



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

5th Grade 9/13/24



Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- Next Friday, September 20, is the mid-way point of the 1st quarter. ***This is an 11:30 dismissal for JK-5 and there is no school for middle school students.***
- This week, we have started using Edmentum, a program that is designed to address individual students' learning needs. To use this program, students need to have headphones, so if you were not able to get those yet for your child, please do so as soon as possible. If this is a financial hardship, please contact Mrs. Devane.

Calendar/Important Dates:

Tuesday, September 17: Test on Mass responses and aspects of the Introductory Rites and Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday, September 24th: SE Region TEST

Teacher email addresses:

d.samley@cvillecatholic.org

k.sperry@cvillecatholic.org

Reading, Writing and Theology

Math, Science and Social Studies

Important School Announcements

- CCS Mass Choir: Attention all 3rd through 8th grade students! Do you like to sing? Join us for Mass choir on Tuesday mornings to help provide beautiful music for our liturgies. Students may sign up for as many weeks as they would like. More information can be found on the Sign Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-50743257-mass#/>
- 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

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We just finished learning about the Columbian Exchange and its significance.

Students will be tested on sections of the United States. Students need to identify each state and write the correct name and its capital. To make this more manageable, students will only be learning one section at a time. The **SE Region test** will be on Thursday, September 24th. Students need to identify the correct state by shape/location and be able to write the state and capital name (spelling and capital letters count).

To help learn the states, your student may want to play some helpful online review games. <https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/50-states-game>

Math

We will be starting the year by reviewing place value to the thousandths place and to the millions place. We will learn to solve decimal numbers problems using all operations. We focused on prime numbers this past week and will be starting to work on partial sums with decimals.

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 are to complete Decimal Place Value, Add Decimals and Subtract Decimals. Students will work on Khan Academy as part of their extended math time.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we continued discussing and analyzing point of view in literature, and students had a test on this material on Friday. Students also had a test on the spelling and vocabulary of the 10 words from "A Package for Mrs. Jewls." Students also took the MAP Reading test and began reading *Wonder*. As we read that novel, students will be annotating the text, primarily to identify any unfamiliar words and locate passages that reveal something about a character's character traits. There will be short (four-question) reading quizzes most days after a part of the novel is assigned for homework. The subject/predicate quizzes that students took last Friday are in today's Friday Folder. For the most part, students did a fantastic job on this quiz! We also began our sentence-editing activities this week.

Next week, students will continue to read *Wonder* and will begin studying sentence fragments. Everyone will also receive a list of spelling/vocabulary words from *Wonder*, and some students will have supplemental instruction in spelling. We will also continue with our sentence-editing activities. This entails correcting the spelling, punctuation, and grammar of ten sentences. We do several sets of 10 sentences in class, and then students will have a quiz on 10 additional sentences that contain similar errors. This is not a quiz for which they can study, but they are able to use any of the practice sheets we have done, a dictionary, the grammar textbook, and the page of proofreading symbols they were given. All practice sheets stay in the classroom throughout the year, but the graded quizzes will come home in the Friday Folders. The first graded sheet on this activity will either be next Friday or Monday, September 23.

Theology

We have continued studying the Introductory Rites and Liturgy of the Word, including the responses that are said during these sections of the Mass. Students will have a test on this material on Tuesday, September 17.

Science

We have started our unit on plant and animal cells. We will be making diagrams and learning how cells combine to become tissues and organs.

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

