



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 2nd Grade

### 09/22/2023

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- What a wonderful week we have had in Second Grade! We've flexed our place value muscles, been introduced to some stupendous spelling routines, built wigwams, loved on our stuffies on "Bring Your Stuffie to School Day," and discussed God's gift of our beautiful lives!
- September is Hispanic Heritage Month!! Our class will take a special lens to the beautiful country of Panama, and like everything we do in second grade, we'll do it BIG! From door decorating to music, we'll embrace it all as we learn about the many Hispanic cultures and people that have had a wonderful impact on our beloved country.
- After reading daily clues this week, our sweet students solved the mystery of our new class pet! Ask your child about Spencer the Stinkbug, and the cool facts he/she now knows about our infamous pet!
- It's "par for the course" for Second Grade to rock service events at CCS! Keep the tradition alive as a Putt-Putt Parent Planner with Kieran McDowell and Amanda Tucker, our radiant room parents. Putt-Putt Night will take place on November 3 from 5:30-7:30, so there's still time to share your golf gifts and planning prowess!
- Beautiful behavior! I'll record your Hawk'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
- Lace up those sneakers, put on your sweatbands, and [REGISTER](#) for the annual 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, October 7. 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!

- Teamwork makes the dreamwork! Please see the Sign Up Genius below for all of the different opportunities to make this year's 5K and Fun Run a spectacular success: [5K & Fun Run Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- 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.
- Next week, Mass will be held on Friday, September 29 in celebration of the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the archangels. Since Mass will not be held on Tuesday, the Hawks do not need to wear 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](#)

### **Calendar/Important Dates**

9/15-10/15 - Hispanic Heritage Month

9/22 - 1st Quarter Interim

9/22 - Math Test (Unit 2)

9/26 - No Mass (formal dress not required)

9/29 - Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels - Mass (formal dress)

10/9 - Teacher Work Day (no school)

10/3 - Bilingual Mass

10/20 - End of 1st Quarter

10/23- Field Trip to the Paramount Theater

10/27 - 1st Quarter Report Cards

10/31 - Halloween parade (timing TBD, typically shortly after carline)

11/1 - All Saints Day Mass and Second Grade Wax Museum, 10:00-11:30 am

11/16 - Theatrical Performance of "A Native American Cinderella," 12:45-1:30 pm

11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break

12/14 - JK-2 Concert

12/19 - Polar Express (volunteer timing TBD)

1/10 - Science Day (volunteering timing TBD)

3/13- Roald Dahl Day (volunteer timing TBD)

4/24 - Trashion Show, 2:15-2:45 pm (CCS Gym)

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## Social Studies

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The Hawks flew head-first into a new unit about Native Americans. Your happy historian is learning all about the culture and daily life of the Powhatan tribe of the Eastern Woodlands, including their occupations, modes of transportation, food sources, and types of shelter.

After designing and building a replica of wigwam, the Hawks created an interactive Powhatan village that reflects all of their learning. Our village will be on display near the library, and is both adorable and historically accurate. Come check it out!

Next week, the Hawks will study the Lakota tribe of the Great Plains.

## Math

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Math rotations are underway! Each day, after a quick whole-group mini lesson designed to ignite learning, the Hawks split into three groups and rotate through three stations:

- Math with the Teacher: targeted small-group instruction (work may be completed independently or with teacher assistance)
- Math by Myself: independent work with the current math skills on paper and/or via technology (iPad)
- Math with a Buddy: students partner up to play math games designed to enhance instruction, build fluency, and encourage critical thinking

Our unit on Place Value concluded with a performance task, unit review, "quiz show," and a test. Graded tests will be sent home in red folders today. Give your Hawk a high-five for a job well done!

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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It's a big week of firsts in Literacy! Reading groups met for the first time, flying high with reading passages connected to social studies and theology. The short biography on St. Francis of Assisi was a fabulous way to not only practice reading and comprehension skills, but also a wonderful way to hone research skills, just in time for the rollout of the upcoming Hall of Saints/Wax Museum project!

Read alouds are a critical part of the literacy diet, modeling intonation, expression, and fluency, all while introducing students to beloved books and authors. The Hawks are already enamored with Roald Dahl, and adored reading "The Rough Face Girl" by Rafe Martin and David Shannon, which will also serve as the inspiration for an upcoming Hawk theatrical production connected to our study of Native Americans. See calendar above for date and time!

We couldn't let reading get all of the attention! Second grade stupendous spellers practiced word work routines, including Draw and Label, Rainbow Write, Hangman, Sentences, and Practice Tests. Official spelling instruction will begin the first week of October. Information about spelling homework and assessments will be shared next week.

The Hawks rounded out their “literacy nest” with writing. As we build our writing community and embrace our “inner author,” the Hawks will have plentiful opportunities to write, peer- and teacher-conference, and share from the Author’s Chair while learning strategies for stamina building, idea generation (such as drawing a picture for inspiration), and self-reflection.

## Theology

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Our prayer corner is complete! With bibles, theology books, rosaries, and intentions always within reach, this is a lovely space in the classroom where the Hawks can reflect and pray throughout the school day.

We’re busily preparing for the upcoming Saint Project! On Monday, the Hawks will pick three potential saints they would like to research for the Hall of Saints/Wax Museum project. Mrs. DeVane and I will do our best to give each Hawk one of their three choices. If you would like to have conversations about saints that are important to your family, this weekend is the perfect opportunity! Stay tuned...all of the spectacular specifics of this darling project will be shared with students and families next week!

While Saints have been on the brain, the Hawks have also spent quality time discussing what it means to have faith in God and why God made us. Next week, the Hawks that Wear Socks will also explore who Jesus is.