



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### Junior Kindergarten December 1st, 2023

#### **Emails**

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

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.

The Christmas Concert will be on December 13th, at 6:15. Students should be in their classrooms by 5:45 and no later than 6:00.

#### **Science/Social Studies**

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Ms. Shank's class continued our study of animal adaptations. We studied adaptations of the polar bear. We learned how the color of their fur helps them camouflage to better hunt seals. We also learned that they have 4 inches of blubber to help them keep warm in the frigid arctic. We completed an experiment that simulated the polar bears blubber. The students first put their bare hands in a bucket of cold water with ice. Then they put their hand in a glove covered with Vaseline to simulate blubber. The students then determined what was the colder of the two. Next week we will learn about chameleon and penguin adaptations. Ms. Wawner's class learned about living and nonliving things this week and what special traits living things have. We learned that living things need food, water and air to survive, they move and grow, and they reproduce. Students made collages of living and nonliving things and went on a nature walk to identify living and nonliving things around our campus. Next week, we will start a unit on arctic animals, focusing on reindeer.

#### **Math**

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Ms. Wawner's class learned about patterns this week, focusing on AB and ABC patterns. We made patterns with colors, shapes, sounds and movements. We will continue working with

patterns next week. Ms. Shank's class worked on ordinal numbers and will continue this next week.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Ms. Wawner's class focused on Gg this week and learned the sight word "see." Books have been sent home in the students' red folders. Please continue to help your child practice their sight words by asking them to read their book to you! Next week we will focus on the letter K and the sight word "a." Ms. Shank's class read a book called "Three Snow Bears" by Jan Brett. It is a different take on the Three Pigs. After reading we sequenced the story. Our letter work was the letter "Gg". Next week our reading groups will read books that contain the sight word "\_\_\_\_". Our letter work will be the letter "Mm". Our read aloud books will be from the "Tacky the Penguin" series. The students will all make their own Tacky the penguin for a craft.

## Theology

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Ms. Shank's and Ms. Wawner's classes talked about the meaning of Christmas and Advent. We will talk more about Advent next week, the meaning of the candles and how we can prepare for Advent. Both classes will have Advent wreaths in our classrooms.

## Other News and Reminders

- **Lunch Reminder: While we have secured a new lunch provider, they are not able to start service until January. ALL students will need to pack a lunch every day until December 19. More information regarding our new provider will be forthcoming.**
- Winter dress **begins Monday, November 27**. Please see the Uniform Policy (located in the Resource Documents section of FACTS) for winter dress parameters.
- 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. Prices will range from \$1 to \$15, with the majority at \$5, with many gift options to choose from. Gifts will be labeled and placed in gift bags to help keep them secret. This is a chance for students to buy gifts for others, not themselves. Participation is completely voluntary. [Please](#)

[fill out one form per child](#). This form must be completed by November 29. All funds raised will be used to support PTO events for teachers and students such as the Teacher Christmas Luncheon and school ice cream socials. This payment will be billed through FACTS the week of December 11th—there will be no cash transactions this year. You also have the option to donate any change/unspent funds back to the school. You **must** register for this event. If students bring a check or cash to school that day they will not be able to purchase items.

- 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](mailto: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.**

## Nurse's Note

To be prepared for Kindergarten entrance requirements, please make sure to have the Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health form completed. Print the form and have it with you for your child's next check-up/physical. Make sure that an up to date immunization record is attached. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse at [clinic@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:clinic@cvillecatholic.org).