

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten December 8, 2023

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Calendar/Important Dates

The **Christmas Concert will be on December 13th, at 6:15.** Students should be in their classrooms at 5:45pm. JK students will go directly to their parents in the gym after they perform. You are welcome to stay for the rest of the concert or leave following their performance.

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Shank's class finished our unit on adaptations and began a unit on the five senses. Ms. Wawner's class learned about the Arctic Tundra this week and some of the animals that reside there such as the arctic hare, fox, and polar bear. Students created an art project of one of these animals. We learned that these animals have certain features that allow them to survive in very cold conditions. Next week, students will focus on reindeers.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class continued to work with patterns this week. We learned about AAB and ABB patterns. Students created patterned socks and shirts and made pattern bracelets. Ms. Shank's class reviewed ordinal numbers and positional words.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class learned about the letter K this week and the sight word "a." They now have 4 sight words in their word bank and have loved practicing reading the sentence "I can see a..." and filling in the blank. Shank's class read a book called "Tacky the Penguin" and created our own Tacky the penguin. Next week our sight word will continue to be "and". Our book is called "Dad and I".

<u>Theology</u>

Ms. Wawner's class continues to celebrate Advent. Each student has created a paper wreath and we are putting candles and flames on it as we progress through Advent. Our class also has a Jesse Tree and we are enjoying putting a couple of ornaments on it each day and becoming familiar with the different stories and characters of The Bible. Next week, students will learn about the Christmas Story. Ms. Shank's class learned about Advent and will study the Christmas story next week. .

Other News and Reminders

- Lunch Reminder: While we have secured a new lunch provider, they are not able to start service until January. ALL students will need to pack a lunch every day until December 19. More information regarding our new provider will be forthcoming.
- The originally published dates for the CCS Christmas Concerts have changed slightly. While the 3rd-5th Grade concert will remain on Tuesday, December 12, the JK-2nd Grade concert has been moved to Wednesday, December 13. Both concerts start at 6:15PM-students will need to arrive at school at 5:45pm.
- Join the Fun! Camp4Real Kids Night Out is Coming to Charlottesville Catholic on Dec. 15! Kids Night Out (KNO) is a three-hour drop-off event featuring a catered dinner and an exciting lineup of engaging P.E.-style games and activities for children in kindergarten through 6th grade! Family fun with an impact! Camp4Real is proud to support the CCS community and will donate a portion of the event proceeds right back to our school! Discounted early registration is now open! Click here to learn more and snag your child's spot!
- Even though the weather is turning colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:
 - Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.
 - If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
 - If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on
 - Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.
- Friday, December 15 is our Tacky Christmas Sweater Day at CCS! Students will be allowed to wear appropriate tacky Christmas sweaters to school that day.
 - Students in K-5 may wear either their school uniform jumpers or pants, or CCS sweatpants.
 - Middle School students may wear school uniform skirts or pants, blue jeans, or CCS sweatpants.
 - All students must wear their uniform shoes.

o Any students not participating must wear their normal uniform.

Nurse's Note

To be prepared for Kindergarten entrance requirements, please make sure to have the Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health form completed. Print the form and have it with you for your child's next check-up/physical. Make sure that an up to date immunization record is attached. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse at clinic@cvillecatholic.org.