literacy skills. I love getting to know each of my unique readers! I'll use this data to tailor small group and individual instruction for each child.

Theology

Students did such a great job in chapel this week. We reviewed what it means to be reverent and why we are reverent in the chapel. We practiced genuflecting and our mass songs for next week. We also got familiar with the book we will use in Theology class and started discussing how we know God. Next week we will continue talking about how we know God and who God is. We will also talk about the September tenant of respect and how it ties to Christian virtues and saints.

Field Trips!

I'm in the process of scheduling two field trips for the Hawks that Wear Socks! Dates and timing will be shared as soon as possible. For each trip, I'll be looking for about 5 drivers/chaperones to join us! Please make sure you are VIRTUS trained. Paperwork for potential drivers will be sent home in the coming weeks, as well. The Hawks and I can't wait to go on adventures with you!