



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

5th Grade
12/06/2024



Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- As the weather turns colder, please be sure your child has a jacket or sweatshirt for outdoor recess.
- Also, if your child is scheduled to do carline duty on a day that it is cold, please be sure they come to school with the appropriate cold-weather clothing. Girls wearing jumpers ARE allowed to wear any kind of sweatpants (does not need to be CCS sweatpants) when they are doing carline.
- Two IRAs are due on Monday, January 6. They are both online, and students are given ample time in class to complete them, but if you or your child would like a printout of any slides to handwrite, rather than type, please let me know, and I will print out whatever slides you'd like.

Calendar/Important Dates:

Tuesday, December 10: Quiz on main idea/supporting details

Wednesday, December 11: Quiz on Advent

Thursday, December 12: Test on spelling/vocabulary words from "Cougars"

Friday, December 13: Quiz on nouns as subjects and subject/complements

Teacher email addresses:

d.samley@cvillecatholic.org Reading, Writing, and Theology
k.sperry@cvillecatholic.org Math, Science, and Social Studies

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 5:40PM 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](#)

- The Village School will host their annual GEM (Girls Excelling in Math) tournament on Saturday, March 22. Girls in grades 4 through 8 may participate. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mrs. DeVane at l.devane@cvillecatholic.org.
- **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).

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will be exploring the events leading up to the Revolutionary War.

Math

We are going to be starting our unit on dividing decimals. The key words students will be using are “over, over, up”.

To reinforce math concepts and skills, students are assigned sections for Khan Academy ([khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)). This is for a grade. Students have their login and password in their planner. The 2nd qtr. requirements are to complete *Get ready for multiplication and division with whole numbers and decimals* (unit 4) and *Get ready for powers of 10* (unit 6). Students will work on Khan Academy as part of their extended math time.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we started reading several short stories and focusing on the concepts of main idea and supporting details. We also had a quiz on collective nouns, and students received a new list of spelling/vocabulary words from one of the short stories we read.

Next week, students will have a quiz on main ideas/supporting details and a test on the spelling/vocabulary words. We will also focus on nouns as subjects and subject complements in grammar, and students will have a quiz on that material by the end of the week.

The two IRAs are due Monday, January 6. Please let me know if you or your student would like a hard copy of any of the slides for this project so they can handwrite, rather than type, the project.

Theology

Students finished creating their liturgical calendars, and we started a unit on Advent. Students will have a quiz on that short unit next week.

Science

Students did an amazing job on their element presentations. Next we will be learning about earth's structures and topography.

We will also be making a conservation project using empty 2 liter bottles. Please send in any empty 2 liter bottles if you can. We are 14 bottles short to do this project.