



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter: 12/09/2022



5th Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Message from our music teacher, Ms. Wisbey:
We can't wait to see you all for the Christmas concert. Please follow these procedures for dropping off and picking up your child:
 - *Plan on arriving by 5:45 pm, so students can be in the classroom at 6 pm, ready to go.*
 - *Students need to be in their "Christmas best". Please have them bring their water bottles.*
 - *Parents can head straight to the gym for the concert.*
 - *Feel free to look around the main hallway by the gym, as students have created artwork that goes with the songs we are singing during our art classes this semester.*
 - *Once the concert is over, students will be taken back to their classrooms for pick up. Be sure to sign them out in their classroom.**Looking forward to sharing the Christmas joy through music and art!*
- As the weather gets colder, please be sure your child has a coat for recess. For carline, students should have the following (when it is cold):
 - Hats, gloves, and coats
 - If girls are wearing a dress, they may wear any leggings or sweatpants with the dress (does not have to have a CCS logo).
- **Save the date:** Our field trip this year is scheduled for Friday, April 21 to James Madison's Montpelier. We will be holding another VIRTUS-training session (probably late

January) for anyone interested in chaperoning on the trip but who isn't yet VIRTUS-trained.

- Access to FACTS: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/pwr/school/>

Calendar/Important Dates

- **Tuesday, December 13:** Quiz on Advent (notes from reading passage; answer key is going to be posted to GC/Religion on Monday afternoon.
- **Wednesday, December 14:** Quiz on identifying subjects and predicates
- **Wednesday, December 14:** Christmas Concert and Winter Art Display
- **Thursday, December 15: Matter TEST**
- **Friday, December 16:** Rough draft of four-paragraph essay is due
- **Friday, December 16: Early dismissal at 11:30 (no after care)**

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Social Studies

We will be continuing to learn about life in Colonial times. We will be learning about the French and Indian War.

Students will need to learn all the US states and capitals for 2nd Qtr. They will be tested by region and there will also be a comprehensive test on all the states and capitals. Your child can start learning them now by using the following online resources.

Practice games for state names (by region) found @

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm>

levels 1-7

Learn the capitals for each state @

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/50-states-game-2/>

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/capitals/game-2/>

levels 1 & 2

Math

*We will be working on mastering our multiplication table 0-12 and doubles by the end of the 2nd quarter (this is an extension). Please practice the basic multiplication facts at home or in the car coming to and from school. Knowing your multiplication facts is a vital skill that students will be needing for success in math in school and in daily life.

*Students will need to complete (mastery level) Khan Academy *Add Decimals and Subtract Decimals* by the end of the 2nd quarter.

This week we continued to work on long division and problem solving involving division. We will

be working with multiplication and division using decimals. Look for your child to be using the words “over, over, up” when dividing with decimals.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we took the end-of-novel test on *Wonder* and had a test on Homophones, List #2. Students also began planning a four-paragraph essay connected to *Wonder*. Students worked on the pre-write/planning state for the essay this week, and they will turn in the rough draft before break. The revised draft and final draft will both be due after the Christmas break.

This week, students also worked on fixing sentence fragments and we will practice this topic early next week. Students will have a quiz on Wednesday identifying subjects and predicates to help with this concept.

Religion

This week students focused on Advent and Christmas. They will have a quiz on the material next Tuesday.

Science

This week we students participated in several matter labs. We will be doing a few insta-labs on solutions and learning about chemical and physical changes. OurMatter test will be on Thursday, 12/15.

Christmas Concert 2022 Lyrics for 5th graders to practice at home:

Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out, on the Feast of Stephen
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.

“Hither, page and stand by me, if thou know’st it, telling
Yonder peasant who is he? Where and what his dwelling?”
“Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence by St. Agnes fountain.”

“Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither.
Thou and I shall see him dine when we bear them thither.”
Page and monarch forth they went, forth they went together,
Through the rude wind’s wild lament and the bitter weather.

“Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger.
Fails my heart, I know not how, I can go no longer.”
“Mark my footsteps, good my page, tread thou in them boldly,
Thou shalt find the winter’s rage freeze thy blood less coldly.”

In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted.
Heat was in the very sod which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men be sure, wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.

Night of Silence

Cold are the people, winter of life,
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night.
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,
Flowers that will echo the sunrise.
Fire of hope is our only warmth,
Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night,
On wind you enfold us, you speak of the light.
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly,
Rumors of a dawn so embracing.
Breathless love awaits darkened souls,
Soon will we know of the morning.

Spirit among us, shine like the star,
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar.
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely,
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love.
Star unknowing of night and day,
Spirit, we wait for your loving Son.