



Charlottesville Catholic School Specialist Newsletter

Important Upcoming Reminders

Date	Event
9/9/21	Back to School Night* Back to School Nights will be virtual, use this link to access all three sessions: Specials Back to School Night Thursday, Sep 9 · 6:30–7:40 PM Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/ixp-eoru-ogo <u>Or dial: +1 774-708-2758 PIN: 408233799</u> Specialist meeting times: 6:25 - 6:45 PM 6:50 - 7:10 PM 7:15 - 7:35 PM

Library - Mrs. Banaszak m.banaszak@cvillecatholic.org

Welcome back students and parents! I'm Michelle Banaszak and this is my 11th year teaching library skills and the love of literature to the CCS community! For this first quarter, K-1st graders will focus on book care, back to school books and how to navigate the library. Students learn



that their library books “live” in their backpacks, when they are not in the library so that they are always ready for their next library class. Both grades have library on Mondays and Fridays.

Second-5th graders will be presented with their first reading challenge.... “Be A Super Reader”. 2-3rd are encouraged to read 10 books within their reading range and 4-5th graders will read through several different genres in the library.! We will also focus on library skills, including how to search, find a book and how to successfully check out. Let's have a great year together!

Middle school students received a “Welcome back to the library “ refresher course this week and are encouraged to visit the library during their end of day LAB period.

PE - *Mr. Frazier* a.frazier@cvillecatholic.org

Happy new school year!

My name is Andrew Frazier and this is my second year with the CCS community! This year is a bit different than last for me as we have incorporated athletics back into our lives and this speeds up my day-to-day routines quite a bit. As the PE teacher, I see k-8 weekly and 3-8 two times per week. Following my days as the PE teacher, I assume the role of Athletic Director and ensure our athletic teams are practicing, playing, and equipped with their needs to have successful seasons.

As you read through our newsletter each month, I will have brief summaries of our grade levels and their activities in PE broken down by k-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Additionally, I will summarize any important athletic information.

K-2: Learning and reviewing the basics of physical movements. Understanding boundaries, basic fitness movements, and directional cues.

3-5: Review basic fitness games to ensure understanding and ability to perform ‘Instant Activities’ as soon as they arrive to class. Introducing new fitness games to add to the ‘Instant Activity’ pool. The biggest change for this group is taken by the 5th graders, as they now dress out for PE and have to change in and out of uniform on their PE days.

6-8: Reviewing ‘Instant Activity’ ideas that can be implemented as a group. We are preparing for our first unit after labor day, an Invasion Unit. An Invasion Unit focuses on team cooperation skills challenged by decision making, consequences, and tactical efforts for succession.

Athletics: We are starting our fall season which consists of Volleyball, Boys Soccer, and Cross country. All sports have a full schedule and anticipate their first contests beginning after Labor Day. Our students and their families have missed this part of our great culture and we are excited to be back with the privilege and honor of competing in athletics!

Art - *Mrs. Devlin* v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org



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Hello!

My name is Vanessa Devlin, this is my 9th year teaching at CCS, the fifth after I returned from a hiatus while I stayed home with my young children. Both of my children now attend CCS and I couldn’t be luckier than to work in the same school they attend.

After having Art-on-a-cart last year, I am thrilled to be back in the Art Room. Coming back into the room this year has given me the opportunity to redesign the space and the structure of Art Instruction. I am providing students with skill builders, art history exposure, and knowledge of Art terms and vocabulary while providing an emphasis on independent learning and a Choice-Based curriculum. This will allow me to differentiate instruction and allow the

students to operate with the understanding that they are the Artists, and the Art Room is their studio. We will all be practicing what it means to think and act like an Artist.

Students have been learning how to access and maintain the Drawing station over the past two weeks. We have been exploring the questions “What is an Artist? What does an Artist do? And What do Artists draw?” As we all become comfortable with the Drawing Station, we will open up the Collage and then the Painting Stations. Printmaking and Sculpture will open a bit later in the year. Students will maintain a working sketchbook in class, which will document their learning as we go through the year. If you are curious about the research behind Choice-Based Art Rooms, you might like to check out the work by the Harvard Project Zero group and published works by Lois Hetland, Ellen Winner and Shirley Veenema. Here is a link to a great video introducing the 8 Studio Habits of Mind, which will be emphasized throughout the year.

[What does an artist do? - the 8 studio habits of mind for elementary students](#)

Here are some photos from the Art Room (if you want more, more often, please follow me on Instagram @ccsarchangelsarts) Enjoy!



Music - Ms. Howard s.howard@cvillecatholic.org

Welcome to another great year of music from Ms. Howard! I am so excited to be able to welcome students into the music room this year. We have already started playing many different instruments in the music room, and are looking forward to creating many wonderful pieces of music and discovering more about many elements of music. These past two weeks have been packed with a short review of rhythm, some jamming on the local music room drum set, and pitch exploration using bells, boomwhackers, and mallet instruments.

We've already started creating our own unique rhythms, melodies, and even mad libs! Seeing students working together in the music room has already been such a delight, and I cannot wait to continue exploring music with all of our wonderful students this year.

Musically,
Ms. Howard

Spanish - Mrs. Osteen j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

¡Hola y bienvenidos a la clase de Español! It has been so wonderful to meet and get to know your children during these first few days of school. We have begun the year by learning how to introduce ourselves and our friends, using cognates and saying basic greetings and goodbyes. The next few weeks we will work on feelings, colors, numbers and animals! I am so excited for this school year and I hope your children are as well!