

Wednesday Electives

Knitting (Mrs. Banaszak): Each knitting student will create a minimum of 2 projects- 1 personal item and one item as part of a service project. We have worked with “Christian’s Purpose” in the past, a non profit who donates homemade baby blankets to babies in the UVA NICU. Students should expect to spend up to 1 extra hour each week advancing their projects at home in between class time.

Beginner students will learn how to cast on and work knit and purl stitches to create a scarf or blanket.

Experienced students will help beginners during our first weeks and then work on more advanced stitches and projects, such as working in a round, working on 4 needles, creating socks/ hats/ mittens.

**All students will be expected to research interesting stitches that they would like to experiment with and learn as a group.

Debate League (Mrs. DeVane/UVA Students): Charlottesville Debate League - Students from UVA will come to the school to teach students how to debate. Students will be encouraged to attend debates against other local middle school students. They will learn how to frame their arguments for either side, write and practice the speeches.

Improv (Ms. Howard): Learning about improvisation in acting, through sketches and games.

Theatre (Mrs. Cabrera): “All the worlds a stage, and all the men and women merely players.” In this elective, students will be immersed in one-act plays. We will read entertaining examples and then write our own plays. Once the scripts are perfected, we will begin producing our shows. This will have us casting, making props and scenery, and directing to bring our scenes to life. In the end, we will perform our short masterpieces.

Annie Jr. Prop Design (Mrs. Devlin): Work in teams to design and create props and scenery for the spring CCS production of Annie, Jr.

Book Buddies (Mrs. Fallica): Come be a part of something very special! Book Buddies is an opportunity to build leadership skills while working with a younger student. In this elective, Middle School students work with kindergarten or first grade students on reading and writing skills. A lasting relationship is formed and critical language arts skills are supported.

Faith In Action (Mrs. Bryan): Make a difference in the lives of those around you. Research, plan and take action to support a cause that you believe needs your support. This semester, we will be working on making plarn (plastic yard) for Mercy Mats for the homeless, making cards for the Boys' and Girls' Clubs, supporting Foster Care through cards, and doing other worthy projects . You can work along with music or with your classmates.

World Languages 2.0 (Mrs. Osteen): This semester we will focus on the romance languages Portuguese, Italian and French. Vocabulary will be travel focused and we will also spend time learning more about the countries where these languages are spoken. For students who have a travel bug and want to learn a new language, this class is for you!

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Music Appreciation (Mr. Garland): The timeline of this course will start from the mid 19th century and work its way up through modern music. We will look at when, why, and how styles of music were created, focus on instruments and the roles they play, musicians who brought styles of music to the forefront of social awareness, music in the use of movies/video games, discuss the art of performing/concerts/festivals, Social Media and how it launches the careers of musicians(from Radio, American Bandstand, MTV, America's Got Talent/American Idol to YouTube,etc) and finally, where music seems to be headed in the future. The ultimate goal of this elective is to foster an appreciation for all types of music and see the connections that join them. We will do this through listening, watching, and sharing. This elective rocks!!!

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Annie Musical Practice (Mrs. Cabrera)

AI Programming (Dr. Cottler): Are you interested in coding? Do you want to program a program it to think for you?) In this elective, you will learn how to code in NetLogo (<https://ccl.northwestern.edu/netlogo/>) and run “intelligent” programs of your own design to engineer solutions to problems that you care about. If you are planning on doing a Science Fair project, this elective will give you skills and ideas for experiments – thanks to the “intelligence” of you and your computer!

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Drawing for All (Mrs. Devlin): Do you love to draw? Do you want to learn new media, techniques and skills to improve your drawing? Join Mrs. Devlin as we learn about contemporary artists and improve our drawing skills together. This is an excellent opportunity for students interested in submitting a portfolio application to the Governor's School for the Arts to work on portfolio ready pieces.

Financial Literacy (Mr. Riley): Students will learn some of the basics of financial well-being, including comparison shopping, writing checks, making payments, budgeting, saving, and learning how credit works. We will go through the basic concepts, play games, and work through scenarios to help students gain a better understanding of these topics.

Flora and Fauna of CCS (Mr. Bruscia): Get outside and explore the flora and fauna found at CCS and its vicinity. Create a specimen collection of plants as we build the first ever herbarium for CCS. Set and collect various amounts of data using camera traps and other techniques to catalog to fauna utilizing this area.

Leadership/Collaboration Games (Mrs. Bryan): "It's a Jungle Out There!" Seriously. Feelings of depression, inferiority, and jealousy of others' successes are taking away the joy of life! Learn how to successfully deal with real life to feel happy and be who God made you to be. We will use the book, *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* as our guide, but there will be many other activities that will help you identify your strengths and strengthen your weaknesses.