



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

12/06/24

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **This Holiday Season, 3rd Grade is working with PACEM** (People And Congregations Engaged in Ministry), a grassroots organization that works with 80 local congregations and community groups and 3,000 volunteers to provide shelter and related services to the homeless. Over the Christmas break, the Church of the Incarnation will be hosting some of the most vulnerable members of our community and providing them with warm, welcoming, and safe shelter. 3rd Grade will be assembling toiletry bags and making cards and signs for the guests. We will need approximately 50 bags to accommodate everyone (Only men this time) that is expected to attend.

Below is a list of items that we are in need of:

- Chap Stick
- Small combs
- Travel size Floss
- Travel size Deodorants
- Travel size Hand Sanitizers
- Small packs of Tissues/Kleenex
- Tooth brushes
- Travel size toothpastes
- Disposable razors

We greatly appreciate your help with this and any donations that you may be able to make!

- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link

Calendar/Important Dates

- **Monday, December 9 - 8:15 AM Mass** (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Students must be in formal dress)
- Tuesday, December 10 - Reconciliation and Adoration
- Thursday, December 12 - Prayer Service (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe)
- Tuesday, December 17 - AM Mass (Students must be in formal dress)

- Friday, December 20 - 11:30 AM Dismissal (3rd Grade Christmas Parties)
- **Saturday, December 21 - Sunday, January 5 - Christmas Break (Students return Monday, January 6)**
- Tuesday, January 7 - AM Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
- Friday, January 10 - End of 2nd Quarter

Teacher email addresses

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Important School Announcements

- **Christmas Concerts** - 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 5:40PM and 5:55PM.** 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. 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).
- **PokeMon cards and toys are a distraction** to the school day. Please refrain from allowing your child to bring collectors/trading cards or other toys to school unless specifically notified by your child's teacher.
- **Lost & Found:** The Lost & Found is piling up! In addition to student items, there are several items that have been left by adults after events. Please make sure that student belongings (especially CCS-branded ones) are labeled. If you or your child are missing something, please come in and check the Lost & Found.



- A great way for us to help our students become collaborators and leaders is to encourage them to participate in the **mass choir**. This year, we are inviting students in grades 3 through 8 to sign up. Below is a link for the sign up and a few items of note:
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-50743257-mass>
 - Students may sign up for as many masses as they would like.
 - Mass choir is open to students in grades 3 through 8.
 - Students should be dropped off at 7:40 so that there is time to practice. If you are running late and arrive after 7:45, you must go through carline.
 - Siblings may be dropped off as well. They will need to sit quietly up front until the bell rings at 7:45.
 - Students will also be practicing mass music in class.
 - While you should receive a reminder email from signupgenius, please make note of the dates you sign up for.
 - If you must cancel at the last minute, email Ms. Wisbey k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org.

Social Studies

This Week: Students will learn facts about the Nile River, Sahara Desert, and Atlas Mountains. They will draw and label these geographic features on their maps of Africa and paste the map in their passports. They will also work on completing their vocabulary flip book.

Next Week: Students will explore the continent of Asia and be introduced to the Huang He River, Himalayas, and Gobi Desert. They will draw and label these geographic features on their maps of Asia and paste the map in their passports.

Math

This Week: Students will learn strategies to subtract three digit numbers using mental math. They will continue to explore relationships between addition and subtraction.

Next Week: Students will learn to adjust numbers to add or subtract three digit numbers. They will also learn how to use inverse operation to check their subtraction process.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We completed our Reading Unit on Understanding Characters and began our Novel Study on *The Christmas Pig*. We will look to use these reading skills, as well as other language skills, as we follow Jack and his friends on an adventure to find his lost stuffed animal, DP. Analyzing characters, making inferences, and summarizing the text will continue to be important skills for us as readers moving forward.

Next Week:

-Word Study (Spelling): Vowel Team Syllables Review (Long a: a, ai, ay), (Long e: e, ee, ea, y, ey, ie, ei), (Long o: o, oa, ow, oe), (Long i/u: i, _igh, y, ie, u, _ew, _ue) - **Quiz - Friday**

-**3rd Grade Class Spelling Bees - Wednesday, December 18**

-Study Third Grade list of words, which went home before Thanksgiving and previous Word Study homework lists)

-1 winner from each class will represent 3rd Grade in the School-wide Spelling bee after Christmas break (January 10 at 8:30)

-Writing/Grammar - **Mentor Sentence Quiz - None**

-Skill(s): Review

-Mentor Text: None

-Mentor Sentence: *None*

-Reading - Novel Study on *The Christmas Pig* by J.K. Rowling.

-Students will be completing a variety of interactive and engaging Language Arts and Reading activities to review/reinforce previously taught skills as well as to help introduce new skills and vocabulary.

Homework: [Reading Page \(Let's Learn It\)](#) - None

Study Resources: Grammar Voyages, ELA Notebook, Reading Notebook, ELAR Folder, and Word Study Intro Letter/Packet

Theology

This Week:

We began working through various Advent-related activities such as creating a classroom Jesse Tree (tracing Jesus' lineage), reading and discussing our daily Advent devotion, and learning about other traditions and customs of Advent to help prepare for the coming of Christ. We also continued to prepare for Mass on Tuesday, December 17, which Ms. Grassi's homeroom will be leading.

Next Week:

3rd Grade (Ms. Grassi's homeroom) will continue preparing for their Mass. We will also continue preparing for Christmas with more Advent activities, as well as highlighting the Tenet of the Month: Accepting and Saint Martin de Porres.

Study Resources: Christ In Us Workbook, Theology Folder, Notebook

Science

This Week: Students will learn the process of photosynthesis and the different types of plants located in ecosystems. Students will work on completing their vocabulary foldable.

Next Week: Students will be introduced to different habitats located in ecosystems and the types of organisms found in each ecosystem. They will also begin working on a packet containing the life cycle of plants. They will continue observing and measuring the growth of their seedlings.