



Charlottesville Catholic School June Specialist Newsletter 2023

Announcements: **Check out our music camps this summer!**



STEAM Discovery Academy presents:

STEAM Music Camps

Join **Kate Wisbey*** this summer to combine musical training with science and maker activities. Not only enhance your ability to play but explore the science behind sound. Experiment with music and observe how it finds itself into everything.

STEAM Ukulele Camp- July 10-14

- Develop a better understanding of the science behind sound
- Increase your confidence and ability to play the Ukulele
- Challenge yourself to create and play your own instrument
- **Current Grades:** 2nd-5th grade
- **Ability:** Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced students- all students welcome!
 - Includes access to Ukulele



STEAM Recorder Camp- July 17-21

- Develop a better understanding of the science behind sound
- Increase your confidence and ability to play the Recorder
- Challenge yourself to create and play your own instrument
- **Current Grades:** 3rd-5th grade
- **Ability:** Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced students- all students welcome!
 - Includes a brand new Recorder for you take upon completion of week

Program Details:

- **Location:** Charlottesville Catholic School, 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901.
- **When:** Monday-Friday from 9:00A-12:30P; drop-off starting at 8:30am and pick-up available until 12:45P

APPLY today at www.STEAMDA.com



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Library - Jennifer Furin j.furin@cvillecatholic.org

I'm sending my sincere gratitude for making our Book Fair an outstanding success! Thanks to all the volunteers and for everyone that purchased books. We raised almost \$3,000 dollars for the school. Our students will have many new books to check out this fall.



This month has gone by so fast. We read some stories in our classes about Mother's Day and I read a lot of the new books that we just purchased at the Book Fair!

I have been straightening the stacks in the library to look for any misplaced books and have sent out missing book reminders. 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. Thank you for all your support!



Read, read, read this summer! Don't forget to check out your local library. JMRL has a summer reading challenge that starts on June 1st. It is open to all ages. Check it out below.

Learn more on the [Challenges](#) page. Join JMRL for one of the [Summer Kickoff events!](#)

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

This past month, our K-8 have been working through skill review stations, including everything we have learned throughout the year! Our 3-5 has had a great time learning and have had an introduction to kickball and frisbee games! We have mostly been preparing for the fun behind field day. Thank you to all our parent and middle school volunteers! It has been wonderful to watch your children develop over the course of this year. I hope you all have a wonderful summer!

Athletics: The boys Baseball team went 8-1 in their first inaugural season. Additionally, Girls Soccer went undefeated! They went 10-1 in Ms. Osteen's last season. Congratulations to all our athletes on a phenomenal sports season! For those graduating- goodluck in your athletic journeys. I'll be thinking of you all as you all navigate your athletic journey in high school and for returning students, rest up this summer for another wonderful athletic year next year!

Art - Vanessa Devlin v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org [@ccsarchangelsarts](#)

As this school year closes, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to work with your children each week. This was the first year in several in which we were able to support a fully-functioning studio based classroom where students could move about freely without COVID distancing precautions allowing for the incorporation of much more student-led learning and independent discovery. The Art Show in May was a testament to our students - their voices, interests, and skills were on display for all of us to celebrate. Thanks to all who participated in this celebration in any of the many ways that were necessary for it to succeed. I am grateful for the art prepped, show set-up, food donated and time given.

As we move into summer, encourage your artist at home to continue making and creating outside the classroom. Here are some resources to help with ideas and if your child gets a bingo, you can share it with me at my email or Instagram account to earn a small reward to be given when we return to school in August. I hope you all have the summer that you need (for me I hope that is in equitable parts rest, adventure and work).

[Summer Art Bingo K-2 and 3-5](#)



Music - Kate Wisbey k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org

I truly enjoyed this first full year with your talented children! Thank you for the opportunity to make music with them. **Here is a resource to keep music going throughout the summer! If students come back with a full tic-tac-toe in August, I will have a special musical surprise for them!** Goodluck and Have a wonderful summer!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-xD4k6LoxDhtWpSZ_2ScRT8kliCAzCoVlxBtDhBvs90/edit?usp=sharing

Congratulations to our Middle School Music Improv and Middle School Chorus for recording their first songs together this past month at the Music Resource Center!



What a wonderful spring concert we had on Grandparents/Friends and Family day! 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>

K-2:

- *Preparing songs for our end of year celebration*
 - *Movement and Music activities- small group activities; learning how to create a rhythm using popsicle sticks and pompoms*
- End of Year K-2 Project: Creating a melody that is heard using the pompoms and sticks to create their own version of a melody that they know*



3-5:

- Learned how to sing in Spanish, as well as greetings from around the world and put to movement

End of year 3-5 project: Creating a haiku in small groups and making it into a musical composition using Orff instruments and unpitched percussion, as well as singing



Spanish - Jasmine Osteen j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

It has been such a joy to teach your children this year! This year fifth, fourth and third graders learned how to have a simple conversation in Spanish, how to discuss the weather, how to say the date, how to express how they are feeling, how to describe themselves and family members, vocabulary for rooms and items in a house and for school supplies, vocabulary for animals and are able to identify them based on a short description, and they learned about different holidays, music, food and other important aspects of hispanic culture.

In sixth grade students took what they learned last year in fifth grade and worked on improving their grammar. We learned how to write simple sentences, the verbs ser and estar and their differences and how to conjugate verbs in order to speak in the first, second or third person.

I have had a blast teaching some of my students for two years in a row and will miss them all greatly next year. My husband and I are moving to Richmond but I will always remember CCS and the wonderful community here.