



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## December Specialist Newsletter 2023

**Library - Mrs. Anne Carbone [a.carbone@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:a.carbone@cvillecatholic.org)**

### **Library**

We've had another great month in the Library! We have been enjoying many fall and Thanksgiving books. We also read three election day books and voted on who would be the best next President. Otto the Dog was the overwhelming favorite of the classes!

My wonderful volunteer Lynette Abraham and our Middle School Elective class have been working on inventory. Once that is complete, we will be sending out overdue notices. As you are cleaning up the house, please be on the lookout for overdue books to return. Thanks!

I created a "Can You Find Me?" book hunt, as a fun way to familiarize the students with the sections of the Library. The students had fun, but of course the highlight was the prize that they received for completing the challenge.

### **Book Fair News**

Thank you to all who ordered books in the Good News Book Fair! I have been assured that they will arrive before Christmas.

### **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:** Throwing and Catching - We have spent several class periods exploring the underhand and overhand throw. We introduced targets and practiced throwing the ball to desired locations. We will be moving toward striking with our feet, better known as kicking. We will explore the use of foot skills and working on controlling ball equipment by the foot.

**3-5:** Throwing and Catching - Primarily overhand throw was used.. However, I can say we played a plethora of exciting activities that practiced throwing and catching skills repetitively. This group was super engaged and had a blast. Next up, we will be focused on kicking and using the lower body to create striking and movement of ball-based equipment. We will sprinkle in some soccer activity and language as well

**MS:** We are wrapping up our always popular Invasion Unit. We challenged our communication and teamwork skills by applying offensive and defensive concepts in order to complete a common goal. As we head into the break, We will be introduced to Racket Sports with a primary focus on Pickleball. Pickleball is an active game that has quickly gained popularity in the last five years and the best part is that anyone can learn it and play it!

**Athletics:** Our first Basketball games are in the books, we are off to a great start. Both Boys and Girls have 16 games this year they are looking forward to playing in. They also look forward to having you come out and support them. 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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Collaboration has been a large point of focus for us in the Art room across all grades. How and why artists work together, what type of work is good for collaboration, and what habits allow for positive teamwork are larger questions that have guided our time. We are so happy to be preparing art to complement the Christmas music our students will be performing with Ms. Wisbey this month.

Students have been creating work, both collaboratively and individually, centered around the subject of angels. We analyzed a variety of visual representations of angels, and discussed what the church teaches about angels before we created our own art representing our own idea of what an angel could look like. These will be on display at our concert in our "Hall of Angels".

Enjoy a preview of what you will see below!





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

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

Congratulations to Mrs. Robinson's 2nd Graders and middle school improv group with Evelyn, Sara, CC, and Julia for a great Veteran's day service performance!

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:**

This month, we have our Charlottesville Catholic School Grades 3-5 Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:15 pm and Grades JK-2 Christmas concert this year on Wednesday, December 13th at 6:15 pm. Students need to arrive no later than at 5:45 PM on the day of their concert and their attire is "Christmas Best"! Christmas attire is welcome! It will also be live streamed and videotaped as well.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for a few volunteers to help with Christmas concert stage set-up after school from 3:05-4 pm. Please feel free to email me at [k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org) if you or your child is interested in helping !

#### JK-2:

- Pass the turkey movement games
- Native American songs
- Christmas concert preparation!


#### 3-5:

- 5th Grade had a "Colonial dance" day, with a visit from Ms. Lucy Stavers (also known as Ms. Wisbey) in the year 1774 and learned a common Colonial dance!
- Charlottesville's 3rd grade students had a visit from Dr. I-Jen Fang, principal timpani and percussion player from the Charlottesville Symphony Orchestra!
  - <https://cvillecatholic.org/about-us/the-orchestra/i-jen-fang/>



CHARLOTTESVILLE  
SYMPHONY  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

PRELUDES



I-Jen Fang, Principal Timpani & Percussion  
Charlottesville Symphony

Visiting

Charlottesville Catholic School  
Wednesday, November 29, 2023 - 1:05-1:50PM  
&  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 - 9:15-10:45AM

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- Thanksgiving games and dances
- Native American songs
- Christmas concert preparation!

#### Middle School:



-All Middle Schoolers have been finishing up their unit on music theory, and learning Christmas songs on their instrument units! 6th grade- piano; 7th grade- melodica, 8th grade: Orff ensemble with guitars, and more! We are finishing our semester with small group Christmas performances in class, as well as recording songs for our school podcast.

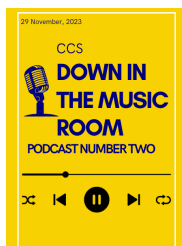
**MUSIC RESOURCE CENTER:**

Small Middle School Groups from class took a field trip 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:** Podcast #2 coming out this month!



2nd podcast coming out mid December... !

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

**Middle School Music Improv:** Special visitor and music technology educator, Mr. Timothy Thorpe introduced FL Studio to our students and taught them how to use it; we are in the midst of creating a song together with all the skills we learned this semester with music technology and guest violinists! We are now doing music improv with music and movement!



**Music News: What's coming up in December?**

-Tuesday, December 12th- JK-2 Christmas Concert

-Wednesday, December 13th- Grades 3-5 Christmas Concert

-Tuesday, December 19th- 2nd Grade Caroling Field Trip to Commonwealth Senior Living and Five Star Senior Living Center

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

**2nd-5th grade:** The theme of these weeks has been "Celebrations around the world." The students are learning how there are other celebrations in winter time, for example: kwanzaa, hanukkah, diwali, among others. They are also learning new vocabulary related to these topics.

It is celebrated in other cultures according to their countries and background. They also had fun dancing and learning the choreography of the song "Feliz Navidad." Every day the students review vocabulary related to numbers, calendar, weather and the alphabet. They also do activities and games to reinforce what they have learned in class.

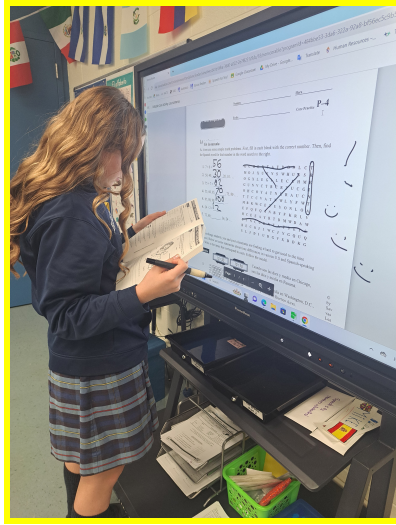
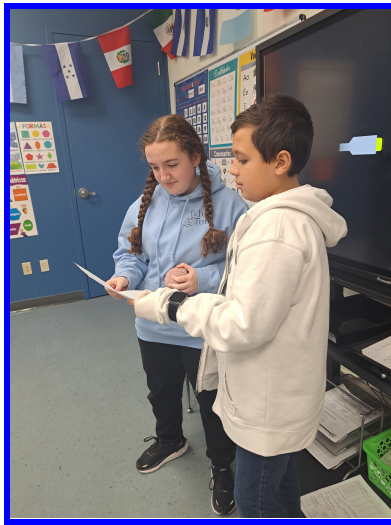


**7th and 6th grade:**

The seventh grade students learned how to tell the time in Spanish. They learned how to tell time on the hour, quarter, and half hour, how to tell time on the hour and after the hour (:00 through :30) and finally before the hour "5 minutes to 1". "Es la una menos cinco"

Topic ¿Qué te gusta hacer? What do you like to do? They are learning new vocabulary related to activities they like or don't like to do. They are also learning the topic of indefinite verbs.





The sixth graders students learned about Spanish Subject Pronouns (Yo=I Tú=you él/ell/usted=he/she/you (formal) Nosotros/Nosotras=we vosotros/vosotras=you “people” ellos/ellas= they/they ). When they are singular and plural+male and female form. They learned that they are words that replace the subject, name or noun of the sentence and are used to replace people, animals or things, without having to name them. They also learned to distinguish that the plural pronoun vosotros and vosotras is used only in Spain.

- Which pronoun to use, for example "you" when speaking to your sister: Tú.
- When to write the correct pronoun for each subject
- Recognize and write when the pronoun is used in plural
- Write sentences using the appropriate pronoun. Example: "Maria is my friend" = Ella es mi amiga.

Adjectives. Its definition, function and general grammatical rules when using them in spoken and written language.

For example: Adjectives that end in o drop the final o and add a after a feminine noun.

Example: el niño mexicano la niña mexicana

In Spanish, most adjectives come after the noun.

Examples: el gato negro = the black cat

la vaca gigante = the giant cow