



Charlottesville Catholic School

May Specialist Newsletter 2023

Announcements

Important Dates:

May 8-12 - Book Fair

Wednesday, May 10, 4-7 - Arts Open House and Family Night

Friday, May 12- Grandparents' & Great Friends Day

Friday, May 12th and Saturday, May 13th- "Aladdin" Musical

Library - Jennifer Furin j.furin@cvillecatholic.org

It is time for our Book Fair! Please consider volunteering for this important library event. Here is the link to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094EAEA62EA7FD0-ccsscholastic>



This month we read some special stories in all the classes about Easter and spring. Everyone seemed to come back refreshed and happy after our break. Just one more month to go.

The last day for book check out is May 12th.

We will start book returns on the 15th. Please send me an email if you think your student is missing a book. I can do a shelf check to see if it is indeed missing. I can then provide you the book information so that you can replace it or pay for it.

Library days

K: Tuesday/Friday

2nd grade: Monday/Tuesday

4th grade: Friday

1st: Monday/Tuesday

3rd grade: Thursday

5th grade: Monday

Physical Education - Andrew Frazier a.frazier@cvillecatholic.org

General Announcements: Week of the Art Show/Spring Musical (May 8th-May 12th) All PE classes will take place either outside or in the Performance Space/Steam Lab.

Field Day is Friday June 2nd - Please keep this event on your Radar as we will be looking for parent Volunteers!

k-8: **Fitness Testing.** Each grade level is getting some amount of exposure to the Fitnessgram series of physical tests. Although not every grade performs all/or the same tests, I try to expose the younger groups to the importance of testing and how it affects our body. Ultimately, Middle school does all six tests which primarily challenge upper body strength and endurance, cardiovascular strength and endurance. K-2 essentially does a the practice PACER test and we find fun ways to improve our heart health and we do lots of push-up and curl-up practice. 3-5 starts to experience the real testing format and I use the Push-up, curl-up, and pacer test to implement strength and endurance practices. I will also have 3-5 "practice" a few of the other tests. My Primary reason for following the Fitnessgram guides is because I see the value in helping students learn to set goals, and then allowing them to see improvement over a year with pre and post-tests. I also see the value in having students understand who they are and what their strengths and weaknesses are, especially as they grow and develop. I use this unit to often talk about bodily functions and expose them to different muscular groups and systems being used in daily movement and exercise.

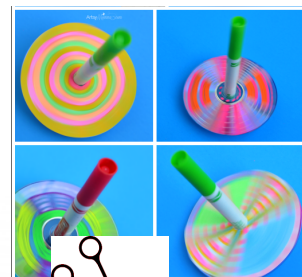
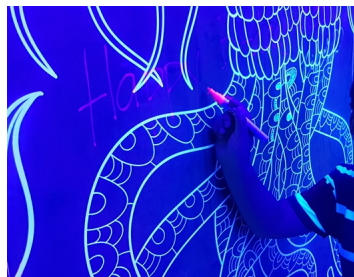
Athletics: Baseball is still undefeated in their inaugural season. Track has competed in quite a few meets and our runners continue to grow and develop in this new CCS sport, and Girls Soccer is undefeated and well over half way through their season. Keep your eyes on the Archangel Announcement every Sunday afternoon for upcoming events. Track will have a massive last meet at the UVA Track and Field, it is an exciting event to attend and will take place on May, 11th at 5:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you out there. Good luck to everyone closing out this spring - Go Archangels!!!

Art - Vanessa Devlin v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org [@ccsarchangelsarts](https://www.instagram.com/ccsarchangelsarts)

This year we are excited to welcome our community to our **Arts Open House and Family Night on Wednesday, May 10th, from 4 until 7.** We are looking forward to an evening of Art, Music, Food and Fellowship - with activities the whole family can enjoy.

This year we will be featuring the following creative opportunities:

Glow Room Aquarium
Thaumatrope
Shaving Cream Marbled Paper
Kite making
Spinning Tops
Button Making
Oreo Carving
Gourmet Play Dough




**CHOPPED
JUNIOR**

And our own creative version of a “Chopped” competition

Looking for Volunteers! We are continuing to look for volunteers to assist in the hanging of the show on Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th. We come together each year to turn the Gym into an Art Gallery and display over a thousand works of art. Kids are welcome to come with you if they are interested in helping. Here is the [Sign-Up Genius](#).

Music - Kate Wisbey k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org

If you would like to HEAR what we have been working on in class, 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>

Sneak peek of Grandparents' & Great Friends Day concert!

K-2:

- *Learning about singing in solfege- Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So*
- *How to put movement into music-hopscotch to creating own ostinato*
- *Using Orff instruments using C pentatonic; learning songs for the spring concert from “This Land is Your Land,” to “What a Wonderful World”, and a story told through songs to the book “I love my Family.”*



K Solfege Piano



K Music Game-“Tomato”



2nd Solfege Hopscotch

3-5:



3rd Solfege Jump rope

3rd grade: Ukulele! Students learned:

- C, G, A, and F chords; how to use a pick and strumming techniques; learning how to play “Count on Me like 1, 2, 3”

Feel free to check out this resource: [\(7\) Kasey's Music Method - YouTube](#)

-We are also beginning a fun Ukulele packet that includes fun kid's songs. If you would like a copy of this packet to practice at home, please feel free to email me at: k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org

4th grade:

- Recorder: Worked on notes C, A, G, F, E, D
 - Recorder workbooks- please feel free to email me if you would like a copy of this. Students learn how to read notes as well as play them in fun kid songs as well!
- Practiced movement and music
- Learned dance called "Zudio" and learned recorder part for Grandparent's day music show

5th grade:





5A: Learning about Orff instruments and how to play in an Orff ensemble- learning the song "Somebody" by Ingrid Michaelson for spring concert

5B: - Learned recorder song and dance called "the Summer Olympics" for the Grandparent's day music show, recorder games/songs-C,G,D, A, B, F

Spanish - Jasmine Osteen j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

After Easter we began to work on classroom supplies and items and classes. Students did a scavenger hunt to try and find the words for classroom objects within the Spanish classroom and then we expanded our vocabulary with new words. Next week we will discuss Cinco de Mayo in class and the true significance of this holiday.



 **BOOK FAIR!**
SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

Dear Parents and Families,

I'm pleased to announce that our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair, which will take place from May 8-12, 8:00-3:00 (Wed until 5:00) at the Performance Space.

The return of the Book Fair will be a familiar and welcome celebration. Volunteers are crucial to the success of this event. We hope that you can offer your time and talents to help students discover the power of books to bring us together.

If you're available to help us with our upcoming Book Fair, please contact me. I'd be grateful if you'd let me know which Fair activities interest you as a volunteer. We need volunteers to help with:

- Advertising
- Decorating
- Setting up the Fair
- Helping shoppers at the Fair
- Cashiering
- Packing up the Fair
- Special events

Thanks for considering becoming a volunteer! I look forward to hearing from you.

Gratefully,

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