



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 5th Grade

### 9/01/2023

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

- We continue with MAP Testing next week, with the math test scheduled for Wednesday.
  - Please have your child get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast before that test.
  - Please be sure your child arrives to school on time that day, as we will start testing immediately after prayers.
- Our field trip to the Charlottesville Symphony is on October 12th. We will leave CCS at 11 am and return at 1 pm. We need chaperones and hope you will be able to attend this field trip. Drivers need to be Virtus trained and have their insurance information on file with the school.
- We hope to see everyone at Back-to-School Night next Thursday, September 7. It begins in the gym at 6:00.

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:**

- **Monday, September 4:** Labor Day; No School
- **Wednesday, September 6:** MAP Testing (Math)
- **Thursday, September 7:** Back to School Night at CCS
- **Friday, September 8:** Quiz on sentence fragments
- **Friday, September 29th:** Picture Day

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**Reading, Writing and Theology**  
**Math, Science and Social Studies**

## Social Studies

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

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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

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We will continue working with place value from the thousandths to the millions, inequalities and ordering numbers.

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

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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This week we wrapped up the summer reading book by writing a script and performing a scene from the novel. We also began a short unit using two or three short stories from the *Journeys* anthology. We will focus on analyzing a story's structure and on character traits of the main characters in this unit. Students will have a reading quiz on each of these short stories, and then we will use these skills when we begin our first novel study in the next couple of weeks. We also began our sentence-editing activities this week and started our first spelling/vocabulary unit, using words from the first short story in *Journeys*.

Students will start a unit on complete sentences next week, and they will have a quiz on sentence fragments on Friday, September 8. We will also continue working with the vocabulary words, and there will be a test on those words early the following week.

## Theology

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This week we focused on the CCS Daily Prayers and the parts of the Mass. Everyone did a great job at our first all-school Mass! We also met our Faith Buddies, and we will begin sitting with our Faith Buddies at Mass next week.

Next week we will continue to focus on the parts of the Mass by creating a story board in class, highlighting the important aspects of each of these four parts. This will count as a project grade, but this activity will be done entirely in school.

# Science

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In science we reviewed some of the tools scientists use. Our classes completed a mini lab on balloons and mass. We will continue vestigating using the scientific method.