



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 2nd Grade

### 10/27/2023

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Our field trip to the Paramount was so, so, so much fun! The Hawks were treated to a morning full of music, dancing, geography, sign language, and Spanish. Added bonus? Mrs. Mauney and I got to dance on stage! #LocalLegends!
  - A huge thank you to Carolyn Burnett, Sharon Korinek, Melissa Lawhorn, Robyn Mauney, Katie Pearl, and Brooke Olazagasti for chaperoning this cute crew!
- The Hawks will take a break from spelling for the next two weeks to focus on our upcoming play ("A Native American Cinderella"). Spelling instruction will resume on 10/13.
- Please note that we will not have Mass on Tuesday 10/31. Instead, Mass will be on Wednesday, November 1 for the Solemnity of All Saints. Students do not need to wear their formal dress uniforms on Tuesday, October 31.
- Let's add books to the shopping list! CCS is thrilled to host a virtual "Good News! Book Fair" from November 7-November 17th! Click [here](#) for a sneak peek. The best part? All book orders should arrive in time for Christmas!
- Homework Pass! No homework will be assigned on Halloween, but please do help your Hawk with any last minute preparations for the Hall of Saints Project.
- Boo! Join us for a scary good time at the JK-2nd Grade Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 31 at 8:15 am on the sidewalk and blacktop (no need to come inside). This will **hands-down** be the cutest moment of your Tuesday morning!!
- CCS will honor veterans on November 9 with a Veterans Day prayer service and flag planting ceremony at 8:15AM. Families and close veteran friends are invited to join

us in the Gym for this very special school tradition. CCS students who participate in scouts may wear their scouting uniform to school that day.

- The Hawks are excitedly preparing to share the gift of their voices at this amazing event. If your sweet singer would like to perfect his/her performance for the upcoming CCS Veterans Day Service, please use this [link](#) as a resource.
- On December 19, the Hawks will be “Rockin’ around the Christmas Tree” with the residents of Our Lady of Peace, singing Christmas carols as part of a service field trip with first grade! Requests for chaperones/drivers will be sent in the next few weeks.
- We have reached the end of the first quarter! Huzzah! Report cards are now visible in FACTS. I look forward to discussing your Hawk’s progress with you in a few short weeks! Please use this [conference link](#) to sign up for a convenient time (please indicate whether you will be in person or virtual). Thank you!
- If your child had a speech screening (Kindergarten and new students) at the beginning of October, the screening form will be in your child's Friday folder today.

### **Calendar/Important Dates**

10/27 - 1st Quarter Report Cards released

10/30 - Matter Quiz

10/31 - Halloween parade, 8:15 (sidewalk and blacktop)

11/1 - All Saints Day Mass (8:10-9:10) and Second Grade Wax Museum, 10:00-11:30 am

11/7 - Unit 4 Math Test (Problem Solving)

11/9 - 11:30 Dismissal and Parent Teacher Conferences

11/10 - Parent Teacher Conferences

11/16 - Theatrical Performance of “A Native American Cinderella,” 12:45-1:30 pm

11/17 - Albemarle Fire and Rescue Visit, 10:45-11:45

11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break

12/14 - JK-2 Concert

12/18 - Polar Express Classroom Event (volunteer timing TBD)

12/19 - Christmas Caroling Service Field Trip, 9:30-12:00

1/10 - Science Day (volunteering timing TBD)

3/13- Roald Dahl Day (volunteer timing TBD)

4/24 - Trashion Show, 2:15-2:45 pm (CCS Gym)

### **Teacher email addresses**

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## **Social Studies/Science**

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Our unit on Matter is winding down, but the excitement is still building! This week the Hawks experimented with mystery liquids, balloon rockets, and dancing raisins. On Halloween, we’ll use our knowledge of Matter to create ghost balloons, make a pumpkin puke, and follow a recipe for elephant toothpaste! As super scientists, the Hawks are using

the scientific method, collaboration, and a growth mindset to explore the world around them.

In our next unit, we'll turn our focus back to Social Studies to learn all about the symbols and traditions that honor and foster patriotism in the United States of America, as well as the responsibilities of a good citizen.

## Math

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Perky problem solvers! The Hawks used critical thinking and collaboration to solve two-step story problems, using mathematical vocabulary to help them identify a strategy and represent their thinking with equations. The Hawks also had ample opportunities to write and solve their own story problems.

Mental math monsters! Sate your monster's appetite with daily fact practice!! Here's to hoping they'll be hungry for more!

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Each week, our spectacular spellers participate in a variety of activities, such as Draw and Label, Rainbow Write, Sentences, Hangman, and Practice Tests. Ample opportunities to work with these words and their featured patterns create spelling success!

In keeping with the holiday season, our spooky second graders are reading Halloween themed passages to build comprehension. Ask your child about Vampire Bats, Frankenstein, and the History of Halloween! This festive theme will continue next week with our dive into the religious origin of Halloween as well as All Saints Day!

As readers, the Hawks are turning their focus to fluency, expression, and intonation with the art of acting. Our reader's theater production of "A Native American Cinderella" is bringing character, setting, and plot to life! We can't wait for our stage debut!

The Hawks have been flexing their writing muscles, too! As the first quarter comes to a close, these super second graders are building writing stamina, becoming more consistent with capitalization and punctuation, adding descriptive language to their pieces, and including details to tell their reader more, all while using the writing process to draft, conference, and edit their work.

## Theology

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Preparing to present! The Hawks have been working with partners and in small groups to practice memorizing their report, and to deliver it with feeling. They even hosted Ms. Taleghani's fourth graders for a rehearsal in the Performance Space!

All Saints Day is right around the corner and our future Saints are going to be wonderful representatives of the Holy Men & Women of ol! To start off this Solemnity, students will process in for Mass dressed as their Saint, followed by a morning of visitors to our

wax-museum-style "Hall of Saints." Please review the [project guidelines](#) to make sure your Saint is on track!

Our focus in class next week will be on preparing for mass and their projects. We will also celebrate Vocations Week by writing to a seminary student and reflect on November's tenet of advocacy.

## Halloween

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Students in JK-2 may wear an appropriate Halloween costume to school, paired with school-approved shoes. Please make sure your dressed-up darling is able to remove his/her costume and be in school uniform if the costume is uncomfortable or distracting. While masks and props definitely enhance a costume, they are NOT permitted at school.