



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 3rd Grade

### 09/20/24

#### **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 if you have already sent in donations.

**Ms. Grassi's homeroom needs a few more donations before the end of the month.**

- 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](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?the)
- We will be scheduling a **field trip on February 19th to the Paramount Theater**. Please reach out to me by **September 27th** if you are virtue trained and can drive students to the theater. We would like to have **three to four students** in a vehicle. My email address is [k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org)
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA\\_D6OGjSil0tg\\_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link)

#### **Calendar/Important Dates**

- Tuesday, September 24 - Mass (Students must be in formal dress)

#### **Teacher email addresses**

- Ms. Grassi - [k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org)
- Mr. Little - [t.little@cvillecatholic.org](mailto: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 with questions: [s.queheillalt@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:s.queheillalt@cvillecatholic.org) or (434)964-0400.

- This year at CCS 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, email Ms. Wisbey [k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org](mailto: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+.

## Social Studies

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**This Week:** Students are learning how to use the elements on a map, and will identify the shapes of the seven continents and locate the five oceans.

- Their Map and Globe book is completed and will be in the Friday Folder to use as a study guide for our quiz next week.

**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

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**This 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.

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

**Next Week:** Students will learn to add and subtract within 100, using strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and the relationship between addition and subtraction.

# Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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## **This Week:**

Our Word Study this week focused on the closed syllable, which is a very basic and important foundational element of working with multisyllabic words. With the knowledge that a closed syllable dictates a short vowel sound, this will help guide students in identifying similar patterns in unfamiliar and/or more challenging words and support their overall reading. We also honed in on our inner readers which can help us to acknowledge what we've just read, make predictions, and guide us when we become distracted and need to refocus.

## **Next Week:**

-Word Study (Spelling): Open Syllables (**p**ilot, **r**obot, **e**vent, **b**acon) - Quiz - Friday

-Writing/Grammar -

-Skill(s): Verbs, The Writing Process (Prompt: Summer Shorts)

-Mentor Text: None

-Mentor Sentence: None

-Reading - Reading Foundation (Tap Into Your Prior Knowledge, Make a Mental Picture, Stamina)

Homework: [Word Study Packet and Reading Page \(Let's Learn It - Week 2\) - due Friday](#)

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

# Theology

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## **This Week:**

We continued our discussion of Christ In Us (1.2). Our focus centered around the question, Who is God? Faith Words included the Blessed Trinity, a mystery that is at the heart of our faith, and what it means to be holy. We also learned how the Holy Spirit strengthens and guides us, is our advocate, and is always with us.

## **Next Week:**

-Christ In Us Workbook (1.2) Who is God? - Quiz - Monday

-Christ In Us Workbook (1.3) Why did God make us? - Discussion

Study Resources: Christ In Us Workbook (1.2) and (1.3)

# Science

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**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 bring home a "Study Guide on the Steps of the Scientific Method" in their Friday Folder. Their quiz will be next week.

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