



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

**5th Grade
12/13/2024**



Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- As the weather turns colder, please be sure your child has a jacket or sweatshirt for outdoor recess.
- Also, if your child is scheduled to do carline duty on a day that it is cold, please be sure they come to school with the appropriate cold-weather clothing. Girls wearing jumpers ARE allowed to wear any kind of sweatpants (does not need to be CCS sweatpants) when they are doing carline.
- Two IRAs are due on Monday, January 6. They are both online, and students are given ample time in class to complete them, but if you or your child would like a printout of any slides to handwrite, rather than type, please let me know, and I will print out whatever slides you'd like.

Calendar/Important Dates:

Tuesday, December 17: Math test -Dividing with Decimals

Tuesday, December 17: Recite the St. Michael's Prayer for a test grade

Wednesday, December 18: Quiz on subjects/subject complements (VIE 1.6) - rescheduled from this past week

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Important School Announcements

- **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.**
- 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](#)

- The Village School will host their annual GEM (Girls Excelling in Math) tournament on Saturday, March 22. Girls in grades 4 through 8 may participate. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mrs. DeVane at l.devane@cvillecatholic.org.
- 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).

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will be exploring the events leading up to the Revolutionary War. We will be working on memorizing the beginning of the Declaration of Independence. The bold is required. The goal is to try to master the section printed below:

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness...

Math

We are going to be starting our unit on dividing decimals. The key words students will be using are "over, over, up". We will have a test on dividing decimals on December 17th.

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 are to complete *Get ready for multiplication and division with whole numbers and decimals* (unit 4) and *Get ready for powers of 10* (unit 6). Students will work on Khan Academy as part of their extended math time.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we had a quiz on main idea and supporting details, began the short unit on subjects/subject complements (VIE 1.6), read about Our Lady of Guadalupe and wrote a summary of that amazing event in Mexico. Students also took a spelling and vocabulary test on the words from the short story "Cougars."

Next week, students will have a quiz on subjects and subject complements in grammar, which had to be rescheduled from this week because of the additional things in our schedule. Next week we will also have a language-arts-themed Escape Room.

The two IRAs are due Monday, January 6. Please let me know if you or your student would like a hard copy of any of the slides for this project so they can handwrite, rather than type, the project.

Theology

Students turned in their liturgical calendars and had a quiz on Advent. They also worked on a Jesse Tree project in class this week.

Next week, students will review the information we have learned so far this year, with several Kahoot review sessions. In addition, students will recite the St. Michael's Prayer no later than Tuesday for a test grade. Most students have already recited that this week and have done very well!

Science

Students did an amazing job on their element presentations. Next we will be learning about earth's structures and topography. We will be making 3D models and topographic maps.