



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

09/06/24

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Our third grade classes will be shopping at our class store at the end of September and they will use their play money to purchase an item. Donations of gently used toys, stuffed animals, games, pencil sharpeners, erasers, ect..would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!
- 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
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link

Calendar/Important Dates

- Tuesday, September 10 - Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
- Wednesday, September 11 - MAP Testing (Reading) - Postponed from 9/4
- Tuesday, September 17 - Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
 - 3rd Grade Student Pictures
- Friday, September 20 - 11:30 AM dismissal for JK-5

Teacher email addresses

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Important School Announcements

- This year at Charlottesville Catholic School we will be offering a variety of after-school clubs. Attached you will find some information on the offerings.
[After-School Clubs](#)
- A great way for us to help our students become collaborators and leaders is to

encourage them to participate in the mass choir. This year, we are inviting students in grades 3 through 8 to sign up. Below is a link for the sign up and a few items of note:

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-50743257-mass>
- Students may sign up for as many masses as they would like.
- Mass choir is open to students in grades 3 through 8.
- Students should be dropped off at 7:40 so that there is time to practice. If you are running late and arrive after 7:45, you must go through carline.
- Siblings may be dropped off as well. They will need to sit quietly up front until the bell rings at 7:45.
- Students will also be practicing mass music in class.
- While you should receive a reminder email from signupgenius, please make note of the dates you sign up for.
- If you must cancel at the last minute, please email Ms. Wisbey at k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org.

Social Studies

This Week: Students will identify and explain the parts of a map and locate and label the seven continents on a world map.

Next Week: Students are learning how to use the elements on a map, and will identify the shapes of the seven continents in their Map and Globe booklet.

Math

This Week: Students are learning place values up to the thousandths place. They will explain and demonstrate their strategies using place value blocks. They will write four digit numbers in three forms- standard method, expanded method and word form.

They will have homework Monday- Wednesday night, please check your child's agenda Monday afternoon.

Next Week: Students will learn place values up to the ten thousandth and hundred thousandths place. They will write these numbers using three different forms - standard, expanded and word form.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We continued studying adjectives and subjects/predicates, as well as introduced "Quick Writes," which is an activity and way for students to develop and practice their writing skills.

Furthermore, in reading, we focused on summarizing and specifically targeting only the most important parts of a text, along with looking at who the main character is, identifying their problem, and understanding how the problem was solved. We stressed how effective readers and skilled writers are able to make and organize these connections into a concise summary.

Next Week:

-Word Study (Spelling): Short Vowel Digraphs (shell, chin, think, whisk, graph) - Quiz - Friday
-Writing/Grammar - Adjectives Test - Thursday, Mentor Sentence Quiz - Friday

- Skill(s): Adjectives, Subject/Predicate, Compound Sentence
- Mentor Text: Verdi
- Mentor Sentence: *I'm the speediest snake in the jungle, and I'm **still** turning green.*
- Reading - [Story Elements/Summarizing - Test - Thursday](#)

Homework: [Word Study Packet - due Friday](#)

Study Resources: [Tests and Quizzes - Grammar Voyages \(Ch. 5\), ELA Notebook, Reading Notebook, and ELAR Folder](#)

Theology

This Week:

We concluded our discussion and activities within Christ In Us (1.1). Our focus centered around our Faith Words (covenant, Gospel, Sacred Tradition, and Paschal Mystery). We also spent time learning about Father Damian of Molokai, our Saint of the Month for September. Saint Damien was a priest that committed his life to showing deep respect and love for others, even when the rest of the world was scared to be around certain people (e.g., victims of leprosy). Therefore, he is a wonderful example for us to follow in the month of September (Tenet of the Month - September: Respectful of all God's creations).

Next Week:

- Christ In Us Workbook (1.1) What do we believe? - [Quiz - Monday](#)
- Christ In Us Workbook (1.2) Who is God? - Discussion

Study Resources: [Tests and Quizzes - Christ In Us Workbook \(1.1\)](#)

Science

This Week: Students are learning the six steps of the scientific method and the inquiry tools we will be using with our experiment on surface tension.

Next Week: Students will explain and demonstrate the meaning of each step in the scientific method through our surface tension experiment using our scientific method form. Students will be introduced to types of living and nonliving organisms found in different ecosystems around the world.