



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

September 1, 2023

Dear 4th Grade Families,

We hope you've had a great week. Our first full week of school is down, and we are slowly but surely coming around to fine-tuning our routines and procedures. The kids are most definitely looking like 4th graders. Between MAP testing and continuing through our subject content, we've surely earned a long weekend. We wish you a safe and restful holiday weekend, and look forward to seeing you next week for back to school night.

Announcements

- Please make sure your child is following the dress code for Mass. Please reach out with any questions.
- MAP Math Test will take place on Wednesday, September 6. Please ensure your child is on time, well fed, and is ready to do their best!
- Back To School Night will take place on Thursday, September 7. We look forward to seeing you!
- 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.](#)

Important Dates

- Monday, September 4, 2023- Labor Day (School Closed)
- Tuesday, September 5, 2023- Mass (Families Welcome!)
- Wednesday, September 6, 2023- MAP Math Test (Begins at 8:15 am)
- Thursday, September 7, 2023- JK-5 Back To School Night (Begins at 6 pm)
- Tuesday, September 19, 2023- School Picture Day (3rd/4th Grade)

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Social Studies

This week in SS, students had the opportunity to create their own island! Our very own 4th graders became amateur cartographers and were able to show off their creativity! Students were able to pick the subject of their island, the cities located on it, and much more! This was a fun first mini project!

The final draft of this map is due on Tuesday, September 5. Please reach out with any questions.

Math

This week in Math we finished Unit 2 on Place Value. We have been focused on various aspects of place value such as understanding the structure of a number, ways we can communicate numbers using standard, expanded, and word forms, how to compare and order numbers, and how to round numbers through the millions place. We were able to utilize this skill in looking at real-world scenarios to better understand when we should round, and to what place value. The kids have enjoyed games related to each concept, and our digital practice of these skills on Splash Learn. Additionally, the kids took a beginning of year Math inventory test to assess mastery of last year's skills. There will be a Unit 2 Math Test on Thursday, September 7th.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students continued to learn about the importance of having a growth mindset! Along with completing growth mindset activities, students also were given their first spelling list and began to learn cursive as well. We continued a short novel called *Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume. Students also did their MAP Reading assessment. More details about student results will be available shortly.

Our first spelling test will be on Friday, September 8. Please reach out with any questions.

Theology

This week in Theology the kids were thrilled to meet their faith buddies! We made them cards, and had the opportunity to spend time with them before our first Mass together this Tuesday. In Theology this week we have been focused on Unit 1 Lesson 1: "How do we know God?", highlighting Jesus' divine revelation through sacred scripture and sacred tradition. There will be a Unit 1 Lesson 1 Theology Quiz on Thursday, September 7th.

Science

This week in Science we have been learning about what it means to be a scientist! From the tools scientists use, to their framework of thinking and overall scientific process. We are working through our "Getting Ready for Science" Unit. This week we enjoyed our time in the

science lab planning and constructing straw models of a building. The only materials we had to work with were 16 straws, 30 paperclips, and 30 cm of duct tape. The kids did a great job planning, collaborating, and taking on this challenge with their groups. Next week, we look forward to testing the structure and support of our constructed models.