



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
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Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

December 6, 2024

Calendar/Important Dates

Monday, December 9 - Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 10 - CCS Night at Chick-fil-a at Barracks Rd. 5:00-8:00 pm

Thursday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service

Thursday, December 19 - JK-2 Christmas Concert

Friday, December 20 - 11:30 Dismissal

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*Please don't hesitate to reach out! We are excited to be your partners in your child's education!

Important 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).

Math

We began our unit on strategies to subtract fluently. This week we focused on using the number line to count on and count back. We also took some time to review previously learned concepts involving addition strategies such as making friendly numbers, using the number line and decomposing addends.

In Mrs. Bryan's class we are finishing up our strategies for adding and regrouping to 20 using a number line in various ways as well as adjusting.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we listened to some of our favorite holiday books such as The Wish Tree by Kyo Maclear, How to Catch Santa by Jean Reagan and Little Red Sleigh by Erin Guendelsberger. We focused on retelling by summarizing, author's purpose and the theme of a story. We also started reading our whole class read aloud called The Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson. The story is about finding family in the unlikeliest of places during the holiday season.

In writing, students have been working on writing using complete sentences. We have been focusing on the writing process by prewriting, writing drafts, editing and revising and writing final drafts. We also learned how to write a friendly letter, which we will continue next week.

In grammar, we focused on types of sentences and matched our sentences to the correct punctuation.

Mrs. Bryan's class has been reading through The Family Under the Bridge as our class read aloud. We also have been reading Christmas picture books working on our KWL charts for How Santa Got His Job.

In writing we have been working on writing a diary as an elf, so we have several daily entries for these. We have also started working on an informative writing booklet for Selling a Home at the North Pole.

Theology

This week we set up our Jesse Tree, where we will discuss each ornament that represents the stories from the bible that lead up to Jesus' birth. The students started making their own paper version. We discussed the importance of the advent wreath and what it represents. We will light a candle each week during morning prayer. We also learned about morality and the ten commandments, which we will continue next week.

Friday, we will discuss St. Nicholas and listen to a Christmas book read aloud by the Charlottesville Student Council Officers.

Social Studies

This week we continued to learn about Native Americans: The Lakota, Pueblo and Powhatan. We also discussed holidays and traditions, which we will continue next week. We are also starting our holiday economics unit. We have explored wants and needs, producers and consumers, goods and services and more! Next week we will work on setting up a holiday shop using goods and services in the classroom!

Science

This week, we focused on social studies.

Other Information

Snack (9:20/9:55)/ 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 second 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 - Music

Tuesday - Library & Mass

Wednesday - Art, P.E, & Chapel

Thursday- Library

Friday - Music

Homework (M-TH)

Please check your child's blue folder for any homework. All homework will be written by your child in their agenda book each day.

Your child will have a reading response prompt and a math/writing homework sheet.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading should be done every night!