



**Charlottesville
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Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

- 11/17 - Albemarle Fire and Rescue Visit, 10:45-11:45
- 11/18 - Service project sorting items at Church of the Incarnation for future distribution, 10:20-11:00
- 11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break
- 12/1 - Salt Dough Advent Wreath STEM Activity, 12:30-1:15
- 12/4-12/7 - St. Nick Shop
- 12/13 - JK-2 Concert, 6:15pm (Students need to arrive no later than 5:45pm)
- 12/18 - Polar Express Classroom Event (12:30-3:00)

Announcements:

On Thursday, November 30, John Kronstain will present "Are They OK? - Building a Better Understanding of Anxiety and How it Could be Impacting Your Child" for CCS parents at 7:00PM in the Performance Hall. Please use the form below to RSVP, as seating will be limited. Please note that childcare will not be provided. [November 30 Speaker Series RSVP](#)

Winter dress **begins Monday, November 27**. Please see the Uniform Policy (located in the Resource Documents section of FACTS) for winter dress parameters.

Lunch Reminder: Today was the last day of Yay Lunch service. While we have secured a new lunch provider, they are not able to start service until January. ALL students will need to pack a lunch every day from November 27 through December 19. More information regarding our new provider will be forthcoming.

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.

Social Studies

This week we completed our lapbook on Veterans Day and Election Day. We talked about the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in preparation for our time in the STEM lab making parade floats. We also completed a Thanksgiving STEM challenge in the classroom in which we used 20 popsicle sticks and 24 dominos to make a table to fit a Thanksgiving dinner.

Math

This week we began our unit on subtraction within 10. We learned how to write subtraction number sentences and how to subtract by counting backwards, using number bonds, and number lines to 10.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we prepared for Thanksgiving by reading *A Plump and Perky Turkey* by Teresa Bateman. We reviewed how strong readers ask questions to make connections, to check for understanding, to make predictions, and to figure out unknown words.

Grammar

This week we reviewed adjectives and practiced using them and identifying them in sentences.

Writing

This week we practiced our writing with a focus on retelling stories in the correct sequence, including a beginning, middle and end.

Theology

In Theology, we continued learning about vocations. Students are bringing home a paper titled *Interview with an Adult* that they can complete over break. They will be asking you some questions about your vocation and writing your responses as a way to find out more about how adults can make a loving gift of themselves to their families through their work, and that sometimes entails doing things they like and sometimes entails doing things they do not like. We, also, talked about how Thanksgiving is a holiday where we give thanks to God since all good things come from Him. Next week, we will be preparing for the season of Advent!

Science

We focused on social studies this week.

Other Information

Colder Weather is here!

Please make sure that your child brings something warm and long sleeve to school each day (e.g., jacket, sweatshirt, sweater). We will continue to go outside, weather permitting, for recess, lunch, and snack as much as we can.

Winter Dress

Winter Dress begins when we return from Thanksgiving Break (Monday, November 27). This means we are no longer wearing shorts and ankle socks. Girls must also be in navy knee highs, navy leggings, or navy tights. Please have your child try on their uniform pants to make sure that they fit, and place orders soon, as FlynnO'Hara has been running into distribution and shipping delays.

Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:50)

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 - Art and Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday-Library 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)

Math- Complete Spiral Math Review 11

Reading- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night. Additionally, for each completed book, your child will color in their reading log for the month (e.g. November = Turkey).

ELA- Complete Spiral ELA Review 11

Religion- Practice Hail Mary Prayer



November Nurse's Notes

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please reach out to me directly at s.queheillalt@cvillecatholic.org or 434-964-0400.

Cold, Flu, RSV, Strep and COVID season is upon us. One of the best ways to prevent illness and its spread, is good hand washing. When soap and water aren't available, alcohol based hand sanitizer can do the trick. Remember to thoroughly rub all hand/finger surfaces and to scrub for 20 seconds. Sing a happy tune as you go! Cough and sneeze into your elbow and when possible avoid crowded places and spending time with those who are sick or having symptoms. See the links for more information.

[CDC - Flu](#) [CDC - RSV](#) [CDC - Strep](#) [CDC - COVID](#)

CCS illness policy abides by the Virginia Department of Health (VDOH) guidelines which requires students to remain home until **FEVER FREE** for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing agents. Fever Free is a temperature of less than 100.1°F. Also, gastrointestinal (GI) issues such as vomit and diarrhea, must remain home until 24 hours free of symptoms. **After any illness, students should not return to school unless they can successfully make it through the day. Reminder! No medications including cough drops will be dispensed without a licensed medical provider's order.**

CCS will notify families of any infectious outbreaks that occur within the school setting. Per the VDOH, an outbreak is the occurrence of more cases of disease than expected. There is no strict definition of an outbreak or specific number of cases that need to occur to be considered an outbreak.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS	COLD	FLU
Symptom onset	Gradual	Abrupt
Fever	Rare	Usual
Aches	Slight	Usual
Chills	Uncommon	Fairly common
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Usual
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes
Chest discomfort, cough	Mild to moderate	Common
Stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Headache	Rare	Common

#FIGHT FLU

Colder Weather means Warmer Clothes

Please remember that upon our return from Thanksgiving break, winter dress is in place. Children also need to be sent with appropriate weather clothing. This could mean gloves, hats, coats/jackets, etc. As more items are worn into school, less items may make it home. Please write your child's name in any items you wish not to lose.

