



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

December 2, 2022

Kindergarten

Thank you so very much to all those who donated to our Thanksgiving Feast. It was so much fun!

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 are so very excited for this year's JK-5th grade Christmas concert. Ms. Wisbey and the students have been working hard and look forward to sharing Christmas joy with you all.

To help us prepare for a successful evening, please be mindful that parking and seating will be limited. We ask that families come together in one vehicle. Also, please know that the concert will be live-streamed for extended family to view. More details forthcoming.

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!

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments. The best way to reach us is by email.

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Winter Dress/Outerwear

Winter dress began on **Monday, November 28**. Please see the Uniform Policy (found in the Resource Documents section of FACTS Family Portal and at the bottom of this page) for specifics.

As a reminder, students may only wear CCS sweatshirts or fleeces inside the building.

Please label all outerwear. It is helpful to sew a ribbon into the tag so that your child can easily identify his or her jacket. Please teach your child how to zip his or her jacket.



- Please send a school fleece or sweater for the classroom in case your child is cold in the building.
- Please label everything that you would like returned to your house. Over the years, we have had a very high rate of return for misplaced items that were clearly labeled.
- As cooler temperatures approach, please label all outerwear. It is helpful to sew a ribbon into the tag so that your child can easily identify his or her jacket. Please teach your child how to zip his or her jacket.

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.

The Cville 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). The week before the event, a form will be 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 request change.

This year we are accepting donations of gift wrap materials (various sizes of gift bags, tissue paper, etc.), craft supplies for shop activities, and unwrapped gifts that fit in with the shop's gift price range of \$15 and under. Look for donations and volunteer sign-ups in upcoming Tuesday Tellers.

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>

Music Notes

The Christmas concert will be on December 14th at 6:15 PM in our school gym. If any parents would like to help or volunteer, I would LOVE some help. The best way to reach me is by email — k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org
Please sign your child in and out at his or her kindergarten classroom.

This is the link to practice Christmas concert lyrics at home.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W3ycMdyLhOHFLKnsUERY-zeaKvJgg4pF6TIWXYHNRP0/edit?usp=sharing>

Important Dates

- 12/5-9 Saint Nick Shop
- 12/14 Christmas Concert
- 12/15 Gingerbread Party
- 12/16 11:30 Dismissal- Tacky Christmas sweater day
- 12/19 Christmas break
- 3/4 Father Daughter Dance

Social Studies

Students say prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance each day. Students learned about maps and listened to the story: Me on the Map. Students began learning about Christmas traditions in other countries. This week we learned about the United States, England, France, Holland, and Mexico.

We will have a Gingerbread party on Thursday, December 15th from 1:30-3:00.

Math

We continued our Math Journals this week. Each day we graph the weather for the day, add a number to our calendar, draw a circle in our 180 day ten frame chart, and color in a number in our 100s chart. We composed and decomposed numbers up to 10.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

The focus this week was on short i word families. Students are learning to blend sounds to read consonant-vowel-consonant words. We continued sight words this week. Please continue to practice sight words at home. Students are working on pencil grip and writing on the lines. Students are learning the structure of Daily Five. As we send books home, please have your child point to each word and read the book three or more times. We are working hard to help students build independence by approaching tasks with the following guidelines: get started right away, work the whole time, stay in one spot, work quietly, build your stamina.

Religion

We read a Bible story each day, prayed and talked about how God led the Israelites to the promised land. We also have a science related devotion each day and we are learning a lot about God's amazing world. Students made Jesse trees in art and those are hanging around the room. Each day, students listen to a Bible story and color an ornament that represents the story. We are also reading Luke chapter 2 each day.

Science

We will be making lots of crafts related to our Christmas Around the World unit. This week we made an advent wreath, stockings, and Christmas cards.

<https://www.steamda.com/schoolyearprograms>

Steam Discovery Academy: <https://www.steamda.com/charlottesville>

Other Information

2022/2023 Student/Parent Handbook

<https://cvillecatholic.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9b38293f7bcd2ecbc2bab7c88&id=a89cb5f427&e=fdab17459c>

[Charlottesville Catholic School Uniform Policy](#)

Kindergarten website

<https://sites.google.com/cvillecatholic.org/ccs-kindergarten-website/home>

Songs and story links:

Creation song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nY2W4nOD_x8
"Jesus Loves Me" by Listener Kids - YouTube

Let's Go Deep, Deep, Deep <https://video.link/w/UXT1d>

[Power Shuffle](#) | [Everest VBS Music Video](#) | [Group Publishing](#)

▶ See It, Say It, Sign It | Letter Sounds | ASL Alphabet | Jack Hartmann

Exercise, Rhyme and Freeze | Rhyming Words for Kids | Exercise Song | Jack Hartmann: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSPmGPIyykU>

Where Do you Start Your Letters <https://video.link/w/OjNAc>

Thank you song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eEkWvekQiE>

<http://thisreadingmama.com/101-alphabet-activities-printables/>

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/alphabet-games>

<http://www.kizclub.com/activities.htm>

▶ See It, Say It, Sign It | Letter Sounds | ASL Alphabet | Jack Hartmann

▶ See It Say It Sign It Volume 2 Jack Hartmann ASL Alphabet

Sound pronunciation:

<https://sightwords.com/phonemic-awareness/sound-pronunciations/#chart>

[Raz-Kids](#) Students began reading books on Raz-kids. This online program allows each student to select a book, listen to it, read it themselves, and then answer comprehension questions. Students get 150 digital stars for completing all three parts of each book.

Parent Tool Kit for Raz-kids:

<https://www.kidsa-z.com/shared/images/teacherCorner/learninga-z-parent-toolkit-english.pdf>

Christmas carols with lyrics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9aJXZR37ASo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-BcLKW1rQ0>

Learning Station <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roUflgT3EzE>

Hartman Reindeer Hokey pokey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atVSapVNr18>

Hartman December song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGwIXvG1fjQ>

Hartman Holiday Dance

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Cg79KqD8q4>

Hartman Christmas finger family:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JvU-QB0De4>

Hartman Santa: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDeDYko00sg>

Hartman Gingerbread Man:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UT0_Kb-H7Q4

Hartman Dance and freeze:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dn8oDReDFn4>

Boom Chicka Boom Christmas:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-Nhyg8Lnqs>

Learning Station: Comin Down the Chimney

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vcIk-5tbWtQ>

****This list is meant to be used for items intended to be SHARED such as for celebrations/special events****

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables are ok

No soy beans, edamame, peas or lentils

No hummus

No pineapple, strawberries, coconut

Chips/Pretzels/Popcorn

Wise Kettle chips (certain flavors – read label)

Wise Popcorn – butter and white cheddar variety (white cheddar contains milk product)

Frito Lays Chips & Frito Lays Simply products (certain flavors – read label)

Skinny Pop

Pirates Booty

Rold Gold pretzels

Goldfish pretzels

Utz chips – (certain flavors - read label)

Annie's Organic

Sensible Portions Veggie Straws (sea salt only)

Orville Redenbacher microwave popcorn (no cheese flavors)

Crackers

Goldfish

Annie's organic

Cheez – its

Ritz Crackers

Wheat Thins

Made Good

Honey Maid honey graham crackers

Cookies

Oreos – original and original double stuff (blue packaging)

Teddy Grahams

Nilla Wafers

Lofthouse

School Safe (additional items include cupcakes)

Annie's Organic

Barnum Animal crackers

Zee Zees (**no sunflower seeds/ no coconut products**)

Rice Krispie Treats – prepackaged; not homemade

Made Good

Enjoy Life (various types) gingerbread

Candy/Treats

Dum Dums

Charms
Smarties
Tootsie Rolls/Tootsie Pops
Campfire Marshmallows
Welch's Fruit Snacks
Yum Earth gummies and candies
Free2b
Enjoy Life chocolates
York Peppermint Patties
Life Savers
Haribo Gummy Bears
Spangler Candy Canes

Frozen Treats (NO PINEAPPLE/COCONUT/STRAWBERRY or DAIRY)

Popsicle Brand Ices
Luigi's
Philly Swirl
Outshine
DeeBee's Organics

Pizza – (NO PESTO – NO DESSERTS) cheese or cheese and pepperoni;
original crust

Papa John's
Dominos
Endzone (local in Forest Lakes Shopping Center)

****May need to consider gluten and cheese free options dependent on class****

Drinks - reminder to avoid certain fruit flavors

Juicy juice
Apple and Eve (no fruit punch/strawberry)
Honest Kids - berry lemonade flavor
Swiss Miss hot chocolate (no marshmallows and there is a dairy free option as well)

Brands - Multiple Products

ENjoy Life
Made Good
Vermont Nut Free
Yum Earth
Free2b

Holiday items that are free from most allergens

- Spangler's Candy Canes
- Swiss Miss hot chocolate (without marshmallows and consider a dairy free option as well)
- Campfire marshmallows
- Enjoy Life Brand gingerbread cookies

Please see the list at the end of this letter.