



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Dear 4th Grade Parents,

It was a wonderful week back together again. There is still much excitement and anticipation for our December theme which is Advent. Our liturgical year begins with Advent. We light one candle, then another and another, bringing more light as we wait for our Savior to come. We have been doing just that each morning in our classrooms, and we look forward to the preparation of our hearts and homes through the many traditions and celebrations of the season. We hope you and your family enjoyed a lovely Thanksgiving. Know that we are beyond grateful for the gift of you and your children each and every day.

4th Grade

Announcements

- 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!
- 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 5:45 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.
 - Please look in the main hallway by the gym to see student created artwork!
 - 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!
- Chilly weather is here! Please make sure that your student comes to school with a sweater and/or coat/jacket for when we are at snack and recess. Please ensure that these items are clean and in good condition and that students are now in Winter Dress.
- As we have several students with peanut allergies in 4th grade, please be conscientious of them when packing snacks/lunches.

- Please remember that the only accepted variations of the navy blue uniform pants come from FlynnO'Hara, and Lands End.
- Contact emails: a.burgin@cvillecatholic.org a.taleghani@cvillecatholic.org

December 5-9: St. Nick's Shop

Santa Claus is comin' to town! We are excited to be planning for another year of the Charlottesville Catholic School St. Nick's Shop. The North Pole-themed shop is planned for 12/5 -12/9 with a make-up day on 12/12.

This year we are accepting donations of gift wrap materials and unwrapped gifts that fit in with the shop's gift price range of \$20 and under. Sign up at the following link if you are interested in donating. Donated items can be dropped off at CCS by November 30th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF45AFAD2FAAFCC70-gift>

We need a lot of volunteers to keep St. Nick's shop running smoothly. Please sign up to volunteer at the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF45AFAD2FAAFCC70-stnicks>

Calendar/Important Dates:

- December 2, 2022- Blue and Gold Day
- December 5-9, 2022- St. Nick's Shop- Volunteers Would Be Appreciated!
- December 7, 2022- 4th Grade's Turn at St. Nick's Shop
- December 5-9, 2022- Student Council Snack Drive
- December 8, 2022- Immaculate Conception/Mass (Families Welcome!)
- December 12, 2022- Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service (Families Welcome!)
- December 14, 2022- Christmas Concert- Please arrive at 5:45 pm.
- December 15- Mass (Families Welcome!)
- December 16, 2022- Tacky Sweater Day/ 11:30 Dismissal (No Aftercare)

Social Studies

This week in Social Studies, students began chapter 3 which focuses on Jamestown. Students also learned about interesting topics such as Roanoke Island and historical figures such as John Smith, Powhatan, and Pocahontas.

The test over chapter 3 will take place on Thursday, December 8.

Math

This week in Math we have taken great strides with Multiplication. We are reinforcing fact fluency with Multiplication tables 1-12 and dove into 2-digit by 2-digit multiplication. We are demonstrating flexibility with strategies like partial products, standard algorithms, the distributive property and utilizing area models. We have also been practicing our problem solving methods as we're tackling multi-step word problems with various operations. Our Ch. 5 Math test is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in Language Arts, students launched into our new unit that consists of a research project regarding natural disasters! This is a great unit in which nonfiction texts will be used. Students will also learn about different types of nonfiction text structures and how to take effective notes.

Religion

This week in Religion, we did our annual Virtus lesson on Boundaries and had the opportunity to problem solve through tough scenarios together as a class. I hope the kids feel more comfortable employing some strategies and navigating their own comfort levels and boundaries in their day-to-day lives. We have been focused on Advent and enjoyed learning about the meaning of this liturgical season. We had the opportunity to begin our Advent ABC's- a daily reflection compilation, and 4A did a wonderful job planning for Mass. We began Unit 2 Lesson 8. This Unit 2 Lesson 8 Quiz is scheduled for Friday, 12/9.

Science

This week in Science we began Ch. 5. We are studying characteristics of an ecosystem (individuals, populations and communities), and the various factors of influence on an ecosystem. The Chapter 5 Test is scheduled for Thursday, 12/8.

*Ecosystem projects are due Monday, 12/12. This is primarily an at home project. Students will have one class period on 12/9 to work on it. Project instructions were handed out today (12/2) in class.