



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter



5th Grade
9/22/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- 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](#)
- 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.
- 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](#)

Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, September 26:** SE Region states and capitals TEST (*CAPS and spelling count*)
- **Wednesday, September 27:** Quiz on run-on sentences AND spelling test
- **Thursday, September 28:** Math test
- **Friday, September 29th:** Picture Day

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Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will have a test on the states and capitals for the SE region of the US. on 9/26. . This week we will be learning about the Jamestown and Plymouth settlements.

Students in 5th grade will be tested on all US states and their capitals. The states will be chunked by region for learning and mastery. A great way to study the states is found on a free game learning website:

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/50-states-game>

Math

This week we used place value to round numbers. We are going to focus on adding and subtracting decimals. The key to success is rewriting the problems vertically so that the decimals align. We will also be reviewing estimating using decimals.

To reinforce math concepts and skills, students are assigned sections for Khan Academy ([khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)). This is for a grade. Students have their login and password in their planner. The 1st qtr. requirements, due before the end of the quarter are Decimal Place Value, Add Decimals and Subtract Decimals.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we began reading *Wonder* and focused on run-on sentences and how to correct them. Students also began a short unit in word-study work. In this type of spelling work, students focus on spelling patterns, using simpler words, so that they can then apply those patterns to the spelling of more complex words. They will have a test on those words and patterns next Wednesday.

We will continue reading and annotating *Wonder* next week. Most days, after a homework assignment in which students must read a part of the novel, they will have a brief quiz on the material to be sure they are reading and understanding the text they read. They will also have a quiz on identifying and correcting run-on sentences.

Theology

This week we focused on a short unit in the Theology textbook about ways we come to know God. Next week we will begin a unit on the Rosary. Also, 5B (Samley) homeroom will be coordinating Mass for Friday, September 29.

Science

We will be comparing plant and animal cells. We will be learning about organizing living things.