



Charlottesville Catholic School

Specialist Newsletter

Important Upcoming Reminders

A great way for us to help our students become collaborators and leaders is to encourage them to participate in the mass choir. This year, we are inviting students in grades 3 through 8 to sign up. Below is a link for the sign up and a few items of note:

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C44ACAA2DA31-50743257-mass>

- Students may sign up for as many masses as they would like.
- Middle school students can earn school or church service for their active participation.
- Students should be dropped off at 7:40 so that there is time to practice. If you run late and arrive after 7:45, you must go through the carline.
- Siblings may be dropped off as well. They will need to sit quietly up front until the bell rings at 7:45.
- While you should receive a reminder email from signup genius, please make note of the dates you sign up for.
- If you must cancel at the last minute, please email Ms. Wisbey at k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org.

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

Welcome Back to School! I am Mrs. Carbone, the Librarian and I meet with JK through 5th grade each week as follows:

- JK- Mondays (No book check-outs for JK)
- K- Mondays and Tuesdays (check-outs on Mondays only)
- 1st- Monday and Tuesdays (check-outs both days)
- 2nd- Tuesday and Thursday (check-outs both days)
- 3rd- Wednesday
- 4th- Wednesday
- 5th- Thursday

MS is welcome to stop in to check-out books anytime that the Library is open.

For the first semester the students are allowed one book on their reading level and one free choice book. Books can be checked-out for two weeks.

I look forward to another great year together! If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Welcome back to PE CCS! I am Ms. Varney, the new physical education teacher. A little bit about me, I went to UVA in undergrad and then also got my master's degree from there as well. I played many sports in high school including softball, basketball, and volleyball! I love sports and physical activity. I loved PE when I was in school and hope the children of CCS feel the same way! This is my first year at CCS I and I am so so excited for this year! It has been a great first few weeks meeting all of my students and I am so excited to see how all my students grow this school year! My email is m.varney@cvillecatholic.org. Let's have a golden year!



K-2:- dancing to music and following along to video models, following instructions during games (red light / green light), learning appropriate tag and spacial awareness, relay races and teamwork

3-5: introduction to equipment and instant activities (jump ropes, hula hoops, volleyball, basketball, soccer, and football), continuing learning appropriate tag games, relay races, working on reflexes and workout movements (push ups, high knees, jumping jacks, etc.)

6-8: Instant activities (jump ropes, hula hoops, volleyball, basketball, soccer, and football), conditioning with tag games, relay races with emphasis on sportsmanship, and lastly, preparation for fitness tests



Art - Ms. Vanessa Devlin v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org

Art has gotten off to a rolling start, literally, as we have been excitedly waiting for the wonderful Phase 1 Improvements construction to finish. Students have had art brought to them on a cart for the past three weeks and we have been absolutely making the best of it. From hallway collaborations reflecting on the verse "Love one another, as I love you" - John 15:12, to exploring the mobile drawing center, we have started out strong.

I am very pleased to say that the renovated art room is looking great and will be open for students next week. I appreciate everyone who has helped with this expansion of the space, from volunteers who have helped pack up, move, unpack and move again to Mrs. Fallica for her vision of the future to my colleagues who have welcomed me into their classrooms these past 3 weeks - I appreciate the collaborative effort to improve the educational experience our students receive in the Arts.

Here are a few highlights from the past few weeks. If you wish to see more, you can follow the CCS Artroom on Instagram [@ccsarchangelsarts](https://www.instagram.com/ccsarchangelsarts) where more frequent photographic updates will be posted.



Music- Kate Wisbey k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org



Welcome back to Music Class! I'm Ms. Wisbey, the music teacher. It is wonderful to see all your wonderful children again and it is an honor to watch them grow! If you have any questions throughout the year, feel free to reach out to me at k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org. Feel free to check out our soundcloud to listen to what we are working on in classes!-

<https://on.soundcloud.com/gDUfg5W7JeRPWR9L9>

All Elementary students can have a student code access to sing and practice solfege at home! Feel free to check out this resource: <https://www.musicplayonline.com>- Log in as a student and enter the code: k504379

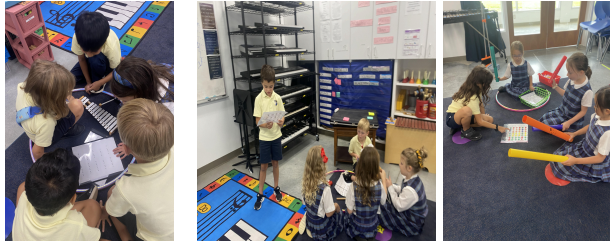
JK: - learning through scarf and movement activities

– feel free to look at this spotify playlist and play it in the car, as we will be learning these songs this September! Scarf, movement and songs from Music Together and Lynn Kleiner!

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0CKzPmIJUTSsFACNZUPB7I?si=0a09d7f36eda47ad>

K-2: - name games; -understanding parts of mass, introduction to Music centers, Spanish rhymes, rhythms and dances from Argentina and Mexico for Spanish Heritage Month!

Music circles: Instrument Sorts, Lead and Play Percussion, Boomwhacker Surprise songs



3-5: - name games; -understanding parts of mass, introduction to Music centers, Spanish rhymes, rhythms and dances from Mexico, Argentina and Spain for Spanish Heritage Month!



Birthday circles this fall!

Middle School: -Started with a combined art and music class for two weeks—created artwork using artistic interpretation of the music instruments within a piece of music using Kadinsky's artwork as an example and then musical interpretation of Kadinsky's artwork using musical terminology and form using C and G scales

- Started music classes for 6th, 7th and 8th grade— all classes start with drum circles and then 6th grade becomes choir/orff ensemble; 7th grade becomes digital music/piano and melodica unit; and 8th grade becomes orff instrument ensemble for the semester.

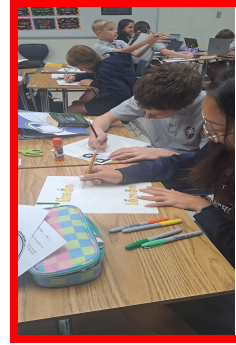


Art and Music Class: Kadinsky's art and love for music!

Spanish- *Ms. Denise DeMaio* d.demaio@cvillecatholic.org

¡Hola! Yo soy la Profesora DeMaio. Bienvenidos a la clase de español.

Elementary: 4th-5th grade: At the beginning of the school year, students received instructions about classroom procedures and rules. I provided them with information about the teams that we will develop and review during the first quarter. This first quarter they are reviewing the topic of cognates, greetings and farewells, the alphabet, numbers, the calendar, and the weather. They also have fun doing activities related to “Los cognados” playing Bingo related to vocabulary of the topics on review.



S.E.L. - Ms. Marie Decker m.decker@cvillecatholic.org

September marks the beginning of classroom SEL (“Social-Emotional Learning”) lessons for JK-5th grade. Each grade level has two scheduled blocks per month, where they will receive explicit instruction and practice in a specific SE skill. This may involve topics like conflict resolution, emotional awareness/identification, emotional regulation strategies, positive communication, active listening, growth mindset, and more! This month, students are receiving introductory lessons about SEL and why it is important. An introductory presentation for middle school is also in the works. My role in the school involves planning and implementing SE classroom learning opportunities, but also allows me to provide extra support to students who may benefit from target skill development in a variety of SE topics, such as emotional regulation, social skills, etc. If you ever have concerns about your child’s SE development, please feel free to contact me at the email listed above. I am looking forward to the continued growth of CCS’ SEL program and am hopeful for a great year!