



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

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## Friday Newsletter

### First Grade

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### Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Friday, November 8** - Blue & Gold Day
- **Friday, November 8** - Mother/Son Game Night, 6:00-8:00pm
- **Monday, November 11** - Veterans Day Prayer Service
- **Thursday, November 14** - 1st Grade Salt Dough Advent Wreaths, STEM Lab
- **Thursday, November 14** - 11:30am Dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Friday, November 15** - No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Thursday, November 21** - Service Project/Field Trip at Church of the Incarnation
- **Wednesday, December 4** - Field Trip to the Children's Museum of Richmond
- **Monday, December 9** - Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- **Thursday, December 12** - Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service
- **Thursday, December 19** - JK-2 Christmas Concert

### School Announcements:

- Looking for something to do with all of the extra Halloween candy at your house? The Faith in Action middle school elective will be collecting candy for Blue Star Families, which will be sent to deployed service members. Candy should be sent in no later than Thursday, November 7.
- **Lost & Found:** The Lost & Found is piling up! In addition to student items, there are several items that have been left by adults after events. Please make sure that student belongings (especially CCS-branded ones) are labeled. If you or your child are missing something, please come in and check the Lost & Found.



- CCS Moms (or Grandmas or Aunts), grab your JK-5th grade son(s) and favorite board/card game and join us for the inaugural Mother/Son Game Night! [Sign up here](#) to join us on Friday, November 8 from 6:00 to 8:00PM. Snacks will be served.

### Teacher's Messages/Announcements:

- Conference time is here! Here are the links to sign up for a conference with either Mrs. Mauney or Mrs. Milnor. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Mrs. Milnor- <https://calendly.com/mrsmilnorccs/milnor-conferences>

Mrs. Mauney- <https://calendly.com/r-mauney/mauney-conferences>

- Calling all **empty** tissue boxes! In November, first grade will be participating in a STEM activity using the book *Balloons Over Broadway*, where students will be creating their own parade floats using empty tissue boxes. So, when you've finished a tissue box at your home, please send it in with your student! Thank you!
- On Thursday, November 14th, first grade will be making salt dough advent wreaths in our STEM Lab! We could use a few items to help put them together, as well as parent volunteers when making them! If you do choose to donate an item, please drop it off in our classroom by Friday, November 8th so I have time to prepare our materials. [Here is the link for items and volunteers!](#)

We will keep our advent wreaths at school until students come home for Christmas break, "lighting" a candle each week through the season of Advent. Thank you for considering!

- Brrrr...it's getting cold outside! We go outside for recess twice a day and students will be eating snack and lunch outside, as well, so please be sure to bundle up your student before school each morning!

## Social Studies

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This week we finished up our unit on being a good citizen by writing and illustrating how we can be a good citizen in our community. We also took a "test" to close out our unit. Next week we will start learning about Election Day and we will even host our own class election. Look out for the results!

## Math

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This week we continued our unit on addition and talked about making ten, adding to 20 on a number line, the commutative property, and word problems to 20. Next week we will wrap up our unit on addition and start our unit on subtraction.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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### Reading

This week we read and discussed the story, *The Girl Who Thought in Pictures*. This book was our first nonfiction-featured story (biography - Temple Grandin). Grandin is a remarkable woman with an amazing story that can teach us about overcoming obstacles, hard work, and pursuing your passion/dreams. Our focus skills of the week were all about nonfiction text structures and how a nonfiction text can still feel like a narrative (story). Next week we will read and explore the story *Maddi's Fridge* by Lois Brandt.

### Grammar

This week we focused on ABC order. We completed several activities where students needed to identify and sort words. We discussed the process for organizing words based on a word's spelling/letter order (start by comparing words' first letter and then work your way to the right).

### Writing

This week we wrote about our story, *The Girl Who Thought in Pictures*. We made connections between people, events, and ideas. Specifically, we described Dr. Grandin, her life, and her inventions/ideas as well as scientists in general.

## Theology

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This week, we prepared for the Feast of All Saints by learning about this special day. We, also, began preparing for Vocations Week (Nov 3-9) by talking about the role of the laity, deacons, priests, bishops, and the Pope. We read from the book *Dear Pope Francis* and listened as Pope Francis answered questions from children around the world, then read the children's page from the Catholic Virginian newspaper, where Bishop Barry Knestout, also, answers questions from students in the Diocese of Richmond. Finally, we brainstormed questions to submit to Bishop Knestout in the newspaper, so keep your eyes open for CCS first grade in upcoming editions!

## Science

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This week we had some Halloween fun with some STEAM activities. We listened to the book *The Good, The Bad, and the Spooky* and then designed a costume for the bad seed to wear. We also wrote about why we chose this costume for the Bad Seed and what we are or want to be for Halloween. We also did a pumpkin challenge in which we saw how many pumpkins we can decorate in 3 minutes!

# Other Information

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## **Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:30)**

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Our first grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

## **Specials Schedule**

Monday - Library & Music    Tuesday - Library & Mass    Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday- Art    Friday - Music

## **Dress Uniform**

Boys - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks  
NO white.

Girls- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

## **Homework (M-TH)**

Be on the lookout for your child's homework sheet in next week's Monday binder.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading is the MOST important homework and should be done EVERY night!