



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### Junior Kindergarten

### September 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!

The school has begun our celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The students in Ms. Shank's classroom will be learning about Paraguay and Ms. Wawner's class will be learning about Guatemala. The whole school will be decorating their doors in celebration of the country they are learning about. We will have a Bilingual Mass on October 17th at 8:10. This is a wonderful opportunity for our hispanic students to share their heritage.

[5K & Fun Run Volunteer Sign Up](#)

#### **Calendar/Important Dates**

#### **Emails**

Ms. Shank: [c.shank@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:c.shank@cvillecatholic.org)

Ms. Wawner: [v.wawner@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:v.wawner@cvillecatholic.org)

#### **Science/Social Studies**

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Ms. Wawner's class finished up their unit on the 5 senses this week and focused on smell and taste. Students played "Guess that Animal Nose" and tried identifying different aromas they

smelled without looking. They learned about taste buds and how humans taste 5 main flavors. Ask your students what umami is and see what they say! Next week, we will do a Social Studies unit and explore the country of Guatemala, our designated country for Hispanic Heritage Month. We will be learning about the Mayans, coffee, and the Quetzal bird! Ms. Shank's class completed experiments that helped us understand how states of matter can change. The students were given an ice-cube in a tray. The ice cube was mixed with baking soda and a "surprise" inside. The students dropped vinegar onto the ice cube and observed the chemical reaction. They had fun finding their surprise. We also tested whether a plain ice cube would melt slower or faster than an ice cube with salt. Our last experiment the students explored density by predicting and testing what fruits and vegetables will sink or float. Our unit next week will be the Seasons leading to the following week where we explore Autumn/Fall.

## Math

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Ms. Shank and Ms. Wawner's class will continue working on numbers 1-10, both recognizing the numbers and one to one correspondence by making sets. Some of the students know how to count the objects but do not recognize their numerals. We continue to sequence numbers. Ms. Wawner will introduce ten frames and students will start practicing how to write their numerals. Ms. Shank will begin differentiated math groups.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Ms. Wawner's class studied the letter T this week and loved reading books and making art featuring turtles and trees. At the end of the week, we reviewed the letters and sounds we have practiced so far and compared them. Next week we will focus on the letter P. Our class also started talking about the key elements of a story (characters, setting, and plot) and tried to identify them in each book we read. Ms. Shank's class completed an author study of Laura Numeroff, the author of "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" and "If You Give A Pig a Pancake". We graphed our favorite cookies, counted groups of cookies, and sequenced the stories. We completed our own craft of a Mouse and chose something that the mouse might want to eat. Our letter for the week was the letter A. We focused mostly on the short vowel sound of A but did talk about how letter A is a vowel, a magic letter because it has 2 sounds. We also talked about how all letters must have at least one magic vowel in them. Next week we'll be learning about the letter T. We will also be reading a lot of books about the seasons.

## Theology

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Ms. Shank's class learned about what a Priest is, what the Mass is, and things we see when we go to Mass. Next week we will introduce a unit on Noah's Ark.

Ms. Wawner's class practiced their prayers this week and stored them in their prayer pocket/purse so they can practice at home. Students loved learning sign language for The Lord's Prayer and practicing it with their Faith Buddies. Next week students will learn about Mass and symbols of the Catholic faith.

## Other News

- Please remember to check the red folder each day. You may take out the completed work
- For safety purposes, students should wear tennis shoes to school.

- Our music teacher, Ms. Wisbey, has provided songs for JK students to sing in the car and at home. You can find the playlist here:  
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0CKzPmlJUTSsFAcNZUPB7I?si=w9PWY8GvSxaTxqCXgahzLg>

## Nurse's Note

To be prepared for Kindergarten entrance requirements, please make sure to have the Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health form completed. Print the form and have it with you for your child's next check-up/physical. Make sure that an up to date immunization record is attached. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse at [clinic@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:clinic@cvillecatholic.org).

## Reminders

- 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.
- 5K Fun
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- 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](#)