



Charlottesville Catholic School May Specialists Newsletter 2024

Announcements:

Call for Art Show Volunteers (STUDENT AND PARENT OPPORTUNITIES)

Mrs. Devlin needs help mounting, labeling and hanging student art for our annual All CCS Art Show. Prep work begins now and the show will be hung Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th, **The Open House will take place after school Wednesday, May 8th.** Food and Beverages will be needed. Please see the SignUp Genius linked here to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EA9A82BA46-49042420-2024>

Summer Opportunities:

Middle schoolers- Sign up for Music Resource Center's Summer Camps– it's free for all members!



Grades 2-8-

STEAM ACADEMY Music and Science Camp-

STEAM Discovery Academy presents: **STEAM Music Camps: Sonic Explorers**

Join Kate Wisbey this summer to combine musical training with science and maker activities. Experiment with music, explore the science behind sound and observe how it finds itself into everything.

Sonic Explorers- June 10-14 and June 17-21

- Develop a better understanding of the science behind sound
- Engineer wind chimes and other instruments
- Play a theremin, banana piano, and a synth-a-sette as you explore technology

and sound

- Spend a day exploring the career of a Foley artist and how they create sound
- Current Grades: 2nd-8th grade

Visit steamda.com for more information!

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

Thank you so much to those who have signed up to help at the Book Fair! We still have some open spots on Wednesday evening and Friday morning. If you would like to help, please sign up here...

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C48AEAA2AA0F58-49163155-2024#/>

I have extended the last book check-out to Thursday, May 16, which will be due the following week. I will send home notices for any overdue/missing books to have them all back in by the end of May for inventory. Have a great month!

I am trying to expose the children to various genres by reading many selections by the end of the year..

JK-2: We talked about EarthDay and taking care of our Earth. We also read silly fiction books and books about friendship. I started a Jr. Fiction chapter book for the second graders in addition to the fiction books and will start reading a chapter book for the Kindergarteners after the Book Fair.

3rd grade: We have been reading a selection from the Jr. Fiction section.

4th grade: We are reading a selection from the Fantasy genre

5th grade: We are reading a selection from the Mystery genre

Summer ideas: The Public Library has a Summer Reading program open to all ages. Just stop in at your local library and sign up. They usually have many activities and rewards for reading!

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

*****SPECIAL NOTES: Next week PE will be outside due to the Art Show in the gym – Please bring water to class and please wear sunscreen to school. Field Day is coming up on Friday May 24th. Stay tuned for more information.*****

K-2: We are spending the remainder of the year reviewing and working on our basic skills. We will be doing lots of station activities so that we can continue to get individual practice.

3-5: Fitness Testing/Ultimate Frisbee - This group experiences some fitness testing and we focus on the three components of body training... Muscular Strength, Muscular Endurance, and

Cardiovascular Endurance. We typically only test by doing the push up test, the curl up test, and the Pacer Test. We will “practice” a few other tests and prepare them for middle school. Outside of working on our fitness goals, we will play some ultimate frisbee!

MS: Fitness Testing/Ultimate Sports - Middle school will be finishing out the school year looking to improve their personal best on their individual fitness tests. Recently we spoke about fitness programming and how to break down fitness loads into sets and splits that make the exercise goal more achievable. We also talked about knowing our heart rate level and maximum output and working on ways to properly/safely affect our heart rate and perform at our best. With remaining time, we will enjoy some ultimate frisbee and ultimate football activities outside.

Athletics: Spring sports season is coming to an end and we have some awesome highlights. Boys baseball is having another winning season in their second year here at CCS. Track (our biggest sports team EVER) has had some big meets this year and they will be participating in the Ragged Mountain Meet at UVA track on 5/9 5-7pm. Girls soccer has one game remaining as they look to complete back to back undefeated seasons. Please visit our athletics page on our website to see the schedule of athletic events and please come support our student athletes. Go Archangels!

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ART SHOW OPEN HOUSE AND FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday, May 8th from 4-6.

Food, FUN and Fine Art will fill the School the week of May 6th. Please join us for a night celebrating our student artists. NJHS students will be on hand to provide creative fun for the family and collect donations for the pediatric cardiac care unit at UVA.

Volunteers are needed - please see the SignUp Genius link here

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CLAY is the word of the month! Students have been getting their hands dirty by pinching, pulling, rolling, throwing, forming, scoring, joining and modeling ceramic clay for the past several weeks. Ceramics are starting to come out of their bisque firing in the kiln, ready for glazing or cold finishes.

- JK and K- Textured pinch pots and hand formed beads have been created.
- 1- Hand-built figural bells were constructed using slabs and modeling techniques.
- 2- Pinch pot bases support the creation of monsters, mice and men as students made creatures, giving special attention to attachment techniques and intentional texture.
- 3- Slabs are the base for many handbuilt ceramics - both functional and sculptural. Textured bowls are drying in their slump molds and relief tiles are nearing completion.
- 4- Proper coil rolling techniques have been mastered, and students are using these ropes of clay to work independently. Bowls, cups, mermaids and hot dogs fill the shelves.
- 5- Students have had only 3 requirements for their clay work - size (not too big or too small), intentional texture, and sturdy joining. Clay whistles have been popular, as well as coil built vessels - but the students have taken to this project with enthusiasm and the variety of work is extensive.

- Middle Schoolers - Many students have now had the opportunity to use the potter's wheels this semester. It is one of my favorite skills to teach and I love that we have the opportunity to dip our toes into the world of pottery here at CCS.



And the winner of our mARTch Madness celebration of Art History is: Ansel Adams' The Tetons and the Snake River. Adams' striking photograph received more 8 votes in the championship round than our runner up - Vincent Van Gogh's Starry Night over the Rhone.

As always, I hope you enjoy some photos of happenings in the studio. See you on May 8th!



Music - Kate Wisbey k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org

Art Open House Performances- Wednesday, May 8th-4 PM- Come and Support Elementary After School Chorus and Music Elective- Music Improv Performance!

Feel free to listen to our soundtrack made of songs created by all our students that will be playing during the Art Open House:

<https://soundcloud.com/kate-wisbey-526922069/sets/art-open-house-soundtrack-2024>

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: From January through May, 3rd Grade through middle school students start learning different instruments in music. I have created a google drive folder with all the books used to learn the instruments from ukulele, recorder to melodica and piano, so students can practice at home. Please take a look at it when you get a chance and if you have an instrument at home, it is a great way to practice! Enjoy!

☐ CCS MUSIC RESOURCES

JK-2:

- working on solfege and ear training—hearing intervals between Mi, So and Do
- working on pieces for the Grandparent's day concert— sight reading rhythms



3-5:

- end of year movement games, dances

Instrument Units:

3rd: learning songs on ukulele for Grandparent's Day concert- CM, FM, GM, Am, how to strum with different patterns, reading with TAB!

4th: how to blow in a recorder, learning notes on recorder: B, A, G, E, D

5th: learning how to incorporate recorder with Orff instrument ensemble- learning notes on recorder: E, D, C, high C

Fun activities: Recorder and Ukulele "Secret Code" and Tennis Ball and Recorder Game!

Middle School:

-Finished our Unit on Orff Instruments and learned- "Tik Tok Shock!"

-Learned music theory- reading treble and bass clef notes; circle of fifths

-finished the year with creating our own songs through soundtrap using science equipment, kitchen supplies and more!



Some students even got a tour of the Music Resource Center!



MUSIC RESOURCE CENTER:

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:

Our last podcast for the year has come out! We will be spending the rest of the year creating a soundcloud playlist of songs we are creating!

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/1tC4nLPnwgMRwz0PaqR8ZK?si=Jh0hpPh0R-aaEnve5RMojw>

Middle School Music Improv:

-Come watch our students perform at the Art Open House! Students are busy preparing on ukulele, piano, violin, voice and metallophone for our Busch Gardens trip on Saturday, May 18th.

Elementary school:

2nd. The second grade students continue doing activities about the alphabet, colors and next week at the request of the majority "Animals in Spanish"

3rd-5th graders have been learning to tell time in Spanish (Time Hour Quarter Half Lesson) Reviewing the numbers 1-59 for the purpose of telling time. They have carried out written and oral activities. Use the terms a quarter=*un cuarto*, and a half=*y media* and the verb to be "*ser*" to refer to "it is one"=*es la una* and after "one" *son las*.

Middle school:

6th grade:

6th(DeMaio): Students in the Spanish elective class continue learning about the clock and giving the time in Spanish. They played number bingo in Spanish so that they become familiar with the name of the numbers and their recognition. You cannot tell the time if you do not know the numbers 1-59 in Spanish. Next week we will continue with this topic since next year this same topic will be taken up in more depth and I would like to prepare them.

7th(DeMaio): This week the seventh graders have been preparing for their conjugation test of the infinitive verbs *-ar -er -ir* and the irregular verbs *ser* and *estar*. They also started their final project in which they have to research a Hispanic recipe. They separately will have to make an oral presentation of it. Some students want to try cooking these recipes at home, this is not mandatory so I leave it optional.

More of *Ser/estar*

Ser vrs *Estar*

Pachamama Contest

¿Dónde está?=Where is it?

Las Preposiciones=Prepositions

Los gerundios=Gerunds

Telling time in Spanish

7th grade:

New topic "para mantener la salud"

Project "Mi receta hispana"

Conjugation verbs *-ar, -er, -ir, -ser, estar*

Food vocabulary related to the topic

Verbs: *Beber, comer, compartir, comprender*

Present tense of *-er* and *-ir* verbs

Me gustan, me encantan=I like..., I love...



ART OPEN HOUSE

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Wednesday, May 8th from 4 to 6 p.m.



OPEN HOUSE DETAILS

Commence at 4 with musical performances by Ms. Wisbey's Middle School Music Improv Group and the Elementary Chorus Club.

Indulge in our reception while admiring over 1200 pieces of art chosen for this year's exhibition.

Engage in our enjoyable family art-making activities and contribute to our local Pediatric Cardiac Care unit with a donation. Our NJHS will oversee the free activities and donations.

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Change the Future®.**

“As my 4th heart surgery approaches later this year, I feel blessed and grateful for the CCS community. THANK YOU, CCS, for supporting Pediatric Cardiology at UVA Health Children's. Your donation helps kids like me live life and DREAM big!” - Olivia

