



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

09/13/24

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Our third grade classes will be shopping at our class store at the end of September and they will use their play money to purchase an item. Donations of gently used toys, stuffed animals, games, pencil sharpeners, erasers, ect..would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!
- We are excited to be going on field trips this year and are looking forward to having parent chaperones help with that! To chaperone a field trip, you must be VIRTUS-trained. To register for that training, please use the following link: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?the
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link

Calendar/Important Dates

- Tuesday, September 17 - Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
 - 3rd Grade Student Pictures
- Friday, September 20 - 11:30 AM dismissal for JK-5

Teacher email addresses

- Ms. Grassi - k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org
- Mr. Little - t.little@cvillecatholic.org

Important School Announcements

- Charlottesville Catholic School is providing hearing and vision screenings to students **ONLY** with parental permission. Screenings are recommended for all **third grade** students who have not had an exam in the last 12 months. Screenings will be conducted by myself, the school nurse and UVA nursing students. Screenings will take place at the end of September/early October.

If you wish to have your child screened, please complete the [permission form](#) at this link by Friday, September 20th. Feel free to contact the clinic if you have any questions:

s.queheillalt@cvillecatholic.org or (434)964-0400.

- This year at Charlottesville Catholic School we will be offering a variety of after-school clubs. Attached you will find some information on the offerings.
[After-School Clubs](#)
- A great way for us to help our students become collaborators and leaders is to encourage them to participate in the mass choir. This year, we are inviting students in grades 3 through 8 to sign up. Below is a link for the sign up and a few items of note:
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-50743257-mass>
 - Students may sign up for as many masses as they would like.
 - Mass choir is open to students in grades 3 through 8.
 - Students should be dropped off at 7:40 so that there is time to practice. If you are running late and arrive after 7:45, you must go through carline.
 - Siblings may be dropped off as well. They will need to sit quietly up front until the bell rings at 7:45.
 - Students will also be practicing mass music in class.
 - While you should receive a reminder email from signupgenius, please make note of the dates you sign up for.
 - If you must cancel at the last minute, please email Ms. Wisbey at k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org.
- Join us for an afternoon of family fun and games at the Fall Fest on Sunday afternoon, October 6. CCS Fields will be filled with plenty of fun activities to enjoy with friends and meet new families. Featuring a bounce house, hay ride, traditional fall activities, favorite yard games, some tasty treats and even a chance to dunk some CCS staff, this event should not be missed. [Tickets now available](#) for \$5 per person / \$20 per family of 4 or more.

Social Studies

This Week: Students are learning how to use the elements on a map, and will identify the shapes of the seven continents in their Map and Globe booklet.

Next Week: We will begin our Continent Unit and students will learn the geographic features of North America, beginning with the Mississippi and Rio Grande Rivers.

Math

This Week: Students are learning place values up to the thousandths place. They will explain and demonstrate their strategies using place value blocks. They will write four digit numbers in three forms- standard method, expanded method and word form.

They will have homework Monday- Wednesday night, please check your child's agenda Monday afternoon.

Next Week: Students will learn place values up to the ten thousandth and hundred thousandths place. They will write these numbers using three different forms - standard, expanded and word form.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

While we concluded our unit on adjectives this week, we will continue to work with and review them as our focus shifts to other parts of speech and other new writing, grammar, and mentor sentences skills. Furthermore, in reading, we wrapped up our unit on summarizing by tying together our previous lessons into the "Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then" strategy. This allows the reader to focus only on the most important parts of a text, along with looking at who the main character is, identifying their problem, understanding how the problem was solved and how that affected the character, and lastly, if there was a lesson learned. Effective readers and skilled writers are thus able to make and organize these connections into a concise summary.

Next Week:

- Word Study (Spelling): Closed Syllables & Schwa (basket, bottom, lesson, submit) - **Quiz - Friday**
- Writing/Grammar - **Mentor Sentence Quiz - Friday**
 - Skill(s): Vivid Verbs and Adjectives
 - Mentor Text: The Raft
 - Mentor Sentence: *It wasn't long before a great blue heron whooshed down with a crayfish in its bill.*
- Reading - Reading Foundation (Think about the text, Retell what you remember to Refocus)

Homework: [Word Study Packet and Reading Page \(Let's Learn It - Week 1\) - due Friday](#)

Study Resources: Grammar Voyages (Ch. 4 - Verbs), ELA Notebook, Reading Notebook, ELAR Folder, and Word Study Intro Letter/Packet

Theology

This Week:

We began our discussion of Christ In Us (1.2). Our focus will be centered around the question, Who is God? Faith Words will include the Blessed Trinity, a mystery that is at the heart of our faith, and what it means to be holy. We also continued learning about Father Damian of Molokai, our Saint of the Month for September. Saint Damien was a priest that committed his life to showing deep respect and love for others, even when the rest of the world was scared to be around certain people (e.g., victims of leprosy). Therefore, he is a wonderful example for us to follow in the month of September (Tenet of the Month - September: Respectful of all God's creations).

Next Week:

- Christ In Us Workbook (1.2) Who is God? - Continued Discussion

Study Resources: Christ In Us Workbook (1.2)

Science

This Week: Students will explain and demonstrate the meaning of each step in the scientific method through our surface tension experiment using our scientific method form. Students will be introduced to types of living and nonliving organisms in an ecosystem.

Next Week: Students will begin our unit on Living and Nonliving Organisms. They will also be introduced to the parts of a plant and animal cell.

Sunday
October 6
2:00 to
4:00pm

CCS Fall Fest

Join us for
family fun & games

Bounce house, dunk
tank, hayrides, fall
activities, lawn games,
races, contests, tasty
treats & more!

\$5 per person/\$20 max per family

