



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

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## Friday Newsletter

### Junior Kindergarten September 8, 2023

#### **Teacher's Message/Announcements**

Please consider VIRTUS training because CCS requires this in order to be able to support in-classroom activities and school trips. The next available sessions in Charlottesville are listed below, but there are also online options available if your schedule needs more flexibility. More details on VIRTUS training is available at: <https://www.virtusonline.org/> (Richmond Diocese).

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**

Tuesday, September 12th: Virtus Training at CCS. To register:  
[https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list.cfm?theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0)

#### **Emails**

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

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

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Ms. Wawner's class started a unit on the 5 senses and focused on our sense of sight. We learned about the eye and went on a sight walk outside to see how many unique things we could see. We will continue our study of the five senses next week. Ms. Shank's class will continue working on saying the Pledge of Allegiance. We will begin learning about "How to Be A Scientist" by doing science experiments and making observations. I will be sending out a sign up genius to ask for volunteers to bring in items that we need to see what sinks and what things float. We will also talk about the difference between wants and needs.

## Math

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Ms. Wawner's class started working on our numbers 0-10 this week. We focused on the concept of zero, as well as number recognition and sequencing. We will continue to work on this in the coming weeks. Ms. Shank's class will continue working on numbers 1-10, both recognizing the numbers and one to one correspondence by making sets.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Ms. Wawner's class started our study of the alphabet by learning about the letter S. With each letter, we work on identification, phonology, and penmanship. This week, we played pictiography to help identify words that begin with s, read books about snakes, and practiced writing the letter. We will continue to work on our letters of the alphabet each week. We will continue with A,T,P,I,N. In reading, we talked about the different parts of a book and how we read from left to right. We regularly work on comprehension by asking and answering questions along the way. We are also working on sequencing and retelling.

Ms. Shank's class read lots of books to fit with our unit on what makes day and night, why does the moon shine at night, and what are stars. We continue to practice tracing our names.

## Theology

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Ms. Wawner's class talked about The Bible this week and read the creation story. We worked on retelling and sequencing the story. We will start a unit on prayer next week. Ms. Shank's class practiced memorizing the "Our Father" and the "Hail Mary". We made prayer pockets for the students to bring home so that they can practice. We continue to visit our Chapel and will continue to do so on a weekly basis. We are practicing how to behave appropriately in the house of God. We usually start our visit with a reading from the Children's bible that fits with our religious education unit followed by some prayers.

## Other News

- We continue to practice rules and routines. We are working on simple things like how to glue, ("A dab, a dab, a dab will do. Any more is too much glue"), how to hold and cut with scissors. We are also working on taking responsibility and learning how to clean up after ourselves.
- We practiced severe weather drills as well as a lockdown drill in preparation for school-wide drills next week.
- Thank you to those who were able to attend Back to School night. For those who were unable to attend we will be sending home a packet with information.
- Please remember to check the red folder each day. You may take out the completed work

### 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)