



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 2nd Grade

### November 8, 2024

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

**Monday, November 11** - Veterans Day Prayer Service (begins at 8:15am)

**Thursday, November 14** - Early Dismissal at 11:30am/Parent Teacher Conferences

**Friday, November 15** - School Closed/Parent Teacher Conferences

**Wednesday, November 20** - 2nd Quarter Interim

**Monday-Friday, November 25-29** - School Closed-Thanksgiving Break

**Monday, December 9** - Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**Thursday, December 12** - Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service

**Thursday, December 19** - JK-2 Christmas Concert

#### **Teacher email addresses**

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\*Please don't hesitate to reach out! We are excited to be your partners in your child's education!

#### **Important School Announcements**

We will have mass on Monday, December 9, to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

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.

Brrrr...it's getting cold outside! We go outside for recess twice a day and students will be eating snack and lunch outside, as well, so please be sure to bundle up your student before school each morning!

**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.

Diaper Drive—Faith in Action is holding a Diaper Drive for Loaves & Fishes now through November 22. Collection bins will be in the student hallways. Your donation of new packages or boxes of diapers is greatly appreciated by the food pantry and parents in need.

### **Teacher's Messages/Announcements**

It is time for conferences! Please use the links below to sign up for a conference with Mrs. Bryan or Mrs. Parker. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Parent teacher conferences link for Mrs. Bryan:

<https://calendly.com/t-bryan-cvillecatholic/parentteacherconferences>

Parent teacher conferences link for Mrs. Parker:

<https://calendly.com/j-parker-cvillecatholic/30min>

## Math

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This week, we learned strategies to add two-digit numbers. We used the number line, tens and ones and decomposing one addend. Next week, we will continue learning more addition strategies, as well as solving one and two-step word problems.

In Mrs. Bryan's class, we continued to work on two-step word problems and completed our first benchmark of the semester. Everyone is doing great! We have also started our next unit on strategies to adding fluently to 100.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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We read the book Pecan Pie Baby by Jacqueline Woodson, a story about a little girl named Gia, who is having conflicting emotions about being a big sister. We focused on inferences and adverbs of time. We also read a nonfiction book about pecans. We made inferences using text clues and our schema, wrote facts and learned how to add adverbs to our writing. We continued our class novel study using the book, The Wild Robot by Peter Brown. Ask your child what

problem Roz, the robot in the story, is facing and what their prediction is of how it may be solved. Next week, we will read the nonfiction book, Whoop Knew by Anett Whipple. We will explore text features and asking and telling sentences.

In Mrs. Bryan's class we have completed our book study on *The Leaf Thief* learning more about what dialogue in a story looks like. We also took our time this week to finish up various writing projects that included our Haunted House for Sale. This was a fun writing project that included brainstorming, creating thoughts and organizing those on a graphic organizer, writing a first draft (and in some cases a second draft), to completing our final project. We were super excited to finish up our fun read, *Bunnicula* and went into more detail on story elements, reading comprehension and graphic organizers. We took our time reviewing what connections are, the setting, making inferences, what the theme is, point of view, summarizing-not retelling a story, character traits, making predictions, asking questions and more! Everyone really enjoys our literature and writing units and it's always so hard to pull away to move on to our next subject! Thank you so much for encouraging your children to love reading, it shows!!! We are also so close to finishing up our book, *The Wild Robot*!

## Theology

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We Started the week off with our Vocations lesson. Vocations week is from November 3rd to November 9th. We read the book, You are Special by Max Lucado. We learned that we are special in God's eyes and the meaning of baptism. In the chapel, we learned about our tenet of the month, which is an advocate. We learned about the Servant of God, Sister Thea Bowman, who was an advocate for all people and cultures and that we are all beautiful and created in the image and likeness of God. Next week, we will learn about the seven sacraments and continue to learn about God's gifts.

## Social Studies

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We learned about the importance of Veteran's Day and why it is celebrated. In the STEM lab we made origami poppies, which is a remembrance flower for the holiday. The origami poppies proved challenging for our little hands and patience, so we are continuing to work on those. We enjoyed reading *The Poppy Lady* and why the poppy flower is our national symbol for remembrance. We also read *The Wall* and continued to learn more about the meaning of Veterans Day.

We continued to learn about voting and laws/rules. We had a class election, where we voted on our class mascot. We had a fun class election, in our homerooms, voting for our class animal mascot. We even learned how we could nominate a candidate (animal), list our candidates on the ballot, cast our vote and await the results. In Mrs. Parker's class we voted for our class mascot and the result was Mrs. Parker's dogs! Mrs. Bryan's class called for a recount! We plan to have our homeroom re-vote as we had several students absent that day, but the winner on Tuesday was a puppy!

## Science

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This week, we focused on social studies.

# Other Information

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## **Snack (9:20/9:55)/ 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 second 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 - Music

Tuesday - Library & Mass

Wednesday - Art, P.E, & Chapel

Thursday- Library

Friday - Music

## **Homework (M-TH)**

Please check your child's blue folder for any homework. All homework will be written by your child in their agenda book each day.

Your child will have a reading response prompt and a math/writing homework sheet.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading should be done every night!