



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

9/22/23

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- 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](#)
- **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.
- **Annual 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run:** 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](#)
- You should have received an email regarding **hearing and vision screenings** last week. If you would like your child to be screened, the permission form **must** be completed (link attached below). Screenings will begin toward the end of the month. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to clinic@cvillecatholic.org
[Hearing and Vision Permission Form](#)
- We are excited to announce our fall **Archangel Clubs** offerings for our students. We hope to see our students engage in these opportunities so that Charlottesville Catholic School can continue to grow its after-school programming. [Click here for more information on current offerings.](#)

- 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
- Our third grade classes will be shopping at our class store at the end of this September and they will use their play money to purchase an item. Donations of gently used toys, games, pencil sharpeners, erasers, ect..would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2023-2024**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX_ZBqj7zkGEXnFS/view?usp=sharing

Calendar/Important Dates

- Friday, **September 22** - First Quarter Interim
- Friday, **September 29** - Mass (Formal Dress Day)

Teacher email addresses

- Ms. Grassi - k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org
- Mr. Little - t.little@cvillecatholic.org

Social Studies

This week students learned how to use the elements on a map and identify the location of our seven continents on a map. Students will complete a map and include the key elements. Students will also be introduced to the geographic features of North America.

Next week students will begin learning about our North American Continent. We will begin with learning about the Mississippi and Rio Grande Rivers and to The Five Great Lakes. Students will make a passport for each of the five continents we cover in our unit.

Math

This week students are learning to write numbers in standard, expanded and word form to the ten thousands place.

Next week students will learn place value to the hundred thousands place, and continue with using the three different forms of writing numbers. They will also be introduced to comparing numbers using the greater than, less than and equal to signs up to the hundred thousands place.

- **Homework:** assignments will be written in their agenda on Monday. Please initial under Math on the highlighted line. Thank you.
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appreciated. Thank you!

- Study Island Website- students have begun working on place value, and comparing numbers. They can also print out worksheets at home for extra practice.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

Students took their first Word Study Quiz on Wednesday and both Grammar and Reading Quizzes on Friday. We enjoyed reading and discussing our read aloud story, *Saturdays and Teacakes*, a memoir (Focusing on mental images and visualizing while reading), focused on Proper Nouns, while continuing to work through Subjects and Predicates, and lastly, developed our writing skills by incorporating various parts of speech into our sentences.

Next Week:

-Grammar:

-Workbook - Section 2: Nouns (Singular vs. Plural, Common vs. Proper, and Possessive)

-Mentor Sentence (Focus: Commas in a Series, Subjects/Predicates) - [Quiz on Fri 9/29](#)

-Old: Word Study (Spelling): Short Vowel Digraphs (**shell**, **chin**, **when**) - [Quiz on Wed 9/27](#)

-New: Word Study (Spelling): Closed Syllable (**ribbon**) & Schwa (ribb/**i/n**) - Assigned on Wed 9/27

-Featured Story: *Finding Winnie* - (Focus: Ask and Answer Questions) - [Quiz on Fri 9/29](#)

-<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zChnPqogG-o>

Learning Ally [The featured story for the week is available here and can be accessed at home](#)

-portal.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud/Audiobook options, similar to Epic, but can be accessed at home at no additional cost to you.

Username - For example - t.little@cvillecatholic.org or ti.little@cvillecatholic.org (Student email)

Password - For example - catholic1234 (catholic + last 4 of Student ID)

Theology

This Week:

This week we learned how the Bible is God's word, or sacred scripture, how all of creation shows us God's goodness, and how the Holy Spirit guides the Church. We also studied Faith Words such as covenant, Gospel, Sacred Tradition, and Paschal Mystery. We also continued looking at our tenant of the month, Respectfulness, and how St. Joseph reminds us to say yes and be respectful to God.

Next Week:

Students will begin Lesson 2 (Unit 1) and our discussion on who is God, what it means to be holy, and what the Blessed Trinity refers to. We will also be celebrating the Feast of the Archangels (Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael), meeting with our Faith Buddies, and completing several related activities.

-Quiz - [Christ in Us - Lesson 2 - Not Next Week \(Wed 10/4\)](#)

Science

This week students are learning about the earth's axis, rotation, and revolution around the sun and how it affects our seasons. They have started on their vocabulary flip books.

- Third grade will be taking care of our small school garden. We need donations of various garden tools and children's garden gloves to maintain our garden area.

Next week students will complete an experiment on how sunlight strikes the earth. They will also learn how the earth and moon interact in our solar system. We will begin by learning about the phases of the moon.