



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 3rd Grade

### 11/22/24

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

- We are excited to be going on **field trips** this year and are looking forward to having parent chaperones help with that! To chaperone a field trip, you must be VIRTUS-trained. To register for that training, please use the following link: [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?the](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?the)
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA\\_D6OGjSil0tg\\_BxrY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link)

#### **Calendar/Important Dates**

- Monday, November 25 - Friday, November 29 - Thanksgiving Break (Students return on Monday, December 2)
- Monday, December 2 - Winter Dress Begins

#### **Teacher email addresses**

- Ms. Grassi - [k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org)
- Mr. Little - [t.little@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:t.little@cvillecatholic.org)

#### **Important School Announcements**

- **PokeMon cards and toys are a distraction** to the school day. Please refrain from allowing your child to bring collectors/trading cards or other toys to school unless specifically notified by your child's teacher.
- **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.



- A great way for us to help our students become collaborators and leaders is to encourage them to participate in the **mass choir**. This year, we are inviting students in grades 3 through 8 to sign up. Below is a link for the sign up and a few items of note:
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-50743257-mass>
  - Students may sign up for as many masses as they would like.
  - Mass choir is open to students in grades 3 through 8.
  - Students should be dropped off at 7:40 so that there is time to practice. If you are running late and arrive after 7:45, you must go through carline.
  - Siblings may be dropped off as well. They will need to sit quietly up front until the bell rings at 7:45.
  - Students will also be practicing mass music in class.
  - While you should receive a reminder email from signupgenius, please make note of the dates you sign up for.
  - If you must cancel at the last minute, email Ms. Wisbey [k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org).

## Social Studies

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**This Week:** Students will explore the continent of Africa and be introduced to three geographic features- The Nile River, Sahara Desert, and the Atlas Mountains. They will also work on completing their vocabulary flip book.

**Next Week:** Students will learn facts about the Nile River, Sahara Desert, and Atlas Mountains. They will draw and label these geographic features on their maps of Africa and paste the map in their passports.

## Math

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**This Week:** Students are learning strategies to identify addition patterns and use partial sums to add three digit numbers. They are also working on improving their fluency and accuracy with basic addition and subtraction skills using the website- [mathtrainer.com](http://mathtrainer.com)

**Next Week:** Students will learn strategies to subtract three digit numbers, and how to use compatible numbers to add and subtract. They will continue to explore relationships between addition and subtraction.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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### **This Week:**

We focused on asking and answering questions as we read, as well as looking out for repeated patterns from characters and their motivations to help us understand a text better. We also continued to make inferences by adding clues from the text and our background knowledge together to look beyond what is stated in the text, and practiced the grammar skills of adding commas in a series, capitalization of proper nouns, and other punctuation rules.

### **Next Week: w/o 12/2**

-Word Study (Spelling): Long i/u & Vowel Team Syllables (potpie, delight, amplify, value, music, cashew, tissue) - Quiz - Friday

-Writing/Grammar - Mentor Sentence Quiz - None

-Skill(s): Review - Voyages Section 7 - Punctuation and Capitalization - Test - Thursday

-Mentor Text: None

-Mentor Sentence: None

-Reading - Understanding Characters - Unit Test - Wednesday

- Novel Study on *The Christmas Pig* by J.K. Rowling.

-Students will be completing a variety of interactive and engaging Language Arts and Reading activities to review/reinforce previously taught skills as well as to help introduce new skills and vocabulary.

Homework: Reading Page (Let's Learn It) - Week 10 - Due Friday

Study Resources: Grammar Voyages (Punctuation and Capitalization - Section 7), ELA Notebook, Reading Notebook, ELAR Folder, and Word Study Intro Letter/Packet

## Theology

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### **This Week:**

3rd Grade stepped up and did a wonderful job at leading Mass on Tuesday. We also continued to look at the Tenet of the Month for November: Advocates and learned more about Sister Theal Bowman who advocated for her African culture, teaching and advocating that all people are beautiful and created in the image and likeness of God.

### **Next Week: w/o 12/2**

3rd Grade (Ms. Grassi's homeroom) will be leading Mass on Tuesday, December 17, so we will be busy preparing. Additionally, December 1, marks the beginning of Advent. Thus, when we return from Thanksgiving break we will be working through various Advent-related activities such as creating a classroom Jesse Tree to help prepare for the coming of Christ.

**This Holiday Season, 3rd Grade is working with PACEM** (People And Congregations Engaged in Ministry), a grassroots organization that works with 80 local congregations and community groups and 3,000 volunteers to provide shelter and related services to the homeless. Over the Christmas break, the Church of the Incarnation will be hosting some of the most vulnerable members of our community and providing them with warm, welcoming, and safe shelter.

When we return from break, 3rd Grade will begin assembling toiletry bags and making cards and signs for the guests.

Study Resources: Christ In Us Workbook, Theology Folder, Notebook

## Science

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### **This Week:**

Students will continue observing and measuring the growth of their seedlings, and complete a math/science experiment using our pumpkins. They will learn the process of photosynthesis and the different types of plants located in ecosystems. Students will work on completing their vocabulary foldable.

**Next Week:** Students will be introduced to different habitats located in ecosystems and the types of organisms found in each ecosystem. They will also begin working on a packet containing the life cycle of plants. They will continue observing and measuring the growth of their seedlings.

# Christmas Spirit Week

2024



**Monday**  
Dec. 2  
“Cozy Day”

- Loose fitting pj bottoms or sweatpants; comfy t-shirts or sweatshirts
- **NO slippers, crocs, leggings, onesies, or pj sets/nightgowns**
- Middle school: sneakers of choice
- JK-5: school sneakers

**Tuesday**  
Dec. 3  
Mass Day

- **No Spirit Wear dress up this day**
- **All students must be in formal dress uniforms for Mass**



**Wednesday**  
Dec. 4  
“Christmas  
Tag Day

- Students must be in regular uniforms
- Christmas-themed accessories:
  - Necklaces, earrings, bracelets
  - Headbands or hair accessories
  - Socks, hats



**Thursday**  
Dec. 5  
“Sports Shirt  
Day”

- 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”

- Normal Blue & Gold Day dress requirements
- Blue or gold accessories:
  - Necklaces, earrings, bracelets
  - Headbands or hair accessories
  - Socks, hats

