



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

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## Friday Newsletter

Dec 2, 2022

### 2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families,

Grateful, thankful, blessed! We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with all of your favorite foods, festive friends, and fabulous families!

We are so excited to be back at school with the Sloths and Cheetahs! We have TONS of fun planned between now and the Christmas Break that will make your cutie pie's face light up with joy!

God bless,  
Mrs. Pearring & Mrs. Robinson  
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#### **Calendar**

- 12/5-12/9 - St. Nick Shop
- 12/5-12/9 - Snack Drive (See below)
- 12/9 - Math Test (Time)
- 12/9 - Social Studies Quiz (Innovations/Inventions)
- 12/12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service, 8:15am
- 12/14 - Christmas Concert, 6:15 pm (students arrive by 5:45) *(see more info below)*
- 12/15 - 2nd Grade Lead Mass
- 12/16 - 11:30 Dismissal
- 12/19-12/30 - Christmas Break

#### **Announcements**

- The Charlottesville Catholic Christmas Concert is coming soon! See below for an important message from Ms. Wisbey about all important information for the evening:

*[From Ms. Wisbey:]*

*We can't wait to see you all for the Christmas concert. Please follow these procedures for dropping off and picking up your child:*

- *Plan on arriving by 545 pm, so students can be in the classroom at 6 pm, ready to go.*
- *Students need to be in their "Christmas best". Please have them bring their water bottles.*
- *Parents can head straight to the gym for the concert.*
- *Feel free to look around the main hallway by the gym, as students have created artwork that goes with the songs we are singing during our art classes this semester.*
- *Once the concert is over, students will be taken back to their classrooms for pick up. Be sure to sign them out in their classroom.*

*Looking forward to sharing the Christmas joy through music and art!*

- Next week, student council is hosting a Snack Drive. Please see information below from Mrs. Bryan all about it!

*[From Mrs. Bryan]*

*The CCS Student Council will be having a snack drive (similar to previous canned food drives) to benefit local public schools who have students who are food insecure.*

*Next week, Monday, December 5 through Friday, December 9, we will be collecting snacks. There are no dietary or allergy restrictions. Any individually wrapped food/snacks are acceptable.*

*Snacks will be collected in homerooms and tallied by the student council. Winning grade level will earn 1 free dress day.*

*Thank you for your support!*

- Baby, it's cold outside! Please send your child to school with **LABELED OUTERWEAR**. Charlottesville Catholic School follows specific temperature guidelines for child safety!
- Reminder: Ms. Wisbey, our marvelous music teacher, has an amazing reward system in her classroom! One of the choices is a class talent show! Children are welcome to submit short (less than 1 min.) videos of even non-music related talents to showcase in class.
  - Mrs. Pearrington's class, add your short videos to [THIS FOLDER](#)
  - Mrs. Robinson's class, add your short videos to [THIS FOLDER](#)

## Math

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The Cheetahs and Sloths used their skip counting prowess to help them begin a new unit on telling time! Upon completion of this two week unit, students will be able to explain the difference between an analog and digital clock, locate the minute and hour hands on an analog clock, read, write/draw times on both analog and digital clocks to 5-minute intervals, solve story problems with elapsed time, determine whether an event occurs during A.M. or P.M hours, and match the number of minutes found in key vocabulary (quarter hour = 15 minutes, half hour = 30 minutes, one hour = 60 minutes. Additional key vocabulary includes: quarter til/to/of, quarter past, half past, and o'clock, The unit test will occur on Friday, December 9.

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

If your child is like us and is crazy about math, check out [SplashLearn.com](http://SplashLearn.com)! Your child may access the site for free to complete work that we assign. Hooray!

## Literacy

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The Cheetahs and Sloths are crazy for reading groups! Our 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 our radiant readers taking the reins of the reading groups!

In addition to reading in context, the Sloths and Cheetahs are practicing sight words and decoding both real and nonsense words. Each and every child is, or is beginning to, recognize him/herself as a READER!

Happy handwriting! Our students are eagerly learning how to print each letter of the alphabet, as well as numbers by practicing individual letter formation, as well as forming learned letters within words and sentences. We anticipate completing our print unit in January and beginning a unit on cursive shortly thereafter.

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

## Religion

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This week in Religion, students explored the Sacrament of Reconciliation as some of our Cheetahs and Sloths prepare to receive it for the first time this weekend! We reviewed the order and effects of the Sacrament, watched a video from Fr. Walter at St. Thomas Aquinas explaining the Sacrament and exploring the Confessional, discussed important vocabulary, examined our consciences, and watched an episode of Brother Francis.

While we started our Jesse Tree this week, we will be taking a deep dive into the season of Advent! We will also begin to start planning and preparing for our upcoming Mass on December 15th. If your child has a reading for the Mass, they will bring it home to practice next week.

## Science/Social Studies

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Originally, the Cheetahs and Sloths were set to learn all about magnets this week! However, we've decided to postpone this unit until March in order to collaborate with Mr. Bruscia's middle school crew!

Instead, our super scientists began a two-week unit on invention and innovation. While identifying and describing how science and technology have impacted/influenced community, lifestyles, environment, and geography, the Sloths and Cheetahs 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!). Our 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 television, airplanes, computers, phones, cars etc.

The Cheetahs and Sloths 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!