



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

September 8, 2023

Dear 4th Grade Families,

We had a wonderful week in 4th grade and hope you did as well! It is hard to believe that we are already 3 weeks into our school year! We are having a wonderful time with our students and were excited to see so many of you at Back to School Night. Thank you for all of your support and have a great weekend!

Announcements

- Please make sure your child is following the dress code for Mass. Please reach out with any questions.
- 4th & 5th grade are going on a field trip to Old Cabell Hall for a musical performance on Thursday, October 12, 2023. We sent home permission slips last Friday. Please return these as soon as possible. If you are interested in being a chaperone, please let your child's homeroom teacher know!
- 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.](#)

Important Dates

- Saturday, September 16, 2023- Back to School Picnic (4-6 pm at CCS, we hope to see you there!)
- Tuesday, September 19, 2023- School Picture Day (3rd/4th Grade)
- Friday, September 22, 2023- First Quarter Interim (This will be a normal day for JK-5)
- Saturday, October 7, 2023- 5K/Fun Run
- Thursday, October 12, 2023- 4th/5th Grade Field Trip to Old Cabell Hall (Chaperones needed, please let your child's homeroom teacher know if interested)

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Social Studies

This week in SS, students finished and presented their map projects. These were incredibly creative and a great way to start learning about maps.

Next week, students will learn about the difference between primary and secondary resources. This knowledge will help students throughout the year and jumpstarts our mini unit on how to research properly. We will also participate in the "Great American Hero" research project. This is a great opportunity for students to see what goes into a research project.

Math

This week in Math we enjoyed solidifying our understanding of Place Value. We took our Unit 1 test on Google Forms. We also began Unit 3: "Addition and Subtraction Strategies and Algorithms." We focused on estimating sums and differences involving multi-digit numbers, and used the estimate to determine whether or not the actual answer seemed reasonable. The kids loved playing "Estimate the Sum or Difference Bump" to reinforce the topic.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students learned how to "read intensely". We are working on how to become thoroughly engaged while reading. We also began *The Tiger Rising*. We will continue this work next week.

Theology

This week in Theology the kids took a quiz on Unit 1 Lesson 1: "How do we know God?" The quiz was taken on Google Forms. We also had a lesson on our September "Tenant of the Month": Respectfulness. We explored the Christian virtue of respect, and our Saint of the Month, St. Joseph; husband of Mary, and earthly Father of Jesus. We also began Unit 1 Lesson 2: "Who is God?" Today in Chapel we wrote God a letter to seek clarity in his plan for our lives. There will be a Unit 1 Lesson 2 Theology quiz on Friday, 9/15.

Science

This week in Science we dissected various Science skills such as observing, inferring, classifying, and comparing and applied them to our own lives. We realized just how often we utilize these skills! We also enjoyed our lab time on Thursday, during which we tested our straw models with weights, created hypotheses, and modified our design based on our experimentation. We have enjoyed putting the scientific method into practice! There will be a "Getting Ready for Science" Chapter Test on Friday, 9/15. A study guide of test topics will be provided.