



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

5th Grade

12/01/2023

Teacher's Message/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. m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org
- 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..

- ****Please save and send in empty 2 liter bottles** (rinsed please) for science.
- **Yay Lunch will not be providing lunches after Thanksgiving break. The new company will begin after the Christmas break, so please be sure to pack a lunch for your child for the last week of November and all of December.**
- The originally published dates for the CCS Christmas Concerts have changed slightly. While the 3rd-5th Grade concert will remain on Tuesday, December 12, the JK-2nd Grade concert has been moved to **Wednesday, December 13**. Both concerts start at 6:15PM—students will need to arrive at school ***no later than 5:45PM***.
- Join the Fun! Camp4Real Kids Night Out is Coming to Charlottesville Catholic on Dec. 15! Kids Night Out (KNO) is a three-hour drop-off event featuring a catered dinner and an exciting lineup of engaging P.E.-style games and activities for children in kindergarten through 6th grade! Family fun with an impact! Camp4Real is proud to support the CCS community and will donate a portion of the event proceeds right back to our school! Discounted early registration is now open! [Click here](#) to learn more and snag your child's spot!
- 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.
- The Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program. Students read books and then compete in a team trivia-style competition. The Diocese of Richmond has tentatively set a date for Wednesday, March 29 for schools to participate. We will have a grades 3-5 team and a 6-8 team. If your child would like to participate, please email Mrs. DeVane (l.devane@cvillecatholic.org).
 - [3-5 Book List](#)
 - [6-8 Book List](#).

Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Monday: December 4:** Element presentations (need prop - not memorized)
- **Wednesday, December 6:** Rough draft of *Wonder* essay
- **Thursday, December 7:** Quiz on collective nouns
- **Friday, December 8:** Test on the liturgical calendar and on Advent

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Reading, Writing and Theology

Math, Science and Social Studies

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will be learning about the French and Indian War and creating a radio news clip in class.

Math

We have been learning about volume, composite figures and cubic units. We will be starting our unit on long division with decimals. Remind your child when they get stuck, *over, over, up*.

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, due before the end of the quarter are Multiplying & dividing whole numbers and decimals (unit 4) and Adding and subtracting fractions (unit 3).

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we continued reading *Wonder* and continued focusing on characterization. We started working on the essay associated with the book, and we had a test on the spelling/vocabulary words. We also began studying collective nouns.

Next week we will continue reading and annotating *Wonder*, and we will continue to work on the banner project. Students will also turn in the rough draft of the essay connected to *Wonder*, and they will have a quiz on collective nouns.

Theology

This week students began a unit on the liturgical calendar and Advent. Next week, they will have a test on those topics.

Science

We are going to be learning about states of matter and atoms. We have a few fun labs coming up. Students have researched and will present information for their element from the Periodic Table on 12/4. Props may be needed from home. Lab coat provided.