



**Charlottesville
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Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, December 4** - Field Trip to the Children's Museum of Richmond
- **Monday, December 9** - Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- **Thursday, December 12** - Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service
- **Friday, December 13** - First Grade Readers Theater, Performance Space, 2:00pm
- **Thursday, December 19** - JK-2 Christmas Concert

School Announcements:

- **Lost & Found:** The Lost & Found is piling up! In addition to student items, there are several items that have been left by adults after events. Please make sure that student belongings (especially CCS-branded ones) are labeled. If you or your child are missing something, please come in and check the Lost & Found.

Teacher's Messages/Announcements:

- Be sure to check your student's red folder this weekend! We have a few items coming home, including an Advent calendar and devotional for your family to use throughout the season of Advent. We hope you enjoy them!
- Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our service project this week! The students enjoyed sorting, weighing, and packing food for future distribution. The most fun might have been using the conveyor belt! We hope this experience will be carried into the homes of our students for more conversations about gratitude and service. We, also, want to wish all first grade families a very Happy Thanksgiving! We are grateful for

the gift of teaching and learning alongside your child!

- Winter dress will begin when we return from Thanksgiving break, so be sure to check your student's uniforms to make sure they are prepared. The biggest change will be no more shorts, but be sure to check to make sure your student has the proper apparel for the season! Also, we will continue to eat and enjoy recess outdoors throughout the winter months, so bundle them up before heading to school and don't forget to label their gear!

Christmas Spirit Week 2024

Monday Dec. 2 “Cozy Day”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loose fitting pj bottoms or sweatpants; comfy t-shirts or sweatshirts• <u>NO slippers, crocs, leggings, onesies, or pj sets/nightgowns</u>• Middle school: sneakers of choice• JK-5: school sneakers
Tuesday Dec. 3 Mass Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Spirit Wear dress up this day• All students must be in formal dress uniforms for Mass 
Wednesday Dec. 4 “Christmas Tag Day”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students must be in regular uniforms• Christmas-themed accessories:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Necklaces, earrings, bracelets◦ Headbands or hair accessories◦ Socks, hats 
Thursday Dec. 5 “Sports Shirt Day”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students may wear a sports jersey or t-shirts (local team through major leagues)• Middle school: jeans or uniform bottoms, sneakers of choice• JK-5: uniforms bottoms and shoes
Friday Dec. 6 “Blue & Gold Plus Day”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normal Blue & Gold Day dress requirements• Blue or gold accessories:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Necklaces, earrings, bracelets◦ Headbands or hair accessories◦ Socks, hats 

Social Studies

This week we learned a little more about the history of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade as well as how the balloons and floats are made to give us some inspiration for our own float making.

Math

This week we have begun to learn about subtraction strategies in problems to 20. We have learned about how to use a number line, how to count down and how to count up. Next week we will continue to learn about subtraction.

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

This week, we learned about the season of Advent and prepared by decorating ornaments for our Jesse Tree, which will reside in the hallway between the first grade classrooms during Advent. As we read about salvation history from accounts in the Bible throughout the season, students will hang up the corresponding ornaments.

Science

This week we made our own Thanksgiving Day parade floats/ balloons! We had some very creative ideas :)

Other Information

Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:30)

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

Thursday- Art 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)

Be on the lookout for your child's homework sheet in next week's Monday binder.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading is the MOST important homework and should be done EVERY night!

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