



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter: 12/02/2022



5th Grade

Teacher's Message/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!

- **December 5-9: St. Nick's Shop**

12/8 (Thursday) is 5th grade's shopping day

The Charlottesville Catholic School St. Nick's shop is a chance for students in JK-5th grade to shop for some small holiday gifts for family members. The shop will offer items ranging from \$2-\$15 that students can choose to purchase for family members (sibling gifts are available in the lower dollar range and some of the parent gifts are in the upper range). A form has been sent home for parents to complete listing the names of each gift

recipient and dollar amount range that each student can spend per person on the list. Participation is optional. Parents can elect to donate any unspent funds to the school, or to request change.

Each class will have a designated shopping day/time. A few students at a time will go in to shop (the rest of the class will watch a Christmas movie while waiting). Once inside, each shopper will walk around with a volunteer parent shopper to help them choose gifts within their shopping budget. Gifts will be wrapped by a separate set of parents.

Volunteers are needed to help with shopping and check-out/wrapping.

If you're interested in helping out during the week, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AFAD2FAAFCC70-stnicks>

- Message 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 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.

- 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!

- As the weather gets colder, please be sure your child has a coat for recess. For carline, students should have the following (when it is cold):
 - Hats, gloves, and coats
 - If girls are wearing a dress, they may wear any leggings or sweatpants with the dress (does not have to have a CCS logo).
- Access to FACTS: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/pwr/school/>

Calendar/Important Dates

- **Tuesday, December 6:** *Wonder* banner project is due (for a project grade; see Google Classroom/Religion)
- **Wednesday, December 7:** Test on *Wonder*
- **Thursday, December 8:** Test on spelling/vocabulary Homophone List #2

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Social Studies

We will be continuing to learn about life in Colonial times. We will be working on map skills and also learning about the French and Indian War.

Students will need to learn all the US states and capitals for 2nd Qtr. They will be tested by region and there will also be a comprehensive test on all the states and capitals. Your child can start learning them now by using the following online resources.

Practice games for state names (by region) found @

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm>

levels 1-7

Learn the capitals for each state @

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/50-states-game-2/>

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/capitals/game-2/>

levels 1 & 2

Math

*We will be working on mastering our multiplication table 0-12 and doubles by the end of the 2nd quarter (this is an extension). Please practice the basic multiplication facts at home or in the car coming to and from school. Knowing your multiplication facts is a vital skill that students will be needing for success in math in school and in daily life.

*Students will need to complete (mastery level) Khan Academy *Add Decimals and Subtract Decimals* by the end of the 2nd quarter.

This week we continued to work on long division and problem solving involving division. We will be working with multiplication and division using decimals. Look for your child to be using the words “over, over, up” when dividing with decimals.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we finished reading and annotating *Wonder*. We also took a quiz on collective nouns, and received a new set of spelling/vocabulary words (Homophones, List #2). The test for those will be next Thursday.

Next week, students will also take a test on *Wonder* (on Wednesday), and will begin a four-paragraph essay based on the book. They will be taking this assignment through the writing process, so they will be hand-writing the rough draft, revised draft, and final draft of the essay, turning them all in for a grade. We will also work on how to correct sentence fragments and run-on sentences, and students will have a quiz on that material early the following week.

Religion

This week students took a quiz on the liturgical calendar and did the first of two lessons on Protecting God’s Children. We will do a brief unit on Advent and Christmas next week and the following week.

Science

This week we focused on specific elements of the periodic table. We will be learning about the physical and chemical changes. Students will be participating in several matter labs this week.

Christmas Concert 2022 Lyrics for 5th graders to practice at home:

Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out, on the Feast of Stephen
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.

"Hither, page and stand by me, if thou know'st it, telling
Yonder peasant who is he? Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence by St. Agnes fountain."

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither.
Thou and I shall see him dine when we bear them thither."
Page and monarch forth they went, forth they went together,
Through the rude wind's wild lament and the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger.
Fails my heart, I know not how, I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, good my page, tread thou in them boldly,
Thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze thy blood less coldly."

In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted.
Heat was in the very sod which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men be sure, wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.

Night of Silence

Cold are the people, winter of life,
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night.
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,
Flowers that will echo the sunrise.
Fire of hope is our only warmth,
Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night,
On wind you enfold us, you speak of the light.
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly,
Rumors of a dawn so embracing.
Breathless love awaits darkened souls,
Soon will we know of the morning.

Spirit among us, shine like the star,
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar.
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely,
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love.
Star unknowing of night and day,
Spirit, we wait for your loving Son.