



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

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## Friday Newsletter

### 2nd Grade

### 12/01/2023

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

- I am so excited to be back at school with the Hawks! I have TONS of fun planned between now and Christmas Break that will make your cutie pie's face light up with joy!
- Help Wanted! Spend Quality Time with Jesus! This Tuesday, December 5th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during our day of Reconciliation for students to pray and spend time with Jesus. However, Jesus cannot be left alone! Please consider setting aside an hour of your time to pray with our Lord in the CCS Chapel. We would also love some volunteers to be available to walk students from the confessional spaces in the school to the chapel.
  - Each volunteer opportunity is available in one hour increments. Sign up using this [LINK](#).
  - Please contact Megan Pearring, Religion Coordinator, with any questions. [m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org)
- Next week, Mass (formal dress) 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.
- Baby, it's cold outside! Let's keep the Hawk babies cozy on these brisk December days by covering their bare skin...think tights or leggings with uniform jumper, sweaters, hoodies, hats, and/or gloves. Of course, you'll label all of these items! Fresh air and the "great outdoors" are essential, so we'll be going outside daily, even in these very cold winter months! CCS follows the following guidelines regarding winter weather and coats:
  - Wind-chill below 25°F - Brr! Too cold! Students stay inside for recess
  - Wind-chill in the 30s - Students must wear a coat (not a sweatshirt); covered heads are encouraged (hat or hood)).

- Wind-chill in the 40s - Students must wear a hoodie, sweater, or fleece over their uniform
- **Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.**
- All aboard!! On December 18, the Hawks will don jammies and sip hot cocoa (12:30-3:00) during a magical afternoon on the Polar Express! A sign-up will be sent in the coming days to volunteer/donate!
- Cuteness overload! Mark your calendars for the annual Christmas Concerts on Tuesday, December 12 (3rd-5th grade) and Wednesday, December 13 (JK-2). Both concerts start at 6:15PM; **please drop your Hawk off in our classroom at 5:45. If your Hawk arrives at school prior to 5:45, he/she should remain in your care.**
- Here comes Santa Hawk!! Don't miss the chance to let your sweetie experience the gift of giving! St. Nick's Shop opens next week (December 4-7), and with prices ranging from \$1 to \$15, your perky present giver will be sure to find tons of lovely surprises! Volunteer elves will be on hand to label and place your Hawk's gifts in festive bags to help keep them secret. If your Hawk is interested in participating in this OPTIONAL event, please fill out [this form](#) (one per child). **By popular demand, registration has been extended until December 3!** Payment will be billed through FACTS the week of December 11th; NO CASH transactions this year. You also have the option to donate any change/unspent funds back to the school. Please remind your child that he/she will not be shopping for him/herself.

### Calendar/Important Dates

12/4-12/8 - St. Nick Shop  
 12/5 - No Mass (no formal dress)  
 12/8 - Mass (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) - formal dress  
 12/12 - 3rd-5th Grade Christmas Concert - arrive at school at 5:45 pm  
 12/13 - JK-2 Christmas Concert - arrive at school at 5:45 pm  
 12/15 - Tacky Sweater Day  
 12/18 - Polar Express Classroom Event, 12:30-3:00  
 12/19 - Christmas Caroling Service Field Trip, 12:30-3:00  
 1/10 - Science Day (volunteering timing TBD)  
 2/23 - Field Trip to Amazement Square, 8:15 am-3:00 pm  
 3/13- Roald Dahl Day (volunteer timing TBD)  
 4/24 - Trashion Show, 2:15-2:45 pm (CCS Gym)  
 5/3 - Communion Retreat

### Teacher email addresses

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## Social Studies/Science

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Your super scientists are learning all about inventions and innovation, kicked off by our Fire Truck visit just before Thanksgiving Break. While identifying and describing how science and technology have impacted/influenced community, lifestyles, environment, and geography, the Hawks quickly learned the many ways that technology has enhanced our lives, and that it can come in many forms (not all of which are battery powered or electric!). These sweet second graders got a real kick out of learning/seeing what certain items were like (and if they even existed!) when their parents, grandparents, and great grandparents were young, such as fire trucks, television, airplanes, computers, phones, cars etc.

The Hawks also LOVED discussing how inventions/innovations help meet the needs of a society, and were thrilled to have the opportunity to design some of their own inventions/innovations. #FutureSharkTankContestants!

## Math

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Now that the Hawks are becoming proficient with fact fluency, they're ready to try their hand at two-digit addition, using a variety of strategies: base-ten blocks, place value charts, the commutative property ( $13+12 = 12+13$ ), decomposing one addend to add ( $45+27 = 45+20+7 = 72$ ), decomposing two addends to add ( $51+28 = 50 +20 +1 +8 = 79$ ), and adding with a number line or hundreds chart. Eventually, the students will also learn to add with the traditional algorithm.

Thank you for helping your child practice addition and subtraction facts. Fact practice is paying off! Keep up the good work!

Is your little turkey hungry for more math? Check out [SplashLearn.com](https://www.splashlearn.com)! Your child may access the site for free to complete assigned work. Hooray!

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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The Hawks are crazy for reading groups! These beautiful bookworms love acting out passages to "become" the characters in the book, practicing intonation and expression with partner reading, and creating their own discussion questions to develop deeper understanding of the character, setting, and plot! It's a total joy to watch these radiant readers taking the reins of their reading groups!

In addition to reading in context, the Hawks are practicing sight words and decoding both real and nonsense words. Each and every Hawk now sees him/herself as a READER! #BeamingWithPride

Happy handwriting! The Hawks are eagerly learning how to print each letter of the alphabet, as well as numbers, by practicing individual letter and number formation, as well as forming learned letters within words and sentences.

Sensational spellers! Check your child's folder for graded spelling tests today and congratulate him/her on a job well done!

## Theology

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This week we worked on learning the Ten Commandments and what they mean. We also continued to learn about the sacrament of Reconciliation. Next week, we will practice what it looks like to go to Reconciliation, celebrate the beginning of Advent, and discuss the December tenet of accepting.

To celebrate Advent, we will be making a Jesse tree and working our way through the salvation story. This will be done in Theology and/or in the class's morning meeting.