



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

November 18, 2022

Kindergarten

We wish you all a Thanksgiving full of the love of family and friends. If you are traveling, please be safe. We have included some kindergarten turkey recipes at the bottom for your enjoyment.

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 in with your child the following: two paper towel rolls, four toilet paper rolls, or one gift wrap roll to make advent wreaths by Monday, November 28.

Students will be bringing home a packet of Thanksgiving songs that we have been singing in class. Ask your child to sing these songs for you. They practiced pointing to the words as we sang. Five Fat Turkeys is a favorite.

Thank you to those who signed up to donate to our feast on Monday!

Winter Dress/Outerwear

Winter dress will begin on **Monday, November 28**. Please see the Uniform Policy (found in the Resource Documents section of FACTS Family Portal and at the bottom of this page) for specifics. **As a reminder, students may only wear CCS sweatshirts or fleeces inside the building.**

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.



- 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.

December 5-9: St. Nick's Shop

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.

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.

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 \$15 and under. Look for donations and volunteer sign-ups in upcoming Tuesday Tellers.

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>

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

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

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W3ycMdyLhOHFLKnsUERY-zeaKvJgq4pF6TIWXYHNRP0/edit?usp=sharing>

Important Dates

- 11/21 Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast at 10:15
- 11/23-11-25 School Closed- Thanksgiving Break
- 11/28 Winter Dress begins- no shorts
- 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

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

Students learned about Native Americans and pilgrims and made several corresponding crafts.

After Thanksgiving break, we will be doing our Christmas Around the World unit. This will include lots of crafts and fun activities. We will also have a Gingerbread party on Thursday, December 15th.

Math

We continued our Math Journals this week. Each day we graph the weather for the day, add a number to our calendar, draw a circle in our 180 day ten frame chart, and color in a number in our 100s chart. We composed and decomposed numbers up to 10. Students did Thanksgiving number activities. The students enjoy playing math games.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

The focus this week was on short e word families. Students are learning to blend sounds to read consonant-vowel-consonant words. We continued sight words this week: there, out, be, have, am. Next week, we will review sight words. 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.

Religion

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.

Science

Students made a flying wild turkey with straw and string. They also learned about Native American homes and made teepees and adobe houses.

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

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

Kindergarten Turkey Recipes 2022

Who cooks the turkey? How is the turkey cooked? How long? What special things does your family do at Thanksgiving?

Mrs. Martin's class

Name	Response
Eduardo	They do turkeys, vegetables, soup, and crackers, and chicken. My

	dad cooks the turkey and Mom cooks the chicken, only 30 minutes. I like to play with my toys, with my jets, and with my cars in my room. I like Thanksgiving. We just eat all of the food and talk to everybody.
Clara	I think mostly Dad cooks the turkey for 25 minutes. I like to eat mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, and potatoes. My family likes to play games. I like to play tic-tac-toe with Grandma. I like to play UNO. My mom orders some turkey cakes.
Isabelle	My mom bought ice cream for this Thanksgiving. Mom or Dad cook the turkey. They put it in the oven or the microwave for 40 minutes. My mom and dad sometimes go to my grandma's house for Thanksgiving.
Analise	No one cooks the turkey, We go to someone else's house. Grandpa cooks the turkey.
Peyton	My dad cooks the turkey. He makes it. He puts it in our oven to make it hot for 10 minutes. Now it's dinner time. I don't eat the turkey. I just eat the apple pie. My friends come.
Anton	I don't know who cooks the turkey. My grandfather cuts the turkey. My aunt comes over and we play.
Isla	My dad cooks the turkey. He cooks it in the oven about 10 minutes, I think. He cuts it up so we can put it on our plates.
Annika	My Mom cooks the turkey for 1 minute in the oven and then we eat that turkey.
Oscar	Mom cooks the turkey for I think 20 or 24 minutes. We eat turkey and then play.
Ben Q.	I am thankful for my family. Mom cooks the turkey for 10 minutes and my Dad puts on a turkey timer and the turkey timer was funny. We eat mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie. We have pumpkin pie together with me and Maddy and Mason.
Sarai	I think my mom cooks the turkey for 24 hours. My mom cuts it and then we can get a piece to eat it. For Thanksgiving I do lots of fun like going outside and doing dinner outside and when I eat my food I get to play.
London	We don't eat Thanksgiving turkey. We eat fried chicken. My dad does almost all the cooking in my house. I go to my grandparents a

	lot. We have a sleepover at Thanksgiving.
William	I think it's Mom who cooks the turkey, but I don't really know if we have turkey. I think she cooks it until it kind of gets dark. I like cranberries and mashed potatoes. We have some people from our family come like Aunt Jen and Uncle Michael and Grandma and Grandpa. We sit at a special table that is in the dining room and we get a little kids table that is in the playroom. I think that's it.
Noelle	I think Mommy always does the cooking. She cooks the turkey for six minutes. We usually eat corn too! I like that!
Benjamin W.	Mom cooks the turkey normally for 20 minutes and then we eat it. I eat foods like strawberries and blueberries. We decorate our house with a turkey and put signs up. In the playroom, we put Thanksgiving up on the wall. We say what we are thankful for and then we eat.

Mrs. Draper's Class

Name	Response
Connor	Who cooks the turkey? Dad How is it cooked? How long is the turkey cooked? 5 minutes What does your family do at Thanksgiving? We sit down and eat your turkey. We sit down with our family and don't play with our friends.
Camila	We have chicken and not turkey. My mom and dad cooks the chicken. 5 minutes. We go to grandma's house. My cousins play with me. My big sister plays with me.
Sebastian	Mom or Dad cooks the turkey. 5 minutes. We have grandma and grandpa come over. We eat turkey.
Evelyn	Daddy cooks the turkey.

	<p>10 minutes. We are going to Grammy's house. We visit our friends and family.</p>
Leo	<p>My mom helps grandparents make the turkey. It's a lot of people. 10 minutes. They help set the table. They make all the food and stuff. I help my mom and dad.</p>
Zoe	<p>I don't know. 6 minutes. We have a feast. I play with my Mom and Dad.</p>
Sumner	<p>Who cooks the turkey? My Dad. How long is the turkey cooked? 2 hours. What does your family do at Thanksgiving? We spend time with family. What special things does your family do at Thanksgiving? We have special desserts.</p>
Josie	<p>Daddy cooks the turkey. 5 or 10 minutes. We usually invite my aunts and uncles over. We all sit down and pray. Then we eat. But this year, we are going to my Grandma and Papa's.</p>
Rory	<p>I don't have turkey on Thanksgiving. I don't remember what we eat. 10 minutes. We go to Aunt Caitlin's house. We are going to make cookies with sprinkles on them.</p>
Beni	<p>My grandparents. 1 hour. We have a special Thanksgiving visit at a special cafe. We always light candles for the people who never spent Thanksgiving with us.</p>
Daniel	<p>My Mom. 20 minutes. We have a feast. We do lots of things. We go to my aunt's house.</p>

Hank	My Daddy. 20 minutes We eat a big dinner. We get a Winter scarf.
Mille	Usually Mom or Dad. 5 or 10 minutes. We say what we are thankful for and sometimes we go to my grandma's house. We get to sleep at grandma's house too.
Ava	My Mom or my Dad. 5 or 9 minutes. We will have a dance party. All of us eat together.

Other Information

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

["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>

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](#)

****This list is meant to be used for items intended to be SHARED such as for celebrations/special events****

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables are ok

No soy beans, edamame, peas or lentils

No hummus

No pineapple, strawberries, coconut

Chips/Pretzels/Popcorn

Wise Kettle chips (certain flavors – read label)

Wise Popcorn – butter and white cheddar variety (white cheddar contains milk product)

Frito Lays Chips & Frito Lays Simply products (certain flavors – read label)

Skinny Pop

Pirates Booty

Rold Gold pretzels

Goldfish pretzels

Utz chips – (certain flavors - read label)

Annie's Organic
Sensible Portions Veggie Straws (sea salt only)
Orville Redenbacher microwave popcorn (no cheese flavors)

Crackers

Goldfish
Annie's organic
Cheez – its
Ritz Crackers
Wheat Thins
Made Good
Honey Maid honey graham crackers

Cookies

Oreos – original and original double stuff (blue packaging)
Teddy Grahams
Nilla Wafers
Lofthouse
School Safe (additional items include cupcakes)
Annie's Organic
Barnum Animal crackers
Zee Zees (**no sunflower seeds/ no coconut products**)
Rice Krispie Treats – prepackaged; not homemade
Made Good
Enjoy Life (various types) gingerbread

Candy/Treats

Dum Dums
Charms
Smarties
Tootsie Rolls/Tootsie Pops
Campfire Marshmallows
Welch's Fruit Snacks
Yum Earth gummies and candies
Free2b

Enjoy Life chocolates
York Peppermint Patties
Life Savers
Haribo Gummy Bears
Spangler Candy Canes

Frozen Treats (NO PINEAPPLE/COCONUT/STRAWBERRY or DAIRY)

Popsicle Brand Ices
Luigi's
Philly Swirl
Outshine
DeeBee's Organics

Pizza – (NO PESTO – NO DESSERTS) cheese or cheese and pepperoni;
original crust

Papa John's
Dominos
Endzone (local in Forest Lakes Shopping Center)

****May need to consider gluten and cheese free options dependent on class****

Drinks - reminder to avoid certain fruit flavors

Juicy juice
Apple and Eve (no fruit punch/strawberry)
Honest Kids - berry lemonade flavor
Swiss Miss hot chocolate (no marshmallows and there is a dairy free option as well)

Brands - Multiple Products

ENjoy Life
Made Good
Vermont Nut Free
Yum Earth
Free2b

Holiday items that are free from most allergens

- Spangler's Candy Canes
- Swiss Miss hot chocolate (without marshmallows and consider a dairy free option as well)
- Campfire marshmallows
- Enjoy Life Brand gingerbread cookies

Please see the list at the end of this letter.