



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

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Calendar/Important Dates

January 29-Feb 2: Catholic Schools Week

February 16th: School Closed

February 19th: School closed for Presidents Day

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class finished their Animals in Winter unit by learning about animal adaptations. We learned how instead of hibernating or migrating, some students persevere through the winter months by making changes. We talked about how humans are animals that adapt and what we do during the winter months to stay warm. Students were challenged to a STEM activity where they had to help an animal adapt to the winter, using bubble wrap, cloth, yarn, and pipe cleaners. Ms. Shank's class finished our unit on ice and snow. We will learn about chemistry next week.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class started learning about location, direction, and positional words. We will continue this unit next week. Students have been introduced to these words by playing with puppets and following directions in the classroom. Next week, students will complete an obstacle course. Ms. Shank's class finished our study of symmetry. We reviewed concepts we already learned such as positional words and ordinal numbers. We will continue working on patterns.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class learned about the letter Uu this week. Students had fun playing Pictionary and creating unicorns. I was really impressed with how many U words they came up with! We learned the sight word "me" and continued to read books by Ezra Jack Keats. We focused on the story "Jennie's Hat" and students were able to make their own unique hats in Art with Ms Devlin. Next week, we will learn about the letter B and the sight word "you."

Ms. Shank's class worked on the letter Rr. Next week we will look at the letter Uu and continue demonstrating our knowledge of rhyming. We will also begin our formal handwriting instruction.

Theology

Ms. Wawner's class will learn about Moses. Ms. Shank's class will begin a study of the Bible hero Joseph and talk about forgiveness. We will also be making our own coats of many colors.

Other News and Reminders

Even though the weather is colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:

- Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.
- If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
- If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on.
- **Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.**

Both classes will be working on how to put on coats independently. By this time in the year they should be able to do this. Any practice at home would be most helpful.

Ms. Shank's class will be sending stuffed animals home in the next 2 weeks. It has become a competition between who has the largest or who has the most. Our rest time is being slowly reduced and after our Easter break we will be eliminating rest time.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week: January 28th–February 3rd

“United in Faith and Community”

Sunday, January 28:

We celebrate our parishes!

Students are asked to wear their formal dress uniforms to Mass/church services.

A sign-up will be in the Tuesday Teller for students to serve at Masses.

Students will also be speaking at Masses at our Catholic parishes.

Monday, January 29:

We celebrate our community!

We will collect food all week to benefit the Blue Ridge Food Bank. More information will be in the Tuesday Teller.

Dress Down Day for Commonwealth Catholic Charities—see the flyer and information below.

Tuesday, January 30:

We celebrate our students!

Formal Dress for Mass

NJHS and Faith in Action will host a bake sale to benefit St. Mary the Mother of God Church in Wytheville.

Wednesday, January 31:

We celebrate our nation!

Blue Ribbon T-shirts may be worn with jeans or CCS-crested sweatpants (if not wearing the Blue Ribbon shirts, students must be in regular uniform).

NJHS and Faith in Action Bake Sale

Thursday, February 1:

We celebrate our vocations!

Regular Uniforms

Friday, February 2:

We celebrate our faculty, staff, and families!

Blue & Gold Day

Living Rosary 8:15

Catholic Bee Finals 1:00

Faith Rally



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Uniting in Faith & Community

Students can dress down on

for \$5.00 to support CCC programs.

Please have students bring their donation to

the week of

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