



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 2nd Grade

### November 1, 2024

#### **Calendar/Important Dates**

**Friday, November 8** - Mother/Son Game Night 6:00-8:00pm

**Friday, November 8** - Blue & Gold Day

**Monday, November 11** - Veterans Day Prayer Service (begins at 8:15am)

**Thursday, November 14** - Early Dismissal at 11:30am/Parent Teacher Conferences

**Friday, November 15** - School Closed/Parent Teacher Conferences

**Wednesday, November 20** - 2nd Quarter Interim

**Monday-Friday, November 25-29** - School Closed-Thanksgiving Break

Parent teacher conferences link for Mrs. Bryan:

<https://calendly.com/t-bryan-cvillecatholic/parentteacherconferences>

Parent teacher conferences link for Mrs. Parker:

<https://calendly.com/j-parker-cvillecatholic/30min>

#### **Teacher email addresses**

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\*Please don't hesitate to reach out! We are excited to be your partners in your child's education!

#### **Important School Announcements**

We will have mass on Monday, December 9, to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

PokeMon cards and toys are a distraction to the school day. Please refrain from allowing your child to bring collectors/trading cards or other toys to school unless specifically notified by your child's teacher.

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.

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!

**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.

## Math

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We learned a variety of strategies to add fluently within 20, such as counting on, doubles (ex. 5+5, 9+9) and near doubles (ex. 6+6+2, 7+7+3) and using base ten blocks. Next week, we will continue to learn strategies to add fluently, such as using the number line and decomposing addends.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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In Mrs. Parker's second grade class: We read the book The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemming. The story is about a squirrel who suspects someone is stealing the leaves off of the trees. It teaches readers about autumn and the change in seasons. Students also listened to a nonfiction reader about trees. Another read aloud we have been reading is called The Wild Robot by Peter Brown. This story is about a robot named Roz, who finds herself on an island. Roz must learn how to survive and gain the trust of the wild animals. In writing, we wrote facts about trees, wrote our own dialogue and wrote about the stories we read in class. In grammar, we focused on subject-verb agreement.

In Mrs. Bryan's class: We read quite a few holiday themed picture books for Halloween. We enjoyed learning how to use graphic organizers to enhance our reading comprehension, categorizing important information and show relationships between important concepts. We also spotlighted a few authors, comparing the books they wrote, which were our favorite, and understanding the difference between the theme and the plot.

We also enjoyed our creative writing this week—Haunted House For Sale. Students brainstormed: ideas, nouns, adjectives and strong verbs to use in their stories, organized their thoughts on a graphic organizer, wrote a rough draft, edited the rough draft with their teacher and finalized their final sheet! Your students are so creative and love to write! I enjoyed each of their stories!

We continued working on our grammar: reviewing—recognizing nouns, verbs (weak and strong verbs), pronouns, adjectives and subject-predicate in sentences.

We enjoyed finishing another class read-aloud chapter book, *Bunnacula*. We all were hesitant at first and not quite sure this chapter book was worth reading, but were we wrong! We fell in love with the story—told in narrative form, from the point of view of Harold, the family pet dog.

## Theology

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This week, we focused on practicing for our second grade mass and memorizing our speeches for our “saint wax museum.” We also completed our first lesson for the year in the Empowering God’s Children program. We talked about being a safe friend.

## Social Studies

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This week, we reviewed what it means to be a responsible citizen and what makes a rule or law fair and unfair. We learned the difference between state and local government. We introduced the three judicial government branches and will wrap back around to reviewing this further next week. We learned about voting. In second grade, we simply touch on how voting in an election is considered to be private and how it is our responsibility as a citizen to vote. Over the next two weeks, we will learn more about the voting process and have a fun election in our classroom to vote for our class mascot. Students will be nominating an animal they would like to represent our class. I can’t wait to hear which animals are nominated!

## Science

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We really enjoyed our fall stem day! Thank you so much for sending in the items. And thank you to our parent volunteers who came in and gave us a hand! Everyone really enjoyed making spider/googly eyed slime, pumpkin stress balls, the 3-D Halloween houses, string pumpkins and our fun STEM pumpkin towers. Thank you again!

## Other Information

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### **Snack (9:20/9:55)/ 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 second 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 - Music

Tuesday - Library & Mass

Wednesday - Art, P.E, & Chapel

Thursday- Library

Friday - Music

**Homework (M-TH)**

Please check your child's blue folder for any homework. All homework will be written by your child in their agenda book each day.

Your child will have a reading response prompt and a math/writing homework sheet.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading should be done every night!