



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

November 11, 2022

### Kindergarten

We have had an exciting week in kindergarten! We got to see the new electronic sign being installed. Mr. Draper talked to the class about how a bucket truck is used. Kindergarten went on a nature walk on the new trail behind the school. Students learned about the Macy's Day parade and designed a balloon. We learned about Veterans Day and made cards for Veterans.

We need 15 grocery paper bags to decorate for our Thanksgiving feast on May 21. If you have extras at your house, please send them in by Wednesday.

We look forward to seeing the family turkey projects on Monday.

We look forward to sharing kindergarten turkey recipes with you next week.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments. The best way to reach us is by email.

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- Please send a school fleece or sweater for the classroom in case your child is cold in the building.
- Please label everything that you would like returned to your house. Over the years, we have had a very high rate of return for misplaced items that were clearly labeled.
- As cooler temperatures approach, please label all outerwear. It is helpful to sew a ribbon into the tag so that your child can easily identify his or her jacket. Please teach your child how to zip his or her jacket.

#IGiveCatholic, which takes place on November 29, is a Giving Day for the faithful across the nation (and the globe) to come together and raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries in participating arch/dioceses. A Community of Donors has set forth a \$27,500 match. These funds will match any donations that are new or increased from the previous fiscal year.

Santa Claus is comin' to town! We are excited to be planning for another year of the *Charlottesville Catholic School St. Nick's Shop*. The North Pole-themed shop is planned for 12/5-12/9 with a make-up day on 12/12.

This year we are accepting donations of gift wrap materials (various sizes of gift bags, tissue paper, etc.), craft supplies for shop activities, and unwrapped gifts that fit in with the shop's gift price range of \$20 and under. Look for donations and volunteer sign-ups in upcoming Tuesday Tellers.

### Music Notes

The Christmas concert will be on December 14th at 6:15 PM in our school gym. If any parents would like to help or volunteer, I would LOVE some help. The best way to reach me is by email — [k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org)

This is the link to practice Christmas concert lyrics at home.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W3ycMdyLhOHFLKnsUERY-zeaKvJgg4pF6TIWXyHNRP0/edit?usp=sharing>

## Important Dates

- 11/21 Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast
- 11/23-11-25 School Closed- Thanksgiving Break
- 11/28 Winter Dress begins
- 12/2 Blue & Gold
- 12/5-9 Saint Nick Shop
- 12/14 Christmas Concert
- 12/16 11:30 Dismissal
- 12/19 Christmas break
- 3/4 Father Daughter Dance

## Social Studies

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Students say prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance each day. Students will learn about Native American Indians, Pilgrims, and Thanksgiving.

After Thanksgiving break, we will be doing our Christmas Around the World unit. This will include lots of crafts and fun activities.

## Math

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We continued our Math Journals this week. Each day we graph the weather for the day, add a number to our September calendar, draw a circle in our 180 day ten frame chart, and color in a number in our 100s chart. Students are learning to recognize and write numbers beyond 10. The students enjoy playing math games.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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The focus this week was on short a word families. Students are learning to blend sounds to read consonant-vowel-consonant words. We continued sight words this week: they, but, at, with, all. Next week, our sight words will be: there, out, be, have, am. Please continue to practice sight words at home. Students are working on pencil grip and writing on the lines. Students are learning the structure of Daily Five. As we send books home, please have your child point to each word and read the book three or more times. We are working hard to help students build independence by approaching tasks with the following guidelines: get started right away, work the whole time, stay in one spot, work quietly, build your stamina.

Sound pronunciation: <https://sightwords.com/phonemic-awareness/sound-pronunciations/#chart>

[Raz-Kids](#) Students began reading books on Raz-kids. This online program allows each student to select a book, listen to it, read it themselves, and then answer comprehension questions. Students get 150 digital stars for completing all three parts of each book.

Parent Tool Kit for Raz-kids:

<https://www.kidsa-z.com/shared/images/teacherCorner/learninga-z-parent-toolkit-english.pdf>

Seesaw: [Where learning happens](#)

## Religion

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We read a Bible story each day, prayed and talked about how God led the Israelites to the promised land. We also have a science related devotion each day and we are learning a lot about God's amazing world. Students learned about vocations.

## Science

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We went on a nature scavenger hunt on the new trail behind CCS. Students collected items from nature. On Thursday, students listened to a story about the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and made a character balloon. Then, they had a parade around the school with their balloons.

<https://www.steamda.com/schoolyearprograms>

Steam Discovery Academy: <https://www.steamda.com/charlottesville>

## Other Information

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2022/2023 Student/Parent Handbook

<https://cvillecatholic.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9b38293f7bcd2ecbc2bab7c88&id=a89cb5f427&e=fdab17459c>

**Charlottesville Catholic School Uniform Policy**

Kindergarten website

<https://sites.google.com/cvillecatholic.org/ccs-kindergarten-website/home>

Songs and story links:

Creation song: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nY2W4nOD\\_x8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nY2W4nOD_x8)

["Jesus Loves Me" by Listener Kids - YouTube](#)

[Let's Go Deep, Deep, Deep](#) <https://video.link/w/UXT1d>

[Power Shuffle | Everest VBS Music Video | Group Publishing](#)

▶ [See It, Say It, Sign It | Letter Sounds | ASL Alphabet | Jack Hartmann](#)

[Exercise, Rhyme and Freeze | Rhyming Words for Kids | Exercise Song | Jack](#)

[Hartmann: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSPmGPIyykU](#)

[Where Do you Start Your Letters](#) <https://video.link/w/OjNAc>

[Thank you song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eEkWvekQiE](#)

<http://thisreadingmama.com/101-alphabet-activities-printables/>

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/alphabet-games>

<http://www.kizclub.com/activities.htm>

▶ [See It, Say It, Sign It | Letter Sounds | ASL Alphabet | Jack Hartmann](#)

▶ [See It Say It Sign It Volume 2 | Jack Hartmann ASL Alphabet](#)

[Turkey Dance: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4-jnIYRx3Q](#)

[Ten Little Turkeys](#) <https://video.link/w/IT8Ic>

[Baby Shark Thanksgiving: https://video.link/w/nU8Ic](#)

[Jack Hartman Gobble: https://video.link/w/BV8Ic](#)

[Learning Station Thankful song: https://video.link/w/5X8Ic](#)

[A Turkey is a Silly Bird: https://video.link/w/IY8Ic](#)