



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

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## Friday Newsletter

### First Grade

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#### Upcoming Dates:

- 12/4-12/7 - St. Nick Shop
- 12/5- No Mass
- 12/8- Mass (Please wear dress uniform)
- 12/13 - JK-2 Concert, 6:15pm (Students need to arrive 5:45 pm)
- 12/18 - Polar Express Classroom Event (12:30-3:00)

#### Announcements:

Please note that we will NOT have Mass on Tuesday, December 5. Instead, Mass will be on Friday, December 8 for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Students do not need to wear their formal dress uniforms on Tuesday, December 5.

Help Wanted! Spend Quality Time with Jesus (12/5) This Tuesday, December 5th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during our day of Reconciliation for students to pray with and spend time with Jesus. However, Jesus cannot be left alone! Please consider setting aside an hour of your time and signing-up to come and pray with our Lord in the CCS Chapel. We also are in need of volunteers who can help walk students from the confessional spaces in the school to the chapel. Each opportunity is available in one hour increments. Sign up using the [LINK HERE](#). Please contact Megan Pearring, Religion Coordinator, with any questions.  
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Please know that we will be going outside even in the very cold winter months. Our girls can wear navy tights or capris to keep them warm outside. Of course, pants and polos are also a good option. Bare skin on frigid days is a concern. Please help us by helping your child on days they wear a jumper. Thank you!

Even though the weather is turning colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:

- Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.
- If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
- If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on.
- **Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.**

The annual St. Nick's Shop (December 4-7) is an opportunity for JK-5 students to independently shop for their family at school. Participation is completely voluntary. Please fill out one form per child using [THIS LINK](#). Registration has been extended! The LAST DAY to complete the form is this Sunday, December 3.

## Social Studies

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This week we started traveling around the world to see how other countries celebrate the winter holidays. We started this week by visiting the USA and talking about how many traditions in the USA are influenced by other countries. We then completed a flip book which will be kept in our suitcase. We will also be visiting Mexico, Sweden, and Italy.

## Math

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This week we continued our unit on subtraction. We learned how to draw a model to help us solve subtraction number sentences. We also talked about how we should keep our models organized so that we can ensure we get the right answer. We also learned how to use a number line to count back. We talked about how we can use addition to check our subtraction problems. Next week we will continue learning about subtraction within 20.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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### Reading

This week we read *Oskar and the Eight Blessings* by Richard Simon and Tanya Simon. We talked about how good readers make mental images or visualize while reading a book or text. Creating these mental images helps students dive deeper into the text and targets their long term memory.

### Grammar

This week we talked about plural nouns. We learned when to add an s and when to add an es to make a noun plural.

### Writing

This week we learned in our anchor text that Oskar celebrated Hanukkah. We read a nonfiction reader to help us gain some background knowledge and then wrote about different traditions.

# Theology

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In Theology, we learned about why we celebrate the feast of Christ the King by comparing Him to earthly kings and talking about what makes Him different - His sacrificial love! We, also, prepared for the season of Advent by making salt dough advent wreaths. We will keep these wreaths at school until the last week before break and will add a candle to our wreaths each week as we await the coming of Christ at Christmas.

# Science

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We focused on social studies this week.

# Other Information

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## **Colder Weather is here!**

Please make sure that your child brings something warm and long sleeve to school each day (e.g., jacket, sweatshirt, sweater). We will continue to go outside, weather permitting, for recess, lunch, and snack as much as we can.

## **Winter Dress**

This means we are no longer wearing shorts and ankle socks. Girls must also be in navy knee highs, navy leggings, or navy tights. Please have your child try on their uniform pants to make sure that they fit, and place orders soon, as FlynnO'Hara has been running into distribution and shipping delays.

## **Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:50)**

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

Thursday-Library    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)**

**Math**- Complete Spiral Math Review 12

**Reading**- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night. FOR FUN! Reading Advent calendar :) See how many you can complete.

**ELA**- Complete Spiral ELA Review 12

**Religion**- Practice Hail Mary Prayer