



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

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## Friday Newsletter

### Junior Kindergarten September 29, 2023

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

The school has begun our celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The students in Ms. Shank's classroom will be learning about Paraguay and Ms. Wawner's class will be learning about Guatemala. The whole school will be decorating their doors in celebration of the country they are learning about. We will have a Bilingual Mass on October 17th at 8:10. This is a wonderful opportunity for our hispanic students to share their heritage.

[5K & Fun Run Volunteer Sign Up](#)

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

Saturday, October 7th, 5K and Fun Run

Monday, October 9: School Closed

Tuesday, October 17th, Hispanic Bilingual Mass at 8:10 in the gym.

Friday, October 20: Half Day (11:30 dismissal)

Friday, October 27: JK Field Trip to Carter's Mountain

#### **Emails**

Ms. Shank: [c.shank@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:c.shank@cvillecatholic.org)

Ms. Wawner: [v.wawner@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:v.wawner@cvillecatholic.org)

#### **Science/Social Studies**

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Ms. Wawner's class explored the country of Guatemala this week. We built Mayan temples with legos, created colorful barriletes (kites), and made small coffee bean countries. Students loved working on their projects while listening to Guatemalan music and dancing. Next week, Ms. Wawner's class will learn about seasons and then focus on celebrating the fall. Ms. Shank's class started our study of seasons. We explored all 4 seasons and what their characteristics are.

Next week we are going to do a larger dive into Fall. This will include a study of the changes in nature and animals. We are going to specifically be learning about nocturnal animals like bats, owls, and my favorite, hedgehogs. To begin our study of the country of Paraguay each student is going to be given a "passport" to begin our trip. We will study about important places, animals, foods, and the flag. We are also going to be decorating our door with armadillos, which are native to Paraguay.

## Math

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Ms. Wawner's class continued to work on numeracy and how numbers can be shown in different ways. Students have already been introduced to a number line and this week they practiced how to use a ten frame as well as how to read dice. We worked on counting and identifying numbers, as well as writing our numbers 0-5. Ms. Shank's class also explored different ways to make numbers as well as working on one to one correspondence. Some students are still struggling to count a set of objects from 6-10. We are going to focus on those numbers and begin a unit on sorting.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Ms. Wawner's class focused on the letter P this week. Students played pictionary, built Ps with play-do and learned the tongue twister, Peter Piper. Students will learn about I and N next and then take some time to review all the letters they have learned. We read lots of books that featured P this week and continued to identify character, setting, and plot. Next week we will be reading lots of books about the seasons. We will talk about how letters make words and words make sentences. Ms. Shank's class read books about Fall. We also read "Pancake, Pancake" by Eric Carle, sequenced the story and then made our own pancakes. We reviewed our letter S and A and introduced the letter T. Our next letter will be P.

## Theology

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Ms. Shank's class had their faith buddies come visit and they were able to share with the students what a rosary is and how we pray the rosary. This is in preparation for our weekly decade of the rosary that the whole school participates in every Thursday during the month of October. We will also continue our unit on Noah's Ark and the promise God made to Noah for his trust in God.

Ms. Wawner's class learned about symbols of the Catholic church and what a priest is in preparation for them attending mass in the coming months.

## Other News

- Please remember to check the red folder each day. You may take out the completed work.
- For safety purposes, students should **wear tennis shoes to school**.
- Our music teacher, Ms. Wisbey, has provided songs for JK students to sing in the car and at home. You can find the playlist here:  
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0CKzPmIJUTSsFAcNZUPB7I?si=w9PWY8GvSxaTxqCXgahzLg>

## 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](mailto:clinic@cvillecatholic.org).

## Reminders

- Crozet Speech and Language Clinic will be conducting speech screenings the first week of October. Please look for a letter in your child's Friday folder with more information.
- 5K Fun
  - On your mark. Get set - REGISTER! [Registration](#) for our annual 5K and Fun Run is OPEN! Grab your tickets today. You won't want to miss out on this fantastic family event! Register early to ensure your Fun Run t-shirt arrives in time for the big day!
  - There are lots of ways that you can help at the 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, October 7. Please see the Sign Up Genius below for all of the different opportunities. We need many volunteers to make sure this event is a success! [5K & Fun Run Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- On Thursday, October 5, John Kronstain will present "How to Know What You Don't Know - Social Media in the Lives of Today's Adolescents" for CCS parents at 7:00PM in the Performance Hall. Please use the form below to RSVP, as seating will be limited. Please note that childcare will not be provided. [October 5 Speaker Series RSVP](#)