



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

Kindergarten

12/6/24

Teacher's Message/Announcements

We are learning about how Christmas is celebrated around the world!
We will be studying about: Germany, France, Mexico, Canada, Brazil and the United Kingdom! If you have a picture or a postcard that you would like to share, please [contact: r.zartler@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:r.zartler@cvillecatholic.org)

Please continue to practice the sight words every day. These are extremely important for their kindergarten year.

Calendar/Important Dates

*Winter dress for uniforms is in effect
12/09-Mass
12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
12/19 JK-2 Christmas Concert
12/20 11:30 Dismissal
12/23-1/5 Christmas break
1/06-School starts back again
1/10-NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN ONLY

Important School Announcements

***Please review the **winter dress code** and make sure that your child is bundled up for winter with coats, hats, gloves, etc! Only blue socks are to be worn with the winter uniform. Also, please remember that leggings should not be worn for Spirit Days (unless they are under a jumper).

We will have mass on Monday, December 9, to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Assessments for incoming Kindergarten students for the 2025-2026 school year will take place on Friday, January 10. Current Kindergarten students will NOT have school that day.

- 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. 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).

Social Studies

We learned that Christmas trees and Christmas markets are world-famous in Germany, about the Brandenburg Gate, famous landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, and that children in France get every Wednesday off of school! We also started our Jesse Tree projects, learned a few phrases in German and French, how to dance the Chicken dance, and we sang a song about France!

Math

We finished Unit 7, which includes understanding subtraction. We discussed word problems and the strategies that we used to determine whether we need to add or subtract. We also continued to practice counting to 100! Some of them already know how to count to 100. At this time, the students are now expected to count to fifty. The students have also been counting to 100 by 2s, 5s and 10s. We have calendar time during math every day. The students continue to learn our days of the week song, months of the year song and seasons every day.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

The students are continuing to practice reading to self and work on writing. Please have your child read the books we send home every Friday to you three times to practice sight words and fluency. **Our sight words this week were: like, this, will, yes, went. Our sight words next week will be: came, now, no, are, ride.**

Theology

We learned about Advent, discussed Christ's birth, and we continue to light our Advent candle daily as we prepare our hearts for celebrating Christ's birth.

Science

We are planning a few science experiments for next week, so please see Mrs. King's Genius sign up to volunteer for helping out in the upcoming weeks!