



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## August Specialist Newsletter 2023

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

Welcome back to school! I am Anne Carbone and I am so excited to be back at CCS! I will be teaching library skills and encouraging the love of reading. In the first quarter, K-1st graders will learn about book care, parts of a book and how to find their way around the library. They will be checking books out to bring home. We ask that the books “live” in their backpack, so that they are ready for their next library class and safe from little hands and hungry pets. Second-Fifth graders will be given reading levels after the MAS testing. This will guide them to the best books for their individual reading level. We will also focus on library skills, including how to search, find a book, and how to successfully check it out. I’m looking forward to a great year!

#### **Library Class Days**

**JK-Mrs. Shank-Monday**

**Mrs. Wawner-Thursday**

**Kindergarten-Tuesdays and Thursdays (Check-out on Thursday)**

**First Grade-Tuesdays and Thursdays (Check-out on Tuesdays and Thursdays)**

**Second Grade- Tuesdays and Thursdays (Check-out on Tuesdays and Thursdays)**

**Third Grade- Wednesdays (Check-out on Wednesday)**

**Fourth Grade- Wednesdays (Check-out on Wednesday)**

**Fifth Grade- Mondays (Check-out on Monday)**

**Middle School-Students will receive a Library “refresher course” as they visit the Library.**

### **Physical Education - Andrew Frazier [a.frazier@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:a.frazier@cvillecatholic.org)**

Welcome back all students and families - I am thrilled to be back for my 4th year at CCS and to have another opportunity to work with your children! Please see a brief synopsis below of how we have began our year:

**K-2: Introducing boundaries, understanding space in relation to direction, and practicing basic movements... like the difference in running vs. jogging, speed walking, sprinting. Etc. We will continue to add different movement concepts including fitness and practicing basic fitness exercise movements.**

**3-5: Reviewing Instant activity games that incorporate aerobic and anaerobic fitness. Introducing a few new Activities that incorporate fitness and group cooperation. This**

instills teamwork and establishes rapport with classmates. We will be doing some moderate fitness tests in the coming weeks.

**MS:** We are covering general fitness knowledge. Understanding the FITT principle and how we can apply it to our own daily lives. We will understand how to provide an “active” routine and regimen as a part of our lifestyle now and forward. While discussing these concepts, we will also engage in cooperative activities, we will establish class rapport, teamwork, and challenge ourselves through a series of Fitness Tests. This helps us establish our fitness levels at the beginning of the year, allows us to set goals and standards for ourselves, and gives us a chance to apply the FITT principle and improve as the year progresses.

**Athletics:** Boys Fall Soccer, Girls Volleyball, and Cross Country are all under way. 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)

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We are off to a great start in the Art Room! Students are busy reacquainting themselves with the procedures, materials and habits that we use together. Drawing materials and Collage materials are being explored in the elementary classes, while Middle Schoolers are planning their first independent project.

We will have two Art Shows again this year. A small show to accompany our Christmas music concert will take place in December, and our Art Show Open House in May. Please contact me if you are interested in helping plan either of these events.

This is my 11th year teaching at CCS, and I look forward to seeing all that this year holds for us. Here’s a peek into the Art Room over the past two weeks - if you would like to see more frequent updates, please follow the CCS Art Room on Instagram [@ccsarchangelsarts](#)



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

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer!

If you would like to HEAR what we worked on last year and the new songs we will do this year, 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>

We will have two concerts this year in December; Grades 3-5 on December 12th in the evening and Grades JK-2 on December 14th in the evening, as well as a music celebration for grandparents and Great Friend’s Day on Friday, May 10th.

### K-2:

- Musical Instrument/Music Classroom Scavenger Hunt
- Classroom Procedures, classroom rules, learning pitched/unpitched percussion instruments
- Good morning Song
- Silly Name Games, Ear training animal sound game, learning rules about instruments(making “bugs”, parachute games and Taylor swift dances with Mrs.Robinson!



### 3-5:

- Musical Instrument Scavenger Hunt, learning names of all the Orff instruments as well as difference between pitched and unpitched instruments
- Classroom Procedures, Classroom rules, Alien “Question and Answer” Game- Learning how to compose a question and answer ostinato within a song, “Global Greetings” Game with instruments!



### Middle School:

- matching rhythm dictation to popular songs; listening for special cues in the music; rhythmic patterns and drum games
- went over syllabus and overview of class for the quarter, classroom rules, expectations and grading
- started our beginning project- “Soundtrack of Your Life”

### Electives:

**Middle School Music Podcast:** -Started creating podcast groups and writing scripts

**Middle School Music Improv:** -Created ideas for creating, writing and collaborating original and popular songs

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

¡Hola! Mi nombre es: Denise DeMaio. I am from Costa Rica and I am very excited to be able to share my culture and language with your children. It has been a pleasure to observe during these two weeks how much the students have responded with excitement and desire to participate and learn in the world language class.

**2nd-5th grade:** Classroom procedures, class rules, the alphabet, weather, the calendar, introductions . Activity ¿Cómo te llamas? =What's your name? Game: Simon dice=Simon says: learning and reviewing the parts of the body.

**Middle School:** Classroom procedures, class rules, the alphabet, weather, the calendar. Activity: My goals for this year regarding the Spanish class. Review of the Syllabus and ideas of projects. Reviewing during this first quarter: En la escuela: greetings; introductions; leave-takings; numbers; time; body parts. En la clase: classroom, dates, asking for help. El tiempo: weather, seasons. During September we are going to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month.