



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

5th Grade  
11/22/2024



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

- There is no school next week, November 25-29.
- As the weather turns colder, please be sure your child has a jacket or sweatshirt for outdoor recess.
- Remember that winter dress starts after the Thanksgiving break.
- On Tuesday, 5B (Ms. Samley's homeroom) will be planning and reading at Mass. We would love for you to join us.

## **Calendar/Important Dates:**

**Tuesday, Dec. 3:** Unit 2 MathTEST

**Wednesday, Dec. 4:** Quiz on Collective Nouns

**Thursday, Dec. 5:** Element Presentations (bring prop)

**Friday, Nov. 22:** End-of-novel test on Wednesday

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**Reading, Writing, and Theology**

**Math, Science, and Social Studies**

## **Important School Announcements**

- The Student Council will be hosting a Spirit Week for all students the week of December 2-6. Students who do not wish to participate in dress-up days must be in their regular school uniforms. Formal dress is still required for Mass on Tuesday, December 3. Themes for each of the days are:
  - Monday, December 2: Cozy Day
    - Loose fitting pajama bottoms or sweatpants
    - Comfy t-shirts and sweatshirts
    - Elementary students need to be in school tennis shoes.
    - No slippers or crocs
    - No leggings, onesies or pajama sets/nightgowns; this is not pajama day
  - Tuesday, December 3: Mass
    - All students are to be in formal dress. No Spirit Wear dress-up this day.
  - Wednesday, December 4: Christmas Tag Day
    - Students must be in their regular uniforms, but may wear Christmas-themed accessories. Parameters for those accessories are:
      - Allowed: socks, belts, earrings, necklace, ribbons, bracelets, headbands with stabilized decor (i.e. cat ears)
      - Not Allowed: hats, sunglasses, wigs, masks, t-shirts, headbands with flying objects, anything flashing, costumes
  - Thursday, December 5: Sports Jersey or Sports T-shirt Day
    - Elementary students must be in uniform bottoms and uniform shoes.
  - Friday, December 6: Blue and Gold+ Day
    - Students may wear blue and gold accessories (bead necklaces, ribbons, earrings, headbands, CCS socks) with their Spirit Wear.
    - Elementary students are to be in uniform or CCS spirit wear bottoms and uniform shoes.
- We will have mass on Monday, December 9, to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Please consider signing up for the mass choir:  
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-50743257-mass#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-50743257-mass#/)

## Social Studies

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In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. This week we will be writing a newspaper article on the French and Indian War.

## Math

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We will continue to review multiplication and division all year long. We are learning about volume ( $V = l \times w \times h$ ) and ( $V = B \times h$ ) and composite shapes.

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To reinforce math concepts and skills, students are assigned sections for Khan Academy ([khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)). This is for a grade. Students have their login and password in their planner. The 2nd qtr. requirements are to complete *Get ready for multiplication and division with whole numbers and decimals* (unit 4) and *Get ready for powers of 10* (unit 6). Students will work on Khan Academy as part of their extended math time.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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This week we finished *Wonder* and took a test on the novel. Students also took a test on the high-frequency spelling words. In addition, we began studying collective nouns.

After the Thanksgiving break, we will begin reading a series of short stories from the Journeys anthology, focusing on specific skills. Students will also have a quiz that week on collective nouns and will receive a new list of vocabulary/spelling words.

## Theology

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We continued working on the liturgical calendar this week, and students worked in class to create a liturgical calendar for 2024-2025 that will be graded as a project. Because the new liturgical year starts on Sunday, December 1, with the first Sunday in Advent, when we return from the break, we will have a short unit on the season of Advent.

## Science

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We have begun our unit on atoms and elements. We will be researching and presenting on our chosen element. Students need a prop for their element presentation. This is not a memorized presentation.

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We will also be making a conservation project using empty 2 liter bottles. Please send in any empty 2 liter bottles if you can.

# Christmas Spirit Week

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**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

