



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## January Specialist Newsletter 2024

Happy New Year! Happy 2024!

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### **Library**

Happy New Year! We had a wonderful December reading books about Advent and many, many books about Christmas! It was so much fun to see the excitement of the children, as they anticipated celebrating the birth of Christ by spending time with their loved ones, getting presents, and of course, having time away from school! I pray that everyone had a peaceful, relaxing break, sharing time with family and are ready for the busy semester ahead!

JK-2 We will be reading books about famous African Americans, Dental Health and the season of Winter this month.

3-5 We are exploring the Suspense genre in January. I will also introduce this year's selections for the Battle of the Books!

6-8 Mrs. Devane will be introducing this year's selections for the Battle of the Books!

### **Free Book Exchange**

The new Free Book Exchange (currently located outside the front doors of the school) is up and running! Please come and take a couple of books home and if you have books that your family has outgrown and would like to donate them, please just re-stock as space allows. Just a disclaimer: Please be aware that the school does not review the books that are placed into the Book Exchange.

**Physical Education - Andrew Frazier** [a.frazier@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:a.frazier@cvillecatholic.org)

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**K-2:** Kicking (striking with the foot) - In just a few short class periods, we have learned how to kick a ball while utilizing a few different skills. Skills such as power and accuracy. The main focus is to make contact by keeping your eye on the ball and having your ball travel to your general desired area. So far this week, we have introduced targets and practiced kicking to specific areas.

**3-5:** Kicking (with lots of Holiday themed activities) - In a few short weeks before break, we introduce some basic kicking skills such as Passing and dribbling and being able to stop and receive the ball. We have used "gator skin" balls primarily given the indoor surface space and to

maintain safety, when able we have used the bigger and faster soccer balls. As the Holidays were upon, we often paused kicking activities to enjoy some holiday themed exercise games. We kicked off the week with a “teamwork” challenge to reset the theme of working together and cooperating for the new year. We spend just a few more class periods continuing kicking activities and incorporating power and control skills through the use of game-based activities.

**MS:** We have been playing LOTS of pickleball. Although our Fridays and Mondays (PE Days) are often interrupted with days off from school, we have tried to maintain our level of play. We have a few class periods left to incorporate the use of proper scorekeeping and how to rotate serves and essentially manage our own games! Pickleball is a wonderful game that promotes fun and friendly competitive exercise. This can be played moderately, intensely, and can even be played recreationally. Have fun and pickle on!

**Athletics:** We are over the midway point for Basketball season. Keep an open mind to our spring sports as they will quickly approach (Track, Baseball, and Girls Soccer.) Please visit our athletics page on our website to see the schedule of athletic events and please come support our student athletes. Go Archangels!

**Art - Vanessa Devlin** [v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org) [@ccsarchangelsarts](https://www.instagram.com/ccsarchangelsarts) 

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Happy New Year! With the turning of the year, the sculpture station is accessible to most of our students. We are doing a lot of “dry sculpture” using cardboard and other materials to understand attachment techniques, form and different finishing techniques. We currently have plenty of cardboard boxes, but if you have an excess of the following items, we would be glad to use them:

Cardboard tubes	Wooden Skewers
Buttons	Tools - needle nose pliers and hand drills
Perler Beads	C clamps
Aluminum Foil	Mason Jars

**We are also collecting odd and interesting items that could be given new life in the Art Room.** A group of Middle School students are participating in an “Altered Art” elective and will be looking for someone else’s “trash” to turn into treasure. Possibilities include globes, old maps, Hard-bound books, wooden cigar boxes, broken clocks or other miscellaneous items that you may be willing to donate. Thank you for your consideration!

December in the Art Room was focused around Advent and the approaching Christmas season. We collaborated to create the art to transform our Gym into a festive concert hall as well as enjoyed crafting Christmas ornaments donated to us by Fr. David Mott, a priest at St. Thomas Aquinas. If you see Fr. David, please don’t hesitate to thank him for thinking of us.

January has arrived, and students are being introduced to some key drawing and compositional skills. These skills include:

- K- using shapes to build portraits that show detail and personal characteristics.
- 1- weaving review and expansion on previously learned skills
- 2- expanding our system of drawing symbols to include more detail and realistic features
- 3- proportions of the human face and how to draw facial features from observation



- 4- use of drawing tools to create non-objective compositions in the style of Op Art
- 5- learning the one-point perspective system to create the illusion of depth

Middle School students are switching between Art and Music next week. I am looking forward to starting the new semester off with a new crew.

Enjoy some images from around the studio:



## Music - Kate Wisbey [k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org)

Congratulations to all our middle school students who performed in the Christmas concert, as well as our JK-2 and 3-5 Students for all their hard work in the Christmas concert!

### JK-2:

- Musical Games and Activities for fun!
- Solfege jump rope and hopscotch fun – this month, we are learning about singing in solfege, as well as the hand positions– using the Giant Piano to learn about solfege
- High and low on Orff instruments– we are beginning to learn about the Orff instruments and how to use them



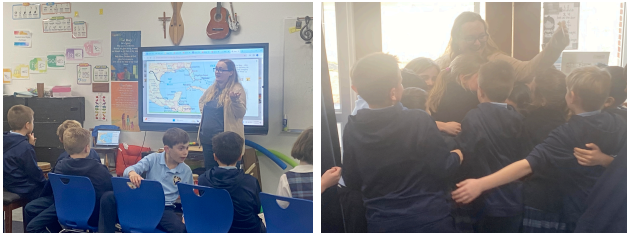
### 3-5:

- Musical Games and Activities for fun!
- Musical Staff Games
- Sight Reading notes and rhythms

- 3rd grade: Began Ukulele Unit
- 4th Grade: began Recorder unit–straw and marshmallow game exercises
- 5th Grade: worked on Recorder/ukulele unit/orff instruments– students are getting into small groups and learning to do small group ensemble songs with the recorder



We had a special visitor to celebrate the New Year- Ms.Howard came and told us about what it is like to teach music and religion in high school in Belize! We wish her the best of luck in Belize this upcoming school year.



Middle School:



-Middle School student finished their music unit with presentations on both the melodicas and keyboards– Here is the final product:

We finished with a “Music Fun Day” filled with dancing to the beat of their favorite songs with the parachutes



-New Middle School Groups are starting with a drum circle and a fun musical presentation called “Soundtrack of my Life”, where students will relate parts of their life to music and how music has shaped them to be who they are today

MUSIC RESOURCE CENTER:

Small Middle School Groups from class took a field trip before break to the Music Resource Center– here are some awesome memories from the trip. To become a member, please fill out

this form and bring it to either Ms. Wisbey or the Music Resource

Center-<https://musicresourcecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/NEW-MEMBER-APPLICATION-5.2017-1.pdf>

**Electives:**

**Middle School Music Podcast:**

2nd podcast is out! Come take a listen! We also finished the semester by creating a small RECAP podcast of the first season! Come and listen!



<https://open.spotify.com/episode/7GUcCRN1xEFNI5gVWibOD?si=419dfde7d5114c22>

New Group starts this month!

**Middle School Music Improv:** Finished off with some music improv with music and movement!

New group starting this month!



**Spanish - Mrs. Denise Demaio** [d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org)

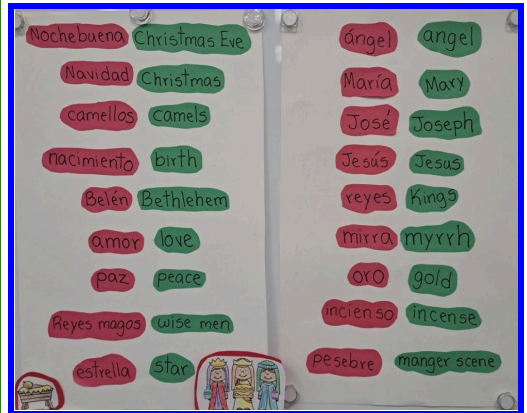
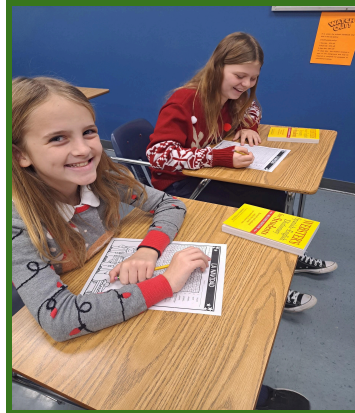
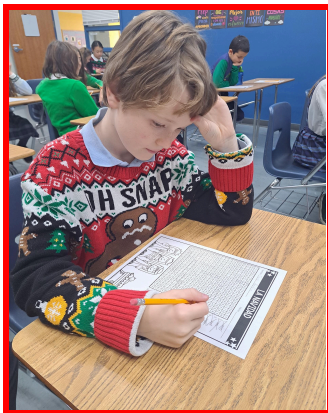
¡Feliz año 2024! I hope you all had a relaxing winter break. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your good wishes, details and presents. I really do appreciate it.

**2nd-5th grade:**

The students learned vocabulary in Spanish related to Christmas and did fun activities such as bingo and word search. With the help of dictionaries they had to search for these definitions.

They are learning about verbs: lavar=to wash, barrer=to sweep, abre=to open and estar\*=to a place. Over the next few weeks they will continue learning more basic grammar by saying "there is" and "there are" using "hay."





## 7th and 6th grade:

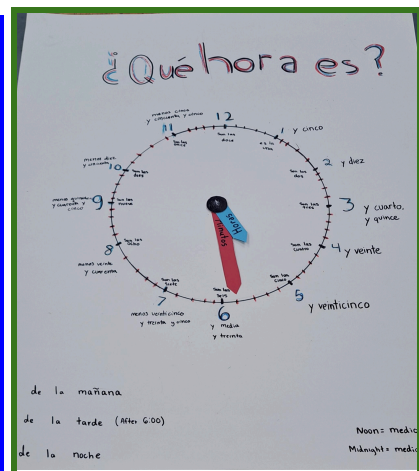
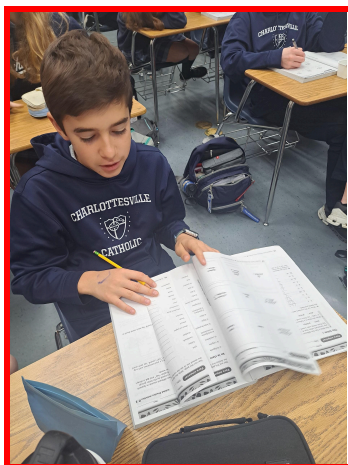
This sixth graders students they have been learning about “Los Adjetivos Posesivos=The possessive adjectives”

There are several ways to show possession in Spanish. One way is to use possessive adjectives, like “my” and “your” in English.

Only **nuestro** and **vuestro** change when modifying a feminine noun. The others remain the same. All of these adjectives add an **s** when modifying a plural noun.

To describe ownership expressed with “s” in English, use the construction (object)+de+(subject) Example: My book....mi libro.

The seventh graders have been learning to express how to say “what you like to do ” and “what you don’t like to do”. This week they worked on an oral presentation in which, using a diagram to organize their ideas, they had to make a slide presentation to speak in front of the class in Spanish about their likes and dislikes.



Song: ¿Qué hora es? Created by Georgia, Grace, Anna, Olivia and Edie.

<https://vimeo.com/899867069>