



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

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## Friday Newsletter

### 2nd Grade

### 11/17/2023

#### **Teacher's Message/Announcements**

- Happy almost Thanksgiving! I am thankful for the Hawks, the blessing of teaching at the Charlottesville Catholic School, and partnering with each of you! I wish each of you health, happiness, and fun with the friends and family you love most!
- **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.**
- 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](#)
- Brrr! Winter Dress begins 11/27, the Monday after Thanksgiving! Please review the guidelines, located in the Resource Documents section of FACTS for Winter Dress parameters! Please also keep your Hawk cozy with layers and **LABELED OUTERWEAR.**
- Broadway...here we come! Thank you for supporting your buddy star/starlet in our performances of "A Native American Cinderella!" They had an absolute performing for kindergarten and first grade in the dress rehearsal on Wednesday, as well as for YOU, their biggest fans, on Thursday!
- For all who truly believe! 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 “jingle all the way” with the residents of a local senior living facility, singing Christmas carols and creating crafts to spread joy! Requests for chaperones/drivers will be sent in the next few weeks. ***The timing for this event will be 12:30-3:00.***
- 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.***
- What are you waiting for??? Camp4Real Kids Night Out is coming to Charlottesville Catholic on Dec. 15! This three-hour drop-off event featuring a catered dinner and array of P.E.-style games/activities will leave your Hawk and all kindergarten-sixth grade students wanting more! 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!
- It’s the most wonderful time of the year! Let your Hawk experience the joy 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. Please remind your child that he/she will not be shopping for him/herself.

### **Calendar/Important Dates**

11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break  
 11/27 - Winter Dress Begins  
 12/1 - Blue & Gold Day  
 12/4-12/8 - St. Nick Shop  
 12/5 - No Mass (no formal dress)  
 12/8 - Mass (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)  
 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  
 12/15 - Tacky Sweater Day  
 12/18 - Polar Express Classroom Event (12:30-3:00)  
 12/19 - Christmas Caroling Service Field Trip, 12:30-3:00  
 1/10 - Science Day (volunteering timing TBD)  
 2/23 - Field Trip to Amazement Square, 8:15 am-3:00 pm  
 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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Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness! Our civic students learned all about their responsibilities and rights as Americans, as well as the symbols that elicit patriotism and love for our beautiful country! We even had time to learn about the holiday of Thanksgiving. Please check folders for the graded American Symbols Test today.

After we return from Thanksgiving Break, we'll learn about inventions, inventors, and innovations.

## Math

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Strategies, strategies, and more strategies! Unit 5 is all about the many ways to add within 20. From hopping on a number line to decomposing the second addend to make 10, the Hawks are finding ways to solve computation problems in a way that is meaningful to them.

In the second week of math fact fluency practice, the Hawks are already demonstrating improvement! Please support your little "mathlete" by practicing both addition and subtraction facts daily at home.

If your child is like me and is crazy about math, check out [SplashLearn.com](https://www.splashlearn.com)! The account has free home service for work assigned by teachers.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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The Hawks are devouring fiction chapter books! We're practicing a variety of skills to enhance expression, intonation, fluency, comprehension, and retelling. Each group is identifying the setting, getting to know characters, and describing the plot, all while being introduced to fabulous authors, "fan favorite" books, and/or books that are part of a series that will leave your Hawk wanting more. It is absolutely thrilling to see them light up as readers.

Building Community! As writers, the Hawks are learning to use our classroom writing community to boost their writing skills by advising one another on idea generation, offering constructive criticism, and listening to each other's pieces. The Hawks also spend time weekly reflecting on their strengths as writers, while also setting goals for improvement.

Please check folders for the weekly spelling test! We'll resume spelling instruction after the Thanksgiving Break.

## Theology

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This week we talked about the symbols of the various sacraments. During our chapel time, we talked about examining your conscience. We also learned about what is required for Baptism. I asked them to speak with their families about their own Baptisms.

We also started talking about Reconciliation. When we return from Thanksgiving, we will continue to prepare for Reconciliation.

## November Nurse's Notes

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please reach out to me directly at [s.queheillalt@cvillecatholic.org](mailto: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 . 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.

## 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.

