



Charlottesville Catholic School

Specialist Newsletter

Important Upcoming Reminders

Date Event

11/18- 3-5 Christmas Concert-

11/19- JK-2 Christmas Concert

Students arrive at 5:45 PM to their classrooms and the concerts start at 6:15 PM. Students need to wear their Christmas best!(please no hats)

****Parents: Ms. Wisbeey will need some help decorating the stage for the Christmas concert, as well as take-down after the concerts end. Please sign up here if you are able to help! Thank you! Musically, Kate Wisbey**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EAFAB2AA2FEC52-53659304-2024#/>

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

Happy December! I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebrating with your loved ones. We had a great November in the Library covering the themes of Election Day, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. We are currently reading books about Advent and Christmas with the JK through 2nd graders.

We hope to complete *The Wild Robot* in the Third (and Fourth) grade classes by the Christmas break. The Fourth graders finished up their Realistic Fiction unit and are now exploring Non-Fiction books.

We will be finishing up the Fifth Grade read-aloud book, *The Invisible Thread* and hope to have a discussion about hope and accepting others as the image of God, which goes perfectly with our December tenet of Acceptance.

Thank you to those who ordered from the Good News! Book Fair. I was assured that the books will be at your house by Christmas, in case they are to be used as gifts.

I pray that you all have a blessed season of Advent!

P.E. - *Ms. Madison Varney* m.varney@cvillecatholic.org

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and is staying warm with this cold weather we are having! Christmas is right around the corner so Christmas music is already rocking in the gym. :)

K-2: In November, we continued to work on throwing and catching skills. In December we are working on navigating the rock wall, fitness and dance activities, while incorporating Christmas games!

3-5: In November we worked on soccer skills and Thanksgiving themed games. This December we have introduced the rockwall and fitness stations. We have also incorporated fitness games and competitions. We will also talk about hydration, nutrition, and hygiene for the weeks to come, while incorporating Christmas themes into class.

6-8: In November we worked on soccer skills and footwork. This December we are working on fitness, as we are trying to improve strength and conditioning for our end of year fitness testing that will come in the spring. We are also about to start a pickleball unit, which we are excited for.



Art - *Ms. Vanessa Devlin* v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org



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December brings us into Advent, and in the art room we are celebrating the season by preparing for Christmas. We are preparing art to hang as a complement to the musical performances of our JK-5th grade students at our Christmas Concerts scheduled for the 18th and 19th. Students have been learning new art media, skills and techniques while creating these pieces like watercolor resist and dispersion, paper sculpture, and skillful blending with oil pastels.

I am in need of volunteers to help hang this display of art on Tuesday December 17th and Wednesday the 18th immediately after school. If you or your middle school student can help for an hour or so, I would greatly appreciate it. Please contact me at v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org to sign up to help. .

If you are like me and do a little bit of house decluttering before Christmas, consider reviewing our list of items we accept for donation. We have a special need for yarn and pillow stuffing presently. Please check this link for more information: [Art Room Wish List](#)

Prior to Thanksgiving break, students were working on a mix of independent and directed projects. Students are encouraged to come up with creative solutions to artistic problems - see a few pictures from November in the studio below.



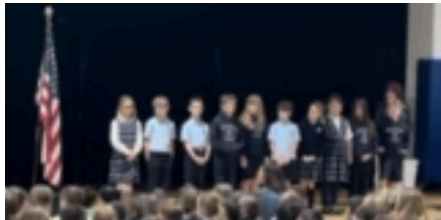
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONGRATULATIONS To the Following students who participated in and even had solos/duets in our City/County Choir:

-Rachel M.; -Lydia B.; --Bristol H.; --Leyna S.; --Ashlyn B.; --Sara R.; --Julia B.; --Kate D.



Congratulations: to our 3rd Graders for their performances in the Veteran's Day Ceremony here at CCS!



Feel free to check out our soundcloud to listen to what we are working on in classes!-

<https://on.soundcloud.com/gDUfg5W7JeRPWR9L9>

All Year: All Elementary students can have a student code access to sing and practice solfege at home!

Feel free to check out this resource: <https://www.musicplayonline.com>- Log in as a student and enter the code: k504379

JK:

Here is our December playlist for this month! Enjoy it at home!

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/14q4Qthj1sS32kc6tfXEGq?si=WhG6zERRT_GAX1LxDg-yYw&pi=u-uWc43Kk0Qw-R

Students worked on Native American songs and movement games, solfege and Christmas concert songs

K-2: Solfege-One Octave; Rhythms- quarter and half notes and Christmas songs for the Christmas concert

3-5: -Solfege-learning signs, Rhythms-types of rests and Christmas songs for the Christmas concert!

3rd Grade: 3rd Grade had a very exciting month, preparing for the Veteran's Day concert and then had a special visitor, Dr.Dan Sender from the Charlottesville Symphony come to us to tell us about the parts of the violin and how to play string instruments!



5th: Students learned the “King and Queens” dance that was done in colonial times for colonial day!

Colonial Day Dance Pictures:



Middle School:

Students have been busy creating a Christmas video for their families to see! If you have a middle schooler in music this semester–you will receive an email soon with a virtual Christmas concert! Enjoy!

MUSIC RESOURCE CENTER:

- Students had a special visitor, Mr. Jordan Perry, the Director of the Music Resource Center. The MRC is a center for middle school and high school students where students can create music digitally, with instruments and even have lessons. There is a sliding scale on becoming a member, but they are open by the downtown mall from 2:30-7 pm Monday through Friday. Come check it out!
 - If students are interested in becoming a member and/or want to learn more, here are resources:
 - <https://musicresourcecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/NEW-MEMBER-APPLICATION-5.2017-1.pdf>
 - <https://musicresourcecenter.org/>



INSTRUMENT UNITS:

CCS MUSIC INSTRUMENT RESOURCES

6th grade: Choir/Intro to orff instruments

- Learning: solfege, sight reading skills and learning how to read music
- Anatomy of the voice
- Reading 2 part vocal scores

7th grade: Digital Music/Piano!

- How to use Cap cut and incorporate music from garageband/soundtrap
- How to use instruments to create sound effects
- Scales/Arpeggios/Warm-ups for piano

Since all students are on different levels on piano, students have their own keyboard and are navigating their own leveled music, depending on their background on the instrument. We will play a song together to end the semester.

8th grade: Orff band ensemble

- C and G Pentatonic Scales- what is it? What makes up a pentatonic scale?

- How to read music
- How to arrange your favorite songs on instruments—using instruments students use at home as well (we have extra instruments)-- including Sweet Home, Alabama!

Spanish- *Ms. Denise DeMaio* d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org

This month students have learned in Spanish class to describe the colors in fruits and vegetables. They also had fun learning by playing with balloons outside in a concentration and skill game that involves mastering colors in Spanish.

They learned about vocabulary related to La casa=The house. Know the spaces in the house and name them. Identify different elements of the different spaces in the house. Know and understand the vocabulary related to the house. La sala=the living room, la recámara=the bedroom, la Cocina=the kitchen, el comedor=The dining room.

They will continue learning more about this extensive topic in the following weeks, more topics such as Fruits and vegetables, What is it? What you prefer, among others.

They also enjoyed watching Charlie Brown's Christmas completely in Spanish Goal: Positive messages. The true meaning of Christmas is more than commercialism. Sweet and warmhearted. Themes include compassion, integrity, gratitude and biblical passages about the birth of Jesus. They also review vocabulary and do activities such as answering questions and word searches in the target language.

