

Developing **God's Given Gifts** *with art, music and movement*

October Specials Newsletter

K-3 ART

Mrs. Rodenkirch

Hello, my most amazing artists! It has been a joy to work with the many talented artists at the springs! For the month of September, we recognized some amazing artists. Lily B. in kindergarten for her Line Lion. Easton H. for his Crazy Line Hair Portrait. Charlie H. for his Mount Everest collage and Brooklyn Z. for her Line Bird! Great work artists of the month!

This month we finished up our Contemporary Hispanic Artists creations. Kindergarten looked at art work from Mercedes Pardo. They cut shapes out of colors they mixed. They used primary colors to make secondary colors. First grade artists looked at artwork inspired from Xul Solar. They painted a sky background and added block-like shapes from cut paper to create a collage of buildings. Second grade artists looked at art from Lourdes Villagomez. They created a symmetrical butterfly and painted the butterflies using tints of colors, which means they added a color to white. Finally, third grade artists looked at artwork created by Fernando Botero. They used value to color in their Mona Lisa cat! Value means they added dark and light colors to their drawing.

Original Works will be coming home! This year's theme is Christmas! Kindergarten used watercolors to create a gingerbread person! First grade created a Christmas tree watercolor. Second grade created a gingerbread house and third grade drew elves! Please, have your packets back by Wednesday, November 3rd with your order and money included.
Thank you.

4-8 ART

Mr. Schneider

This past month the students have been working on designing the cover of their portfolios! In 4th grade, we discussed The Art Element of Shape and the students used both geometric and organic shapes to design the space around their first and last name. In 5th Grade, we discussed The Art Element of Line and the students used different directions, thicknesses, lengths and types of lines to design the space around their first and last name. In 6th Grade, we have been discussing the 7 Elements of Art (Line, Shape, Form, Color, Value, Texture and Space) and the students designed their portfolio cover to illustrate their understanding of each Element. In 7th Grade, the students designed their portfolio based on a chosen theme. They were asked to incorporate their first and last name into the design of their portfolio. In 8th Grade, we

have been working on one-point perspective techniques. The students used perspective techniques on the front of their portfolio to draw block lettering of a word of their choice. They were then asked to design around the words with imagery related to the words.

Original Works will be coming home at the end of this month. This year's theme is Christmas! Fourth Grade will be creating a Santa and using Folk Art to design their Santa's clothing. We will be using crayon and watercolor to finish their designs. 5th and 6th Grade will be designing their own Christmas Vehicles. They will be adding their own unique designs and details to their vehicles, such as trees, wreaths, and presents. They will be using crayon and watercolor to finish their designs as well. In 7th and 8th Grade, they will be designing their own unique and interesting snowglobe. They will also be using crayon and watercolor to complete their designs. I will send out a message when the packets with artwork and order forms will be coming home. Please, have your packets back by Wednesday, November 3rd with your order and money included.

Thank you!

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K-3 MUSIC

Mrs. O'Brien

I have been enjoying getting to know all the K-3 students and loving my time with them! We have begun our "Rockstar" of the week, and have been busy filling our music word wall with the "word of the day". We have explored and defined words including: beat, rhythm, pitch, tempo, melody, and quarter note. We have been working on memorizing sung prayers for mass including the Holy Holy, Mystery of Faith, and the Amen. Next month, we will discover more about note values, rhythms, and begin preparing for our Christmas concert!

4-8 MUSIC

Mrs. Lewis

4th Grade:

We are working on our Green Belts in Recorder Karate. This song requires us to learn a new note, E. It is also going to allow us to use eighth notes for the first time this year!

5th Grade:

The choir has been working hard on a song that requires Harmony. The goal is to train our ears to be able to hold our own pitches as others are being sung. What a fun challenge!

6th Grade:

This choir is well into their Christmas music and continuing to learn basic vocal terms. They were the first choir to perform a two part harmony!

7th/8th Grade:

There is a song that we have been doing that involves rhythms that are constantly changing. It is fun AND challenging. They continue to learn music terminology for the first time in years!!!

K-8 PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Bednarek and Mrs. Jefferson

Have you heard the news!? St. Mary's Springs Academy is excited to participate again this year in the Soles for Catholic Education Walk! This year, we are bringing the walk to our students, who will be participating in an adventure during our gym classes the week of October 11 – 15, 2021. Be sure to ask your student about their virtual adventure to "The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception" in Washington, D.C. We will be trying to accumulate enough miles to make it there and back.

Students and families are invited to rally together for this very important cause. Our students are invited to participate in a "Spirit Wear" day (spirit wear top and appropriate athletic bottoms only, no jeans) on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, with a suggested donation of \$3 per student. Please send the money with your student in an envelope labeled "Soles Walk Donation". The money raised directly benefits our Soles Walk fundraising goal of \$5,000. The impact of your donation will do even more to help our school, as generous Soles Walk sponsors have stepped up to match a portion of donations we receive, up to our goal of \$5,000!

We invite those virtual students to join us by sharing your photos and videos on social media of you walking in support of Catholic education the week of October 10 -15, 2021, using the hashtag #SolesWalk on your posts.

We look forward to celebrating this year's Soles for Catholic Education Walk with our students! Thank you for your support!