



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 2nd Grade

### 11/10/2023

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Thank you for joining me for Parent-Teacher Conferences to celebrate successes and set goals! As always, it's lovely to spend time with the amazing families of Charlottesville Catholic!
- It's less than a week until the Hawks are center stage for "A Native American Cinderella!" Join us in the Performance Space from 12:45-1:30. The Hawks are split into two casts, and will be performing back-to-back.
  - Cast A (12:45-1:05) - Miles, Oliver, Bowen, Ayun, Laela, Gracie, Liam B, Isabel, Julia, and Elise
  - Cast B (1:10-1:30) - Alex, Hanorah, Rosie, Ally, Huddy, Liam R, Catherine, Grace, and Naomi
- Choo! Choo! On December 18, the Hawks will team up with first grade for a magical afternoon (12:30-3:00) aboard the Polar Express! A sign-up will be sent in the coming weeks to volunteer/donate!
- On December 19, the Hawks will be "dreaming of a white Christmas" with the residents of a local senior living facility, singing Christmas carols and creating crafts to spread joy! The Hawks love finding ways to give back to the community! Requests for chaperones/drivers will be sent in the next few weeks.
- As cooler temperatures approach, please send your child to school with **LABELED OUTERWEAR.**
- Date change! The JK-2nd Grade Christmas Concert has been moved to Wednesday, December 13. The 3rd-5th grade concert will still be held on December 12. Both concerts start at 6:15PM—students will need to arrive at school **no later than 5:45PM.**
- Join the fun...for real! Camp4Real Kids Night Out is Coming to Charlottesville Catholic on Dec. 15! Kids Night Out (KNO) is a three-hour drop-off event featuring a catered

dinner and an exciting lineup of engaging P.E.-style games/activities for children in kindergarten through 6th grade! Camp4Real is proud to support the CCS community and will donate a portion of the event proceeds right back to our school! Discounted early registration is now open! Talk about family fun with an impact! [Click here](#) to learn more and snag your child's spot!

- Ho! Ho! Ho! Let your Hawk experience the gift of giving at the annual St. Nick's Shop (December 4-7)! With prices ranging from \$1 to \$15, there will be something for everyone on your cutie's list! Volunteer elves will be on hand to label and place the gifts in festive bags to help keep them secret. If your Hawk is interested in participating in this OPTIONAL event, please fill out [this form](#) (one per child) by November 29. Payment will be billed through FACTS the week of December 11th; NO CASH transactions this year. You also have the option to donate any change/unspent funds back to the school.
- CCS is using a new math program this year called Reveal Math by McGraw Hill. This program is a tool for teachers to help teach curriculum standards. Compared to previous programs used at CCS, Reveal Math includes more rigorous problems, more reading, and problem solving at different levels. It is very exciting to see the higher level of critical thinking that can be taught with Reveal Math. We believe this program will help prepare the elementary students for success in math classes in middle school and beyond. Please reach out to Mrs. DeVane ([l.devane@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:l.devane@cvillecatholic.org)) with any questions.

### **Calendar/Important Dates**

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

11/27 - Winter Dress Begins

12/4-12/8 - St. Nick Shop

12/12 - 3rd-5th Grade Christmas Concert - arrive at school by 5:45 pm

12/13 - JK-2 Christmas Concert - arrive at school by 5:45 pm

12/18 - Polar Express Classroom Event (12:30-3:00)

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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What a perfect week to kick off a unit about traditions that honor and foster patriotism in the United States of America, as well as the responsibilities of a good citizen! From Election

Day to Veterans Day, the Hawks were hands-on! From creating a “responsibility quilt” to designing their own symbol that represents either Charlottesville Catholic or our homeroom (complete with artist statement!), it was the perfect way to introduce these important concepts. Next week, our patriotic pals will learn all about the following iconic symbols: Washington Monument, bald eagle, American flag, and the Statue of Liberty, and learn the meaning and history behind the Pledge of Allegiance!

## Math

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That’s a wrap! Unit 4 (Problem Solving) concluded with a unit test and a first quarter benchmark test. Both tests were sent home in folders this week.

And...they’re off! Daily math fact practice is underway! To keep your marvelous mathematician fact-ready, please practice math facts at home daily. Units 5 and 6 focus on strategies to fluently add and subtract within 100, supporting second grade fact fluency goals.

If your child is hungry for more math at home, check out [SplashLearn.com](https://www.splashlearn.com), a free resource designed to support our classroom curriculum!

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Reading meets theater! The Hawks spent this week fine-tuning their acting chops, utilizing intonation, reactions, facial expressions, gestures, and so much more to bring their characters to life. We cannot wait to showcase all of this hard work for you, our illustrious audience!

As the Hawks are becoming more consistent with capitalization and punctuation in their writing, they’re ready to add details and language to capture their reader’s imagination. Using literature as inspiration, the Hawks tried their hand at silly stories this week, following read alouds of “Dogs Don’t Wear Sneakers” by Laura Numeroff, “Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type” by Doreen Cronin, and “My Little Sister Ate One Hare” by Bill Grossman.

Spelling instruction will resume next week!

## Theology

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We worked on the sacraments this week, making a foldable to help learn the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation), healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick), and service (Marriage and Holy Orders). We also discussed some of the symbols associated with each sacrament.

The class also practiced for their performance in the Veterans Day Prayer Service.

Next week, we will focus on Baptism and Reconciliation, learning the symbols of the sacraments, when and how often someone receives them, and what it looks like.



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