



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### First Grade

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#### Upcoming Dates:

- **September 27-** Field trip to Chiles Peach Orchard
- **Friday, September 29-** Mass 8:15 (All students must be in formal dress)

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Crozet Speech and Language Clinic will be conducting speech screenings the first week of October. Please look for a letter in your child's Friday folder with more information.

On your mark. Get set - [REGISTER!](#) Registration for our annual 5K and Fun Run is OPEN! Grab your tickets today. You won't want to miss out on this fantastic family event! Register early to ensure your Fun Run t-shirt arrives in time for the big day!

There are lots of ways that you can help at the 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, October 7. Please see the Sign Up Genius below for all of the different opportunities. We need many volunteers to make sure this event is a success! [5K & Fun Run Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Please note that Mass will NOT be on Tuesday next week (September 26). Instead, we will have Mass on Friday, September 29 in celebration of the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels. Students do not need to wear their formal dress uniforms on Tuesday, September 26.

On Thursday, October 5, John Kronstain will present "How to Know What You Don't Know - Social Media in the Lives of Today's Adolescents" for CCS parents at 7:00PM in the Performance Hall. Please use the form below to RSVP, as seating will be limited. Please note that childcare will not be provided. [October 5 Speaker Series RSVP](#)

## Social Studies

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This week we focused on science. Next week we will learn about Johnny Appleseed.

## Math

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This week we worked on counting and recognizing numbers to 50. We learned about number tracks and number lines. We also learned the difference between a column and a row and how columns count by 10 while a row counts by 1. We learned how to count one more and one less of a given number as well as ten more and ten less.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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This week we read and discussed the story, *Make Way for Ducklings*. Our focus was on Describing a Character, which included identifying outward characteristics as well as inner personality traits. A character's actions often tell us who they are and reveal their motivation, like the mother duck who is very proud of her ducklings. Next week we will read *Real Cowboys* and focus on asking and answering questions about what we read.

### Grammar

This week we focused on Sentence Structure, reviewed Nouns, and introduced Verbs and Adjectives. Next week we will focus on asking sentences and how they end with question marks (?).

### Writing

This week we wrote about *Make Way for Ducklings*, a story about two ducks searching for the perfect spot to raise their ducklings. Our focus was on describing characters from the story. We also introduced/practiced Daily 5 writing activities about sharing and teamwork. We also introduced/practiced Daily 5 writing activities.

## Theology

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In Theology this week, we read the stories of Adam and Eve, as well as Noah, from the Bible. We compared the two, talking about how Adam and Eve did not obey God, but how Noah did, and the consequences for all as a result. Next week, we will be preparing for two upcoming feast days. First, the feast of the Archangels on Friday, September 29 and, then, Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7.

## Science

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This week we finished our unit on plants. We discussed how plants spread their seeds since they cannot walk. We learned that some plants like the squirting cucumber have very extreme ways of spreading their seeds. We also learned how some plants protect themselves from being eaten by animals. In our science notebook we drew and labeled the parts of a plant. In the STEM lab we put our problem solving minds to work and figured out as a group how to make the longest paper chain with very limited supplies. Next week we will talk about the life cycle of an apple to get us ready for our trip to Chile!

# Other Information

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## **Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:50)**

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Our first grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

## **Specials Schedule**

Monday - Art and Music   Tuesday - Library & Mass   Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday-Library   Friday - Music

## **Dress Uniform**

Boys - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks  
NO white.

Girls- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

## **Homework (M-TH)**

**Math**- Complete Spiral Math Review 3

**Reading**- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night. Additionally, for each completed book, your child will color in their reading log for the month (e.g. September = Apples).

**ELA**- Complete Spiral ELA Review 3

**Religion**- Practice Sign of the Cross Prayer