



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

12/13/24

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **This Holiday Season, 3rd Grade is working with PACEM** (People And Congregations Engaged in Ministry), a grassroots organization that works with 80 local congregations and community groups and 3,000 volunteers to provide shelter and related services to the homeless. Over the Christmas break, the Church of the Incarnation will be hosting some of the most vulnerable members of our community and providing them with warm, welcoming, and safe shelter. 3rd Grade will be assembling toiletry bags and making cards and signs for the guests. We will need approximately 50 bags to accommodate everyone (Only men this time) that is expected to attend.

Below is a list of items that we are in need of:

- Chap Stick
- Small combs
- Travel size Floss
- Travel size Deodorants
- Travel size Hand Sanitizers
- Small packs of Tissues/Kleenex
- Tooth brushes
- Travel size toothpastes
- Disposable razors

We greatly appreciate your help with this and any donations that you may be able to make!

- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link

Calendar/Important Dates

- Tuesday, December 17 - AM Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
- Friday, December 20 - 11:30 AM Dismissal (3rd Grade Christmas Parties)
- **Saturday, December 21 - Sunday, January 5 - Christmas Break (Students return Monday, January 6)**
- Tuesday, January 7 - AM Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
- Friday, January 10 - End of 2nd Quarter

Teacher email addresses

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Important School Announcements

- **Christmas Concerts** - There are 2 separate Christmas concerts for students this year. **The 3rd-5th Grade concert is on Wednesday, December 18, and the JK-2nd Grade concert is on Thursday, December 19.** Both concerts start at 6:15PM.
Important concert night information:
 - **Students should arrive at their classrooms between 5:40PM and 5:55PM.**
When they arrive, they are to go directly to their classrooms. Parents should go directly to the gym upon arrival.
 - At the end of both concerts, K-5 students will return to their homerooms.
Parents must sign their children out with their teachers.
 - JK students will be dismissed after they sing.
 - Students should wear their "Christmas best."
 - If you are able to help Ms. Wisbey set up or clean up from the concerts, please sign up here: [Christmas Concert Help](#)
- **Christmas Break is a great time to make sure that uniform pieces fit students properly (especially lengths for pants, skirts, and jumpers), and for boys to get haircuts.**
- From the PTO: We will celebrate our incredible **CCS faculty** and staff by hosting a **Christmas luncheon** on December 18. We are seeking donations of food items and volunteers to monitor recess. Please [sign up here](#) if you are able to assist. Thank you for helping to make this a special event!
Food donations should be dropped off during the morning carline on 12/18 (there will be a cart for collections at both carlines).
- **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.
- **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.



- A great way for us to help our students become collaborators and leaders is to encourage them to participate in the **mass choir**. This year, we are inviting students in grades 3 through 8 to sign up. Below is a link for the sign up and a few items of note:
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-50743257-mass>
 - Students may sign up for as many masses as they would like.
 - Mass choir is open to students in grades 3 through 8.
 - Students should be dropped off at 7:40 so that there is time to practice. If you are running late and arrive after 7:45, you must go through carline.
 - Siblings may be dropped off as well. They will need to sit quietly up front until the bell rings at 7:45.
 - Students will also be practicing mass music in class.
 - While you should receive a reminder email from signupgenius, please make note of the dates you sign up for.
 - If you must cancel at the last minute, email Ms. Wisbey k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org.

Social Studies

This Week: Students will explore the continent of Asia and be introduced to the Huang He River, Himalayas, and Gobi Desert.

Next Week: Students will draw and label the three geographic features on their maps of Asia and paste the map in their passports.

Math

This Week: Students will learn to adjust numbers to add or subtract three and four digit numbers. They will also learn how to use inverse operation to check their subtraction process.

Next Week: Students will learn about fractions, beginning with partitioning shapes into equal groups. They will identify how a whole can be divided into halves, thirds, fourths, sixths, and eighths.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We continued our Novel Study on *The Christmas Pig*. We will look to use our reading skills, as well as other language skills, as we follow Jack and his friends on an adventure to find his lost stuffed animal, DP. Analyzing characters, making inferences, and summarizing the text will continue to be important skills for us as readers moving forward.

Next Week:

-Word Study (Spelling): **None**

-[3rd Grade Class Spelling Bees - Wednesday, December 18](#)

-Study Third Grade list of words, which went home before Thanksgiving and previous Word Study homework lists)

-1 winner from each class will represent 3rd Grade in the School-wide Spelling bee after Christmas break (January 10 at 8:30)

-Writing/Grammar - **Mentor Sentence Quiz - None**

-Skill(s): Review

-Mentor Text: None

-Mentor Sentence: *None*

-Reading - Novel Study on [The Christmas Pig](#) by J.K. Rowling.

-Students will be completing a variety of interactive and engaging Language Arts and Reading activities to review/reinforce previously taught skills as well as to help introduce new skills and vocabulary.

Homework: [Reading Page \(Let's Learn It\)](#) - **None**

Study Resources: Grammar Voyages, ELA Notebook, Reading Notebook, ELAR Folder, and Word Study Intro Letter/Packet

Theology

This Week:

We continued working through various Advent-related activities such as creating a classroom Jesse Tree (tracing Jesus' lineage), reading and discussing our daily Advent devotion, and learning about other traditions and customs of Advent to help prepare for the coming of Christ. We also had our day of Reconciliation and Adoration this week where we spent quality time reflecting and growing closer to God. Finally, we continued to prepare for Mass on Tuesday, December 17, which Ms. Grassi's homeroom will be leading.

Next Week:

3rd Grade will be assembling toiletry bags and making cards and signs for the PACEM guests at the Church of Incarnation during the Holiday season. We will also continue preparing for Christmas with more Advent activities, as well as highlighting the Tenet of the Month: Accepting and Saint Martin de Porres.

Study Resources: Christ In Us Workbook, Theology Folder, Notebook

Science

This Week: Students will learn the process of photosynthesis and the different types of plants located in ecosystems. Students will work on completing their vocabulary foldable.

Next Week: Students will be introduced to different habitats located in ecosystems and the types of organisms found in each ecosystem. They will also begin working on a packet containing the life cycle of plants.