



Charlottesville Catholic School Specialist Newsletter

[Important Upcoming Reminders](#)

Library - Mrs. Banaszak m.banaszak@cvillecatholic.org

Book Fair and “all things Fall” and Halloween have dominated our October! Thank you to ALL of the parents who gave their time to make the Book Fair a success and thank you to all who supported the library through your Book Fair purchases! The children really enjoyed having the Book Fair outside this year!

Our first grade author/ illustrators have created a book, writing the text in the library and the art with Mrs. Devlin during their art classes. Order forms to purchase this one of a kind book will show up in homework folders this week.

2nd-5th graders are learning how to navigate the Non-Fiction section of our library... figuring out how to navigate with all of those pesky Dewey Decimal identifiers!



PE - Mr. Frazier a.frazier@cvillecatholic.org

K-2: We have been working on fitness and how it affects our body. We have also learned a bout a few different body parts and how they can assist our fitness. Additionally, we are working on the ‘overhand throw.’ The focus is stepping, twisting, and turning!

3-5: Fitness has been a big focus over the last few weeks. Talking about fitness builds an understanding of its importance. We have practiced many different exercises through activities that encourage fitness challenges. The goal was to understand the many different varieties we have when engaging in exercise. Most recently, we have begun a jump rope unit - We are learning very quickly how physically demanding jump rope is. At the same time, we have discovered many activities within jump rope that we really like and can even do using partners.

MS: These boys and girls have worked really hard over the last few weeks completing their fitness testing. Amongst the tests, we focus on muscular strength, muscular endurance, cardiovascular strength and endurance, as well as flexibility. The tests we use to measure the fitness components are the push-up test, pull-up test, curl-up test, flexed-arm hang, pacer test, mile run, and sit & reach test. I am super proud of this group and the effort they put into their individual performances and now have goals set for testing again in the spring!

Athletics: Boys soccer went undefeated this year, a perfect 9-0 mark. Girls volleyball vastly improved throughout the season and went out with a BANG, beating STAB at home in three sets. XC highlighted their season by hosting our first ever home meet, the CCS Invitational, where the girls placed first and the boys second! Boys and Girls basketball is wrapping up tryouts and practices begin next Monday, Nov. 1st.

Personal note: Friday Nov. 5th will be my last day until 1/3/2022. My daughter will be born very soon and we are very excited! We feel blessed to have time away and adjust to life as parents. In my absence will be Mr. Kevin Jones. He was here last year as a 5th grade teaching assistant and comes with tons of teaching experience and a masters in education. He is also our XC & Track coach. His email is k.jones@cvillecatholic.org. Thank you all - Go CCS!

Art - Mrs. Devlin v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org

The Art Room has been busy this past month, with many students finishing up independent "W.O.W." (Wonderful, original works) and learning how to reflect, accept and offer feedback and write Artist Statements. In small groups, older students have been rising to the occasion and participating in age appropriate critiques with kindness and sincerity -- as well as a discerning eye.

As I continue to transition the Art Room into a space that facilitates more choice based learning, I find myself delighting in some of the comments I hear as I move about the room providing individual instruction. I have started a "Heard in the Art Room" collection to lift up some of these ideas, feelings and aha moments from students. The first quote I will post is one from a second grader who exclaimed to his friend with whom he was collaborating "I feel like we're good at art. Like we are ALL good at art." I couldn't have asked for a better validation than that!

Thank you to the families who have supplied our sculpture center with material! I am continuing to accept donations of paper recyclables (tubes, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, flattened cardboard) for our sculpture center. Please contact me via email if you would like to send in any other materials suitable for our use.

Be on the lookout for an opportunity to support the Art Program through Artsonia.com with our Christmas fundraiser. Artsonia is an online gallery that creates a digital collection of artwork to be shared with family and friends. Gifts with student art can be purchased from Artsonia, and 20% of the proceeds comes back to CCS to support the Art Supply Budget. You will receive further digital and paper communications about this in the next several weeks.

And lastly, here are a few photos and comments offering a peak into each grade level. Enjoy and as always, for more frequent snapshots from the art room you can follow me @ccsarchangelsarts on Instagram.

Music - Ms. Howard s.howard@cvillecatholic.org

October has flown by in the music room! We have been working on everything from steady beat to rhythm and melody to form in music. We learned some songs from Spanish Culture, played some music games, and celebrated a little bit of Halloween in between rehearsing for our Christmas Concert?! Yes, each class has been working hard to provide a wonderful Christmas Concert experience that is COVID friendly, but continues the spirit of our CCS Christmas tradition. Stay tuned for more information...until then Happy Halloween and Happy Feast of All Saints!

Spanish - Mrs. Osteen j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

We have had a great first quarter in Spanish class! So far we have covered how to introduce ourselves and others, basic greetings and goodbyes, how to say how we are feeling, classroom commands, likes and dislikes, colors, and currently we are working on days of the week, months of the year and the four seasons. Spanish class is always a fun and lively time where we play lots of games and try to use the target language as much as possible. During the next quarter, we are going to focus a little bit on writing and reading in Spanish as well! Additionally, we will be talking more about hispanic culture and exploring holidays celebrated in Spanish speaking countries.