

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

5th Grade 9/27/24



Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- There is no school for students on Monday, October 7, because it is a teacher professional development day.
- For our field trip on October 17, please pack a lunch for your child rather than placing an order through My Hot Lunchbox that day. Our field trip will be taking place during lunch, so students will have a healthy snack before we leave, and we will have a late lunch when we return.

Calendar/Important Dates:

Wednesday, October 2: Test on Liturgy of the Eucharist, Concluding Rites, and Mass Responses during these parts

Thursday, October 3: Spelling/Vocabulary Test on words from *Wonder* through page 23

Friday, October 4th: N. Central Region TEST **Monday, October 14:** First quarter IRA due

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Important School Announcements

 On Sunday, October 6 the CCS Fields will be filled with plenty of fun activities to enjoy with friends and meet new families at the Fall Fest. Featuring a bounce house, hay ride, traditional fall activities, favorite yard games, some tasty treats and even a chance to dunk some CCS staff, this event should not be missed. Tickets now available.

But we need the help of our amazing CCS community to make it happen. We are seeking donations of supplies and volunteers to facilitate the event (Middle School students can earn service hours). Sign up to help us here.

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We are going to be learning about the first English colonies in North America.

Students will be tested on sections of the United States. Students need to identify each state and write the correct name and its capital. To make this more manageable, students will only be learning one section at a time. The **N. Central Region test** will be on Friday, October 4th. Students need to identify the correct state by shape/location and be able to write the state and capital name (spelling and capital letters count).

To help learn the states, your student may want to play some helpful online review games. https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/50-states-game

Math

We are going to be working with multiplication, partial products, exponents and multiplying with zeros. Students will continue to be tested on their multiplication facts (0-12, xx).

To reinforce math concepts and skills, students are assigned sections for Khan Academy (khanacademy.org). This is for a grade. Students have their login and password in their planner. The 1st qtr. requirements are to complete Decimal Place Value, Add Decimals and Subtract Decimals. Students will work on Khan Academy as part of their extended math time.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we continued discussing and analyzing *Wonder*. Students also took a quiz on sentence fragments and worked with the set of spelling/vocabulary words from the first 23 pages of *Wonder*. They also completed an in-class project on one of the precepts from *Wonder*.

Next week, students will continue to read *Wonder* and will have a test on the spelling/vocabulary words. Students will also begin a short unit on the dictionary and a longer unit on run-on sentences. The test on the dictionary will be mid-week the week of October 8, and the quiz on run-on sentences will be later that week.

Students are also working on their first quarter IRA (Independent Reading Assessment), which is due October 14. For this assignment, they chose an historical fiction book from the library to read and then complete a report. For this quarter, the report is a paper form, a copy of which is on Google Classroom.

Theology

Students began our study of the Liturgy of the Eucharist and Concluding Rites, and the responses for those parts of the Mass. We will continue with this next week and have a test on the material on Wednesday.

Science

We are learning about classification in science. We will have several labs coming up. Please send in empty paper towel rolls if you have any available. Thank you!