



**Charlottesville
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Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Monday, December 9** - Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- **Thursday, December 12** - Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service, 8:15am
- **Friday, December 13** - First Grade Readers Theater, Performance Space, 2:00pm
- **Thursday, December 19** - JK-2 Christmas Concert - more information below
- **Friday, December 20** - Polar Express Christmas Party, 11:30am Dismissal

School Announcements:

- 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 5:40 PM and 5:55 PM.** 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](#)
- **We will have Mass on Monday, December 9 for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** There is no Mass on Tuesday, December

10-students do not need to be in formal dress uniforms that day. We will have a prayer service for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, December 12 at 8:15AM.

- Every Advent and Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered for CCS students, as well as Adoration, which is a special quiet time of reflection spent in front of the Blessed Sacrament. On Tuesday, December 10, we're in need of some parent support to usher students from the confessionals (library/conference room) to the chapel. Especially during the student lunch time frame of 11:30-1, we need people present in the chapel. Please consider helping out in this special way by selecting slot(s) from [this sign up sheet](#).
- Join us on Tuesday, December 10 from 5:00 to 8:00pm for CCS Night at Chick-fil-a @ Barracks Rd! Just tell the cashier (in restaurant or drive thru) that you're with CCS Spirit Night and 15% of your net food purchase will be donated back to school. Mobile Orders count too - use code CCSPTO.
- We are excited to be hosting Coffee & Muffins at St. Thomas Aquinas 4 weekends this year (October 27, December 15, January 26, and April 6). In order to do this, we will need volunteers to both bake muffins and staff the table each of the Sundays (Middle School students can do either one, and may count the time for church or community service). Muffins will need to be delivered to school no later than 8:15AM on preceding Friday (for December 15, muffins will be due by Friday, December 13). If you would like to help, please [sign up here](#)-any CCS parent can volunteer to staff the CCS.
- 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).

Teacher's Messages/Announcements:

- We had a great time at the Children's Museum of Richmond this week! Thank you to all the parent chaperones who so graciously gave their time (and gas!) to make this trip possible for our students!

Social Studies

This week we started to dive deep into certain holidays around the world that are celebrated during the winter season. This week we learned about Hanukkah both during our reading time and during social studies. We also took some time to create our suitcase that will hold our fact sheets about each holiday or country and our Holiday Around the World Journal.

Math

This week we continued to learn about subtraction strategies in problems to 20. We have learned about balancing subtraction equations, using the doubles and near doubles strategies to help solve subtraction problems, and fact families.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we read *Oskar and the Eight Blessings* by Richard Simon and Tanya Simon. We talked about how good readers make mental images or visualize while reading a book or text. Creating these mental images helps students dive deeper into the text and targets their long term memory.

Grammar

This week we talked about plural nouns. We learned when to add an s and when to add an es to make a noun plural.

Writing

This week we learned in our anchor text that Oskar celebrated Hanukkah. We read a nonfiction reader to help us gain some background knowledge and then wrote about different traditions.

Theology

This week, we continued reading accounts from the Old Testament and hanging the corresponding ornaments on our Jesse Tree that represent them, including Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. We, also, "lit" the first candle on our advent wreaths and talked about how and why the theme for the first week is hope. We prepared for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception by talking about the importance of Mary's "yes" in the story of salvation. Finally, we learned about and received a visit from St. Nicholas to celebrate his feast day!

Science

We focused on social studies this week.

Other Information

Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:30)

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Our first grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

Specials Schedule

Monday - Library & Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday- Art Friday - Music

Dress Uniform

Boys - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks
NO white.

Girls- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

Homework (M-TH)

Be on the lookout for your child's homework sheet in next week's Monday binder.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading is the MOST important homework and should be done EVERY night!