

# Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade 09/16/22

## Teacher's Message/Announcements

Hello Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families!

Happy, happy Friday! We've had a fabulous week of laughter, learning, and leadership! From honoring the heroes of 9/11, to constructing maps to competing in the Measurement Olympics, your cute kiddos are doing it all!

Empty shoe boxes at home? Your trash is our treasure! Please send in one (or more) shoe boxes or similarly sized shipping boxes for an upcoming Social Studies project by September 23. Thank you!!!

Beautiful behavior! We'll record your child's behavior (see below) in his/her agenda each day. Please sign and return, celebrating successes and reviewing expectations, as needed.

- green=on track
- yellow= needed reminders
- orange = consequence
- red=met with administrator

Please check the announcements below and adjust your calendars. Thank you!

God bless,  
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### Announcements

- Calling all volunteers! We're excited to reach out for help in the classroom, chaperones for field trips, weekly readers, and more! Please make sure you are VIRTUS trained so you can join in on ALL OF THE FUN! CCS is offering a training session on MOnday, September 19 from 5:00-8:00. To register, please click [here](#).
- Alfresco dining, anyone? Join our amazing school community for an amazing Back to School Picnic on Saturday, September 24 at 4:00PM! We'll be tickled pink to see you there! Please see the official flyer below for all of the juicy details!
- September is Hispanic Heritage Month! See [this flyer](#) for information about STEM opportunities for children inspired by this festive time! Our classes will become experts in Panama (Silly Sloths) and Costa Rica (Rainbow Cheetahs).
- To celebrate Hispanic Heritage, the Cville Sabroso Festival is Saturday, September 17, from 2-9 pm in Washington Park. <https://youtu.be/kHdmHjZxduI>

- On your mark, get set, go!!! Join us for the [5K and Children's Fun Run!](#) Go CCS!
- Birdie! Show off your golfing chops at the [CCS Golf Tournament!](#) If you are interested in playing or putting together a foursome, contact Colleen Smith at [c.smith@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:c.smith@cvillecatholic.org)
- **An important note from Mrs. Fallica:**
  - *We are extremely excited that Charlottesville Catholic is replacing our current letterboard sign with a new digital one! In order to get the sign installed, we must run electricity from the flagpole light to the sign. Therefore, please carefully read the following:*
  - **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CARLINE FOR NEXT WEEK**—Work will be done on the driveway to the left of the circle (the area between the flagpole and mailbox) on Monday, Tuesday, and possibly Wednesday. Elementary carline cars will be directed around the right side of the circle (between the flagpole and the building) to exit. This means NO ONE will be able to stop in the circle to pick up or drop off students. If we have to make a second call for your child during afternoon carline, you will be directed to park and walk across to pick them up. We will work with the teachers and the students to make sure students are coming outside on the first call. I appreciate your patience as we navigate these few days. Our sign will be a great improvement.

## Math

Our marvelous measurers took on new challenges this week, working with capacity and reading thermometers. They even had a chance to “build” their own Gallon Guy, after learning about King Gallon who lives in CapaCity! After reviewing all they’ve learned, our sweet students wowed us with their knowledge on a short measurement assessment (check red folder for graded assessment)

Of course, no month is complete in second grade without a bit of fanfare! To conclude our unit on measurement, the Silly Sloths and Rainbow Cheetahs competed multiple events at the Measurement Olympics, including: Olympic Smiles, Paper Airplane Estimation, Scavenger Hunt of Stupendousness, T-Ball Flight Path, Fancy Footwork with Nonstandard Units, and the Capacity Relay Race! Thank you to our many volunteers, both in person and behind the scenes!

Next week, we’ll dive into Place Value!

## Literacy

Felix, the globetrotting bunny, joined our literacy blocks this week, with a host of fun challenges for the Silly Sloths and Rainbow Cheetahs. From rebuilding the ruins of the Coliseum to trying their hand at code cracking, our terrific travelers loved learning even more about New York City, Rome, London, Paris, Cairo, and Nairobi.

As we wind down our assessments, we’ll settle into some pretty amazing literacy routines. Eventually, the Rainbow Cheetahs and Silly Sloths will participate in each of the following rotations: Read to Self, Word Work, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, and Work on

Writing. Your little darlings are now experts at “Read to Self,” and have built great silent reading stamina already. Next week, we’ll roll out “Listen to Reading” by connecting kids to epicbooks.com, using iPads.

Our sweet students are making beautiful connections to E.B. White’s “Charlotte’s Web.” It is such a joy to pass along a lifelong love of reading to the Silly Sloths and Rainbow Cheetahs. Reading is such a GIFT!

### **Science / Social Studies**

Geography Giants! The Rainbow Cheetahs and Silly Sloths have done it all! From labeling oceans and continents to creating their own maps, we are so impressed with the many newfound skills our super students are utilizing! Please check folders for graded quizzes.

Next week, we’ll begin a new unit on the lives and contributions of Native Americans. Be on the lookout for an email detailing the ways you can volunteer from the comfort of your very own home!

### **Religion**

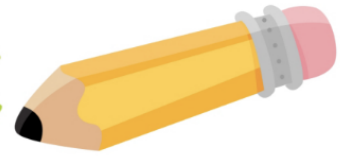
This week, our Rainbow Cheetahs and Silly Sloths were introduced you our 2nd grade patron Saint! Drumroll please ... St. Therese of Lisieux! The children learned about her “Little Way,” how we can love God and others through our small actions like praying for others or doing chores that nobody wants to do. In chapel, they reflected on ways that they can live out St. Therese’s “Little Way” in their own lives. On Wednesday, we took a break from our Saints discussion to hear the Word of God, this last weekend’s Sunday Gospel reading. The children examined Sacred Art as a way to meditate on the story and how God is speaking to us through His Word.

Next week, we will begin to explore our dignity as God’s children. We will read the story “You Are Special” by Max Lucado to reflect on the depth of God’s love for us and how we are all made good in His eyes. We will continue the rest of the week exploring how we are made in God’s image and likeness, that we too were made to be good and loving.



# BACK TO SCHOOL

# Picnic



Saturday  
September 24  
from 4-6pm

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Let's come together and  
celebrate a brand new  
school year!

