



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 3rd Grade

### 11/10/23

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **Virtual Good News! Book Fair:** CCS is happy to announce that we will be holding a virtual Good News! Book Fair from **November 7-November 17th!** All book orders should arrive at your home in time for Christmas presents. Want a sneak peak? Go to: <https://goodnewsbookfair.com/virtual-fair>.
- The originally published **dates for the CCS Christmas Concerts have changed slightly.** While the 3rd-5th Grade concert will remain on Tuesday, December 12, the JK-2nd Grade concert has been moved to **Wednesday, December 13.** Both concerts start at 6:15PM—students will need to arrive at school **no later than 5:45PM.**
- Join the Fun! **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 and activities for children in kindergarten through 6th grade! Family fun with an impact! 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! [Click here](#) to learn more and snag your child's spot!
- **The annual St. Nick's Shop (December 4-7)** is an opportunity for JK-5 students to independently shop for their family at school. Prices will range from \$1 to \$15, with the majority at \$5, with many gift options to choose from. Gifts will be labeled and placed in gift bags to help keep them secret. This is a chance for students to buy gifts for others, not themselves. Participation is completely voluntary. [Please fill out one form per child.](#) This form must be completed by November 29. All funds raised will be used to support PTO events for teachers and students such as the Teacher Christmas Luncheon and school ice cream socials. This payment will be billed through FACTS the week of December 11th—there will be no cash transactions this year. You also have the option to donate any change/unspent funds back to the school.

- We are excited to be going on **field trips** this year and are looking forward to having parent chaperones help with that! To chaperone a field trip, you must be VIRTUS-trained. To register for that training, please use the following link: [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?the](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?the)
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2023-2024**  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX\\_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing)

### Teacher email addresses

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## Social Studies

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**This week** students will explore the continent of Africa and will be introduced to the unique geographic features. Students will learn about the Nile River and the ancient cultures.

**Next week** students will learn about the Sahara Desert and the Andes Mountains then draw/label both geographic features on their map of Africa. Students will begin a vocabulary foldable booklet.

## Math

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**This week** students learned to round to the nearest ten, hundred, and thousand using a four digit number.

**Next week** students will learn how to round two three digit numbers and then add the estimates together to understand an estimated sum.

- MATH WEBSITES:  
[www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com) - use student username and password to access Study Island.  
[www.mathtrainer.com](http://www.mathtrainer.com) - for increasing addition/subtraction fluency and accuracy.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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### This Week:

We began learning how to craft a paragraph (5 sentences) about a familiar topic (Halloween). We followed the writing process which included Prewriting (Graphic Organizers such as a Bubble Map and Hamburger Outline), Writing a Rough Draft, Revising/Editing (Color Editing Strategy and other Checklists), and Publishing a Final Draft. Students also received their Writing Project Packet on Thursday, so please check their Blue Folders.

### Next Week:

**-Writing/Art Project: "My project is NOT a turkey" - Due Wed 11/15 (Art piece and Writing)**

-This includes the art piece and evidence of each step of the writing process (e.g., Outlines, Rough Drafts with Edits, Final Copy)

-Parents CAN support their child's writing, within reason. It should be in their voice.

-Grammar:

-Workbook - Review Section 5: Identify Adjectives (5.1-5.2) and Comparing Adj. (5.5-5.6)

-Mentor Sentence (Focus: Description for Visualization) - **No Quiz on Fri 11/17**

[Once we saw a whale, gray as an elephant and covered with barnacles.](#)

-Old: No Words Assigned - **No Quiz Next Week**

-New: Word Study (Spelling): No New Words Assigned (Next Set of Words - Wed 11/29)

-Featured Story: [How Many Days to America?: A Thanksgiving Story](#) - (Focus: Historical Fiction/Characteristics of Genre) - **Quiz on Fri 11/17**

<https://youtu.be/4tCHsF9RI3s>

Learning Ally [The featured story for the week is available here and can be accessed at home](#)

-portal.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud/Audiobook options, similar to Epic, but can be accessed at home at no additional cost to you.

Username - For example - t.little@cvillecatholic.org or ti.little@cvillecatholic.org (Student email)

Password - For example - catholic1234 (catholic + last 4 of Student ID)

## Theology

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### **This Week:**

Through discussions and activities within our Christ In Us workbook, we learned that the Church is more than just a building, but rather, it's made of people (e.g., priests, altar servers, the assembly of worshipers, all those who are baptized, and those who have died and are living in heaven). Furthermore, Saint Paul explained that the Church is the body of Christ on earth and that all the parts of the body are important and are connected to one another.

Additionally, we celebrated Vocations Awareness Week and learned about the different ways in which God may call us to love and serve him in our lives. We also wrote letters of support to a current seminarian in Virginia and prayed for him and others who may be called to the vocation of priesthood.

### **Next Week:**

Even though we are into November and finished with our school-wide Rosary, we will continue discussing and learning about the Rosary. This will include Rosary related activities and practicing prayers such as Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, as well as introducing prayers such as the Fatima Prayer, Apostles Creed, and the Hail Holy Queen. We will also be preparing/reviewing for our Unit 1 Test in our Christ In Us workbook (Lessons 1-5). This will largely come down to vocabulary, so it is suggested that the focus of studying be paid to the Faith Words from each of these lessons.

**-Test - Christ In Us Workbook - Unit 1 (Lessons 1-5) - Fri 11/17**

## Science

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**This week** students will be introduced to the planets in our solar system, and learn about the differences of the inner and outer planets. Students will begin a vocabulary booklet.

- [If you are a gardener I would love to have help with caring for our special little garden.](#)

**Next week** students will learn facts about each planet and its location in our solar system. They will learn about the differences of the inner and outer planets, as well as the dwarf planets.

- [Homework: Students will track the moon for four weeks beginning on Oct. 16th-Nov.11th.](#) Homework will be due Tuesday, Nov. 14th.

# KIDS NIGHT OUT



IS COMING TO

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**ACTIVE FUN  
FOR K-6TH GRADERS!**

**DEC. 15 | 6-9 PM**

## **KNO HIGHLIGHTS:**

- THREE-HOUR DROP OFF EVENT
- A KID-FRIENDLY, PLANT-BASED CATERED DINNER
- A VARIETY OF EXCITING P.E. STYLE GROUP GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
- A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, AND INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR YOUR CHILD TO PLAY
- A FUN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST DRIVE THE CAMP4REAL SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE

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