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Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

09/08/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- The Hawks soared on the Math MAP test this week! Thank you for supporting your sweetie!
- Hole in one! The Hawks that Wear Socks are proudly sponsoring the CCS Family Putt Putt Night on November 3rd from 5:30-7:30 (time subject to slight change). [Kieran McDowell](#) and [Amanda Tucker](#), our fearless room parents, are seeking 3-4 perky parents to help plan this adorable event. Please reach out to one or both of our room parents extraordinaires via email to join their small planning committee.
- Say cheese! Get your cutie camera ready in his/her formal dress uniform for school pictures next Tuesday, September 12! Don't forget to check out the CCS [uniform policy](#), for both daily and formal dress, including the policies on hair, jewelry, and accessories. Clothing should fit properly, be clean, and be free from fraying/holes. Girls should wear dark colored biker shorts (no prints or patterns, please) under the plaid jumper.
- Get your training on! A VIRTUS training session will be held at CCS on Tuesday, September 12, from 5:30PM to 8:30PM. To register for this session, please go to the following link:
https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0
Additional upcoming trainings in our area can be found through virtusonline.org
- We are excited to announce our fall Archangel Clubs offerings for our students. We hope to see our students engage in these opportunities so that

Charlottesville Catholic School can continue to grow its after-school programming. [Click here for more information on current offerings.](#)

Calendar/Important Dates

9/12 - School Picture Day (1st and 2nd Grade) - formal dress

9/15-10/15 - Hispanic Heritage Month

9/16 - Back To School Picnic, 4:00-6:00 pm

9/22 - 1st Quarter Interim

10/9 - Teacher Work Day (no school)

10/3 - Bilingual Mass

10/20 - End of 1st Quarter

10/23- Field Trip to the Paramount Theater

10/27 - 1st Quarter Report Cards

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Social Studies

After traveling to London, England; Paris, France, Rome, Italy; Cairo, Egypt; and Nairobi, Kenya, the Hawks met Felix the globetrotting bunny at his final destination...New York City! We've had a blast exploring the world, learning about different cultures, and visiting famous landmarks.

Calling all co-pilots!! Join the Hawks to teach a mini-lesson in conjunction with Felix the globetrotting bunny's world tour. Use [this link](#) to learn more and sign up! We'll "take off" for this adventure on Friday, September 15 at 12:45 pm.

Math

Curious cuties! The Hawks are learning to hone their super powers of wonder and observation to ignite their learning, as well as how to harness a positive mathematical mindset. From working together, to strategizing what to do when they get "stuck," mindset is powerful! A strong and positive self-view is fundamental to learning, and a beautiful way to begin the year as we collaborate, communicate, and critically think **together**.

With data from the MAP Math test and a beginning of year diagnostic test, the Hawks will begin small group instruction tailored to their mathematical pace next week.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

We "heart" reading! From read alouds to sustained silent reading, the Hawks wear their hearts on their wings! I adore watching these cute kiddos select books, light up as they buddy read a "fan favorite" from our class library, or giggle like crazy while listening to "The

Twits” by Roald Dahl, which is our latest read aloud, and is “laugh-out-loud-funny!” This hysterical book is perfect for introducing so many key components of reading: expression, intonation, comprehension, making inferences and predictions, delving into character development, analyzing elements of a story, and so much more!

Theology

Faith and friends make the world go ‘round! Our sixth grade Faith Buddies joined us for Mass, serving as mentors and role models to the Hawks throughout the service. The Hawks will sit with their Faith Buddies at each Mass this school year, and will partner up with them for service opportunities, friendship activities, and faith-based projects.

While talking about the tenant of respectfulness, we let St. Joseph be our role model. We made “sleeping St. Josephs;” students can put their prayer intentions inside and ask St. Joseph to pray for us.

Next week, we will focus on the Trinity.

Field Trips!

Mark your calendars! Our first field trip is scheduled for Monday, October 23 to the Paramount Theater here in Charlottesville! I’m looking for about 5 drivers/chaperones to join us! Note: the number of drivers/chaperones could increase or decrease depending on car capacity. All drivers must be VIRTUS trained.

Insurance paperwork for potential drivers was sent home at Back to School Night; for those families who weren’t able to join me last night, the paperwork is in your cutie pie’s red folder today. Please complete and submit this paperwork (must be updated each school year), complete with a copy of your insurance card, and return it to Mrs. Fitzgerald in the front office.

Next week, I’ll send out a sign-up sheet to join us. The Hawks and I can’t wait for our day at the theater!