



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

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2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families,

Only two more school days until Thanksgiving! We'll be filling those two days with countless holiday fun, from hands-on activities to projects, the Silly Sloths and Cheetahs will be all smiles!

Happy almost Thanksgiving! We are thankful for our students, the blessing of teaching at the Charlottesville Catholic School, and partnering with each of you! We wish each of you health, happiness, and fun with the friends and family you love most!

God bless,

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Announcements

- Due to the short week, there will not be spelling instruction next week. Spelling instruction and homework will resume on Monday, November 28.
- Brrr! Winter Dress begins 11/28, the Monday after Thanksgiving! Please review the guidelines in the Parent Handbook!
- The Charlottesville Catholic Christmas Concert is back (see calendar for date/time). Help your Silly Sloth/Rainbow Cheetah be ready for singing debut by practicing at home!
- #IGiveCatholic, which takes place on November 29, is a Giving Day for the faithful across the nation (and the globe) to come together to raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic priests, schools, and ministries in participating arch/dioceses. A Community of Donors has set forth a \$27,000 match. These funds will match any donations that are new or increased from the previous fiscal year.

- On Dasher, on Dancer! The Charlottesville Catholic School St. Nick Shop is returning this year! Students in JK-5th grade will be visiting this North Pole themed shop from 12/5-12/9 (make-up date: 12/12)
 - Donations of gift wrap materials (various sizes of gift bags, tissue paper, tape, etc.), craft supplies for shop activities, unwrapped gifts (\$20 or under) are being sought! Be on the lookout for sign-ups in upcoming Tuesday Tellers!
 - The Cville Catholic School St. Nick's shop is a chance for students in JK-5th grade to shop for some small holiday gifts for family members. The shop will offer items ranging from \$2-\$15 that students can choose to purchase for family members (sibling gifts are available in the lower dollar range and some of the parent gifts are in the upper range). The week before the event, a form will be sent home for parents to complete listing the names of each gift recipient and dollar amount range that each student can spend per person on the list. Participation is optional. Parents can elect to donate any unspent funds to the school, or request change.
 - Each class will have a designated shopping day/time. A few students at a time will go in to shop (the rest of the class will watch a Christmas movie while waiting). Once inside, each shopper will walk around with a volunteer parent shopper to help them choose gifts within their shopping budget. Gifts will be wrapped by a separate set of parents. Volunteers are needed to help with shopping and check-out/wrapping.
 - If you're interested in helping out during the week, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AFAD2FAAFCC70-stnicks>
- As cold temperatures approach, please send your child to school with **LABELED OUTERWEAR**. Charlottesville Catholic School follows specific temperature guidelines for child safety!
- Reminder: Ms. Wisbey, our marvelous music teacher, has an amazing reward system in her classroom! One of the choices is a class talent show! Children are welcome to submit short (less than 1 min.) videos of even non-music related talents to showcase in class.
 - Mrs. Pearring's class, add your short videos to [THIS FOLDER](#)
 - Mrs. Robinson's class, add your short videos to [THIS FOLDER](#)

Calendar

- 11/23-11/25 - School Closed for Thanksgiving Break
- 11/28 - Winter Dress Begins
- 12/2 - Blue & Gold Day
- 12/5-12/9 - St. Nick Shop
- 12/14 - Christmas Concert, 6:15 pm (students arrive by 6:00)
- 12/15 - 2nd Grade Lead Mass
- 12/16 - 11:30 Dismissal
- 12/19-12/30 - Christmas Break

Math

We closed out the week with the Chapter 2 Test! The Rainbow Cheetahs and Silly Sloths showcased all they've learned about skip counting, patterns, arrays, repeated addition, equal groups/addends, and even/odd.

Next week, we'll do some Thanksgiving-related mathematical activities! Our cute cooks will be "planning" a classroom Thanksgiving meal, and will be in charge of making the grocery list based on the number of guests, "paying" for the items at the grocery store, following a recipe, and so much more!

Ready, set, go! In our third week of math fact fluency practice, the Sloths and Cheetahs are already demonstrating improvement! Please support your little "mathlete" by practicing both addition and subtraction facts daily at home.

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

Literacy

The Cheetahs and Sloths are devouring fiction 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. It is absolutely thrilling to see our students lighting up as readers!

Thank you for your flexibility as we made changes due to the cancellation of school on Monday. Reminder: no spelling/word work next week. Spelling instruction/homework will resume on Monday, November 28.

Religion

This Wednesday, we wrapped up our Vocations Awareness Week lessons with a look at priestly vestments and habits of religious brothers and sisters. Cheetahs and Sloths alike loved coloring, cutting, and labeling their little holy paper dolls, showcasing their knowledge of these awesome items of clothing! On Friday, we spent some good time beginning our closer study of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as some of our classmates prepare to receive it for the first time!

Next week, we will take time to reflect on the virtue of gratitude and what we are grateful for.

Science/Social Studies

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! Please check folders for the graded American Symbols Test today.

Next week, we'll study the holiday of Thanksgiving. After we return from Thanksgiving Break, we'll switch our focus back to Science to learn about magnets!