



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter: 11/18/2022



5th Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Winter dress will begin on November 28 (the day we return from Thanksgiving break). Please be sure your child has all the clothing items for winter dress.
- **December 5-9: St. Nick's Shop**

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>

- We're so excited for the return of the live Christmas Concert! It is on December 14 at 6:15. Students should report to the gym at 6:00 that evening, dressed in their formal, Christmas-best. They should also bring a water bottle.
 - The lyrics to the songs our classes will sing at the concert are included at the end of this newsletter. Please be sure your child is practicing these songs at home.
- As the weather gets colder, please be sure your child has a coat for recess. For carline, students should have the following (when it is cold):
 - Hats, gloves, and coats
 - If girls are wearing a dress, they may wear any leggings or sweatpants with the dress (does not have to have a CCS logo).
- Access to FACTS: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/pwr/school/>

Calendar/Important Dates

- **Tuesday, November 22:** Thanksgiving Escape Room activity

Teacher email addresses

k.sperry@cvillecatholic.org Mrs. Sperry (Math, Science, and Social Studies)

d.samley@cvillecatholic.org Ms. Samley (Language Arts and Religion)

Social Studies

Our students did an amazing job presenting their Colonial Trades. Their costumes and props were great! We will be continuing to learn about life in Colonial times.

Students will need to learn all the US states and capitals for 2nd Qtr. They will be tested by region and there will also be a comprehensive test on all the states and capitals. Your child can start learning them now by using the following online resources.

Practice games for state names (by region) found @

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm>

levels 1-7

Learn the capitals for each state @

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/50-states-game-2/>

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/capitals/game-2/>

levels 1 & 2



Math

*We will be working on mastering our multiplication table 0-12 and doubles by the end of the 2nd quarter (this is an extension). Please practice the basic multiplication facts at home or in the car coming to and from school. Knowing your multiplication facts is a vital skill that students will be needing for success in math in school and in daily life.

*Students will need to complete (mastery level) Khan Academy *Add Decimals and Subtract Decimals* by the end of the 2nd quarter.

This week we worked on long division with and without remainders. We will continue to work on long division and problem solving involving division.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we continued reading and annotating *Wonder* and took a quiz on homophones. We also began a study of collective nouns, and we will conclude that with a quiz after the break. We also will finish reading *Wonder* the week after the Thanksgiving break.

There are two IRAs for the second quarter (one must be historical fiction and the other is "free choice"), and the two digital forms for them are on Google Classroom/Reading. They will both be due on Friday, January 6. Since next Tuesday is the mid-way point of the quarter, students should have (or be close to having) one IRA completed.

Religion

This week students took a quiz on the Holy Days of Obligation. We also began a unit on the liturgical calendar, and that will continue after the break as well.

Science

This week we started our new unit on Matter. We will be learning about the states of matter, atoms and the periodic table. Students will be participating in several matter labs this week.

Christmas Concert 2022 Lyrics for 5th graders to practice at home:

Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out, on the Feast of Stephen
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.

"Hither, page and stand by me, if thou know'st it, telling
Yonder peasant who is he? Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence by St. Agnes fountain."

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither.
Thou and I shall see him dine when we bear them thither."
Page and monarch forth they went, forth they went together,
Through the rude wind's wild lament and the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger.
Fails my heart, I know not how, I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, good my page, tread thou in them boldly,
Thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze thy blood less coldly."

In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted.
Heat was in the very sod which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men be sure, wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.

Night of Silence

Cold are the people, winter of life,
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night.
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,
Flowers that will echo the sunrise.
Fire of hope is our only warmth,
Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night,
On wind you enfold us, you speak of the light.
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly,
Rumors of a dawn so embracing.
Breathless love awaits darkened souls,
Soon will we know of the morning.

Spirit among us, shine like the star,
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar.
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely,
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love.
Star unknowing of night and day,
Spirit, we wait for your loving Son.