



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

September 22, 2023

Dear 4th Grade Families,

We had a great week in 4th grade and hope you did as well! It is incredible to think that we are already halfway through the 1st quarter of the year. We are enjoying our time with you and your wonderful families so far and are excited about all that is still to come! Thank you for all your support and have a wonderful weekend!

Announcements

- Please make sure your child is following the dress code for Mass. Please reach out with any questions.
- During the week of October 2-5, Crozet Speech and Learning will be here to screen the following students: All kindergarten & new students in grades 1-5. If you would like your child tested and they do not fit that criteria, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.
- 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](#)

Important Dates

- Tuesday, September 26, 2023- No Mass/No Formal Dress (Mass will take place on Friday, September 29)
- Saturday, October 7, 2023- 5K/Fun Run (Links Above)
- Thursday, October 12, 2023- 4th/5th Grade Field Trip to Old Cabell Hall

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Social Studies

This week in SS, students presented their “Great American Hero” research project. This was a great opportunity for students to see what goes into a research project. The presentations from students were fantastic and all involved learned about not only the people they researched, but also about how to present to large groups.

Next week, we will begin a unit on learning about the 5 regions of Virginia and what each has to offer!

Math

This week in Math, we finished Unit 3: “Addition and Subtraction Strategies and Algorithms.” I have enjoyed the ability to individualize instruction in small groups, and the kids are showing great effort to maximize their time each day in math stations. We took our test over Unit 3 today, and look forward to diving into Multiplication next week in Unit 4.

Our test over Unit 4 will be Tuesday, October 3rd.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students continued *The Tiger Rising*. We continued some of the real learning that makes 4th grade such a great learning experience. Students are learning how to develop significant ideas about characters that are backed up by evidence from the text. The writing that students did this week was incredible! This will be a turning point for students as they will now start doing this work without even knowing it!

Theology

This week in Theology, we have been focused on Unit 1 Lesson 3: “Why did God make us?” We have emphasized the importance of being made in the image and likeness of God with in-class activities highlighting our uniqueness, role plays demonstrating the importance of

faith in God's plan for creation, and in reflective Journal entries that focus on saying "yes" to God in various aspects of our life. Our Unit 1 Lesson 3 quiz is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27th.

Science

In Science this week we began Ch. 1, and have been focused on Lessons 1 and 2: "How Are Living Things Classified?" We enjoyed a study of plant and animal cells, and how scientists classify organisms based on microscopic multicellular and unicellular structures. We looked closely at plants and enjoyed our activity in the STEM lab this week working with carnations, sunflowers and food dye to better understand capillary action and the way the stems of the flowers work to bring water and nutrients to the leaves. This was the perfect introduction to better understand vascular and nonvascular plant classifications.