



Charlottesville Catholic School

November Specialist Newsletter 2023

Library - Mrs. Anne Carbone a.carbone@cvillecatholic.org

We've had a great October in the Library! We finished up our celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, read books about fire safety during Fire Safety Week, and enjoyed many Halloween books. I have been working on ordering some new books for the Library and on that note, we have a couple of exciting things coming up...

Book Fair News

CCS is happy to announce that we will be holding a virtual Good News! Book Fair from November 7-November 17th! All book orders should arrive at your home in time for Christmas presents. Want a sneak peak? Go to: <https://goodnewsbookfair.com/virtual-fair>
More information will be coming shortly!

Free Book Exchange

We will soon be stocking the new Free Book Exchange (located outside the front doors of the school) with excess library inventory and donated books. 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

K-2: Throwing and Catching - Primarily Underhand Throw. We have been learning throwing and catching techniques and applying the learned skills to throwing and catching Activities. Continuing to practice basic movement concepts and understanding how to control our bodies in the fitness setting (gym.)

3-5: Throwing and Catching - Primarily overhand Throw. We have been learning throwing and catching techniques and applying the learned skills to throwing and catching Activities. The students have been highly engaged and active in many large group games that require teamwork and cooperation.

MS: We are wrapping up our invasion unit. We have learned and applied defensive, offensive, and teamwork tactics. Many strategies, discussions, and communication we had in order to

experience team success. This is a good tone setting unit for our school year and the other team “sport” units we will engage in. This unit is popular with many PE favorite games.

Athletics: Boys Fall Soccer, Girls Volleyball, and Cross Country all had incredible Fall Seasons. We are now onto Winter where we have the busy Basketball season. Both Boys and Girls have complete Tryouts and look forward to their first game on Nov. 30th. 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 [@ccsarchangelsarts](https://www.instagram.com/ccsarchangelsarts) 

The studio at CCS is buzzing with the work of creative artists! New media and techniques continue to be introduced with the opening of the Fiber Arts and Printmaking centers. Dry sculpture will be next, so please consider saving thin cardboard boxes, paper egg cartons and paper tubes for donation. We will be going through a lot of them in the new year.

K-2 students have accessed the drawing, collage and painting and printmaking centers. We have explored independently as well as worked on teacher-directed skills based projects. How to use and care for painting supplies and being good stewards of our materials is taught and reviewed. We have highlighted the Art Elements of Line, Shape, Color, and Texture in our work. Fall foliage has given us an opportunity to practice the printmaking technique known as Frottage.

3-5 students have been focusing on the habits of Envisioning (where do artists get ideas) as well as Engaging and Persisting (working on a meaningful idea over longer periods of time). Many students have eagerly jumped into the Fiber Arts center, creating soft-sculptures, designing and sewing clothing, needle felting and quilting. All 4th and 5th graders have been completing a skills checklist to access the center, ensuring that they can thread their own needles, tie their own knots and even sew on their own buttons.

Middle School students are continuing to work on their independent projects, with many students having completed 1 or 2 already this semester. Some students are working on larger and more complex ideas, which will take a longer time to complete. As always, the focus is on developing the skills and behaviors necessary to be an independent and effective artist.

Here are some pictures from around the Studio.



Music - Kate Wisbey k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org

Happy Fall!

We hope you all had a fantastic Halloween! We celebrated Halloween in music class through "Trick or Treating" Rhythm style! We also did some fun dances and games with Jack O lanterns, squeaky chickens, pumpkin patches and more!

-If you would like to HEAR what we worked on last year and the new songs we will do this year, feel free to check out our google drive folder or our soundcloud:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/116qUrozIAet2GLaRoaAH4jOe-ZipnVK3> ;

<https://on.soundcloud.com/WnYk8MZrmzUBrv6V8>

We will have two concerts this year in December; Grades 3-5 on December 12th in the evening and Grades JK-2 on December 14th in the evening, as well as a music celebration for grandparents and Great Friend's Day on Friday, May 10th.

VOLUNTEERING: Please e-mail me at k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org if you would like to help with setting up the Christmas decoration on the stage on Tuesday, December 12th around 3 pm. Thank you!

K-2:

- Pumpkin/Jack o lantern movement, rhythm and dancing!
- Halloween music with solfege-Do to So and challenge: octave Do!
- Working on songs for Veteran's Day service
- Working on songs for Christmas concert



3-5:

- Charlottesville Catholic School 4th and 5th graders took a field trip to UVA's Old Cabell Hall to listen to the Charlottesville Symphony Orchestra and watched an alien conduct an orchestra!
- Charlottesville's 3rd grade students had a visit from Dr. Dan Sender, the concertmaster of the Charlottesville Symphony Orchestra, and violinist. He showed us parts of the violin, examples of different types of movements and how to play.
- Halloween Musical games, singing in Solfege, rhythm Trick or treat and pumpkin/jack o lantern games!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s6yr8AQzRO0wGP-Z18IriWd79N5ngQSF/view?usp=sharing>

- Starting practice for Christmas concert!



Middle School:

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to the following middle school students who represented CCS in the Charlottesville City Honors Choir this past Wednesday at Charlottesville High School:

-Sara Rodriguez-Amaya, Julia Burns, Bristol Hux and Evelyn Fields!



-All Middle Schoolers have been learning: Music theory- How to read music and the Circle of Fifths, as well as their musical instrument units- 6th grade: Piano(Halloween songs-Spooky, Scary Skeleton); 7th grade: melodicas(Spooky, Scary Skeleton, Sweet home alabama); 8th grade; Orff ensemble and adding other band instruments within from home(Spooky, Scary Skeleton and We Will Rock You)

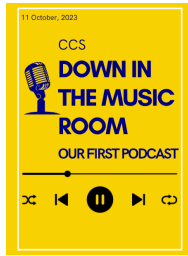
Middle School Soundtrack to Spooky Scary Skeletons:

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Electives:

Middle School Music Podcast:



Come listen to our first podcast!

<https://open.spotify.com/show/3BEken6q8KpEoZuKvuakY9?si=8349f3f76ab04e46>

Middle School Music Improv: - we are in the midst of creating our own song, using the skills we have learned all semester with our special visitors– had special visitor Ms.Kelly Chambers, owner of Kelly Chambers Music, to teach us more about the violin!

Music News: What's coming up in November?

Guest speaker Mr.Timothy Thorpe- Music producer/music technology educator from Boston (over zoom) with music improv elective

-3rd Grade visit with Charlottesville Symphony Orchestra's percussionist- I-Jen Fang!!

<https://cvilleSymphony.org/about-us/the-orchestra/i-jen-fang/>

-Middle School Field trips to the Music Resource Center!

Spanish - Mrs. Denise Demaio d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org

2nd-5th grade: The students learn about the Mexican celebration "Dia de los muertos" = "Day of the Dead." Students help color "calaberas" "skulls" to decorate the altar we set up in class. They also watched part of the movie Coco in Spanish and did activities related to the movie such as answering questions and their comprehension about the topic of the movie. They were also able to look and touch a real sugar skull and watched a video of the process that goes into making these creative sugar skulls.

Grammar: nouns + gender + indefinite and definite articles (a, an, some) in Spanish. Saying where thing or people are using "estar"





7th and 6th grade:

The students learn about the Mexican celebration "Día de los muertos" = "Day of the Dead." Students help color "calaveras" "skulls" to decorate the altar we set up in class. They also watched part of the movie Coco in Spanish and did activities related to the movie such as answering questions and their comprehension about the topic of the movie. They were also able to look and touch a real sugar skull and watched a video of the process that goes into making these creative sugar skulls.

They have also been learning about nouns + gender + indefinite and definite articles. subject pronouns, ordinal and cardinal numbers. They will continue to learn more about how to tell time and "wh" questions in Spanish.



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