



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

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## Friday Newsletter

### Junior Kindergarten September 13, 2024

#### **Teacher's Message/Announcements**

Our fall field trip will be to Carter's Mountain on October 11, 2024. We will depart the school around 8:20am and return around 12pm. We are looking for chaperones. You **must** be Virtus trained to drive/chaperone our students. You will also need to sign a driver approval form and attach a copy of your insurance card. We can send the form to you once you let us know if you will be able to chaperone/drive. This is in accordance with the Diocese regulations. Please reach out to your respective teacher if you would like to volunteer.

#### **Calendar/Important Dates**

Sep 20, 2024 : 11:30 dismissal; JK aftercare available

October 11, 2024: JK field trip to Carter's Mountain, 8:20am departure

#### **Teacher email addresses**

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#### **Important School Announcements**

Saturday October 12th: 5K/Fun Run. Sign up online.

Join us for an afternoon of family fun and games at the Fall Fest on Sunday afternoon, October 6. CCS Fields will be filled with plenty of fun activities to enjoy with friends and meet new families. Featuring a bounce house, hay ride, traditional fall activities, favorite yard games, some tasty treats and even a chance to dunk some CCS staff, this event should not be missed. [Tickets now available](#) for \$5 per person / \$20 per family of 4 or more.

## Math

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Ms. Wawner's class started focusing on our numbers this week, specifically counting objects 1-5. We used manipulatives to practice 1-1 correspondence and played bears in the cave and frogs on the log. We will continue to work with numbers for the next couple of weeks. Ms. Shank's

class will continue working on counting objects with an emphasis on 1-10. We started our unit on sorting by shape, color, size, and attribute. We used tangrams, buttons, vegetables, and animals. We will continue this unit next week.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Ms. Wawner's class focused on the letter Aa this week, learning both the short and long sounds. We enjoyed playing pictictionary and pulling out items that start with Aa from our mystery box. We reviewed the different parts of a book and practiced identifying them during our read alouds. Next week, we will focus on the letter Tt and learn about letters, words, and sentences. We will also start reading Mo Willems' books. Ms. Shank's class worked on identifying the letters I through letter R. We colored pictures of these letters, made them out of playdoh, painted them, and sang songs about the letters. Next week we will focus on identifying the letters S-Z. The following week will begin a more intensive study of letters and their sound. They will have one letter a week where they will be sorting pictures of each letter, tracing letters, making crafts that fit with the letter of the week, i.e. The students continue to learn Spanish color words, (blue/azul, and red/roja). We have had fun learning about the author and illustrator Mo Willems. We have talked about what the word author and illustrator means. We have read lots of "Pigeon" books, as well as "Harold and Piggie" books. We watched a video by Mo Willems about how he drew the Pigeon and drew our own pictures of the Pigeon. They did a fantastic job. We will continue our study of Mo Willems next week.

## Theology/SEL

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Ms. Wawner's class talked about prayer and how it is like having a conversation with God. We reviewed different types of prayer and then practiced a few prayers we say at CCS. We created prayer pockets to hold printed prayers. It could be fun to practice these with your children at home. Next week, we will talk about things we see at mass, in preparation for attending mass at CCS at the end of September. Ms. Shank's class spent time talking about God's Love this week. We learned about Noah's Ark and his trust in God. The students made a mobile of the ark and animals that were taken in the ark. We also talked about how God's love is never ending, it is deep and wide. We completed a craft showing God's love.

## Science/Social Studies

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Ms. Wawner's class continued our study of the 5 senses this week, focusing on touch and smell. Students felt different items and tried to describe them with adjectives like smooth, rough, bumpy, sticky, etc. We then went on a scavenger hunt for different textures outside. We had fun trying to identify different smells. Next week we will finish our unit on the 5 senses. Ms. Shank's class focused on learning about seasons this week. We sorted pictures of items that went with each season and drew a picture of our favorite season. The students then dictated a sentence describing their picture. Next week we will start a more intensive study of Fall. This is always a fun unit where we learn about life cycles of pumpkins and apples in preparation for our trip to Carter's Mountain. We will look at the changes in fall and how animals prepare for Winter.

## Other

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It is very important that students wear rubber soled tennis shoes/sneakers to school. This is a requirement found in the handbook. It is also a safety issue when students are running on the blacktop and playground. If they do not have rubber soled shoes they will not be able to participate in our P.E. class on Thursdays. This is also for safety reasons in the gym and to protect our gym floor.

Sunday  
October 6  
2:00 to  
4:00pm

# CCS Fall Fest

Join us for  
family fun & games

Bounce house, dunk  
tank, hayrides, fall  
activities, lawn games,  
races, contests, tasty  
treats & more!

*\$5 per person/\$20 max per family*

