Fine Ans Newsletter



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Mrs. Cunningham- Music, Lower School



💲 tudents have been hard at work, learning new things every week! K3 through 5th grade have all started preparing their special songs for Grandparents that will be emailed home the first week of March. K3 and K4 are working on instruments of the orchestra, singing patterns, steady beat, listening skills and singing voices. Kindergarten is working on responding to music through movement, exploring different voices (speaking, singing, whispering and shouting), singing in patterns, understanding basic form and performing basic rhythmic patterns. First grade is working on rhythmic reading and singing, signing and notating sol and mi and reviewing the instruments of the orchestra. Second grade is working on rhythmic reading, notating sol, mi and la on the staff, performing ostinatos, understanding musical form and writing 4 and 8 beat rhythmic patterns. Third grade is working on performing canons and rounds, imitation and visualization and notating sixteenth notes. Fourth and Fifth grade are exploring pulse, performing rounds and canons, notating sixteenth notes, reviewing line and space names on the staff and bettering their rhythmic reading skills.

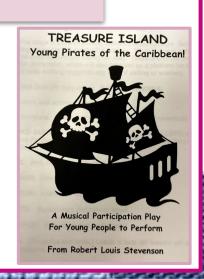






Mrs. Klixbull- Drama, Lower School

★ The 4th and 5th grade drama students have started rehearsals for our spring show, <u>Treasure Island</u>. We are thrilled to be working hard on memorizing lines, blocking, and learning about the history of pirates! Our show will be performed this coming April. Be on the lookout for hidden treasure and Long John Silver! Arrrggghhh you ready for a great show?!



Take a look...!

Mr. Moreau- Music Technology

The Music Technology class is experimenting with live audio and video recording this quarter. The goal is for the students to record and film themselves performing their songs live in the classroom and to mix and edit the audio and video to produce music videos of their originals.

Stay tuned!



Riley All, Dominic Kassing, Cheynne Goodwine

Mr. Klixbull- Music, Upper School

17 6th grade guitar

New group of 6th graders

- G Major scale
- 9 notes across strings 1, 2, and 3
- Songs <u>Minor Waltz</u> and <u>Taking Turns</u>
- works in progress Koi Under Moon Bridge and Ode to Joy

🞵 8th grade Vocal music

- Sight singing stepwise motion in C major and A minor
- Reviewed breath control and ease of vocal production
- New technique: 5 Latin vowel sounds and 7 Italian Vowel Sounds
- Songs: I Know Where I'm Going, The River Sleeps Beneath the Sky (Black History Month Song), and America

THigh School Guitar

- Sight reading across strings 1-6 in first position
- two octave G major scale
- Songs with polyphonic focus: Pavana 6 and Lacrimosa
- Songs with a large range focus: A Minor Matter and Pavana 3

<u>Click on the song titles</u> <u>in blue for video links of</u> <u>the students playing!</u>

77th grade guitar

New group of 7th graders

- Reviewing notes on strings 1, 2, and 3; G major scale
- New technique alternating indice and medio (index finger and middle finger)
- Chords: E minor and A dominant 7th
- Songs <u>Yellow Dress</u>, <u>Intersection</u>,
 Chorale, Kasaya

🎵 High School Choir

- Sight reading Renaissance music
- Songs Renaissance focus: If ye Love Me by Thoms Tallis; Tant que Vivrai by Claudin de Sermisy; and Innsbruck, ich muss dich lassen by Heinrich Isaac
- Other Songs: Skyfall arranged and taught by our own Benjamin Beckwith and Dirait-on by Morten Lauridsen
- Technique focus: French diction

Check this out....!



Ms. Ehrlich- Theater and Dance

In honor of Black History Month, all theatre classes are learning about the many amazing and influential African Americans in the art world.

Middle School Theatre News:

- The Middle School Performance classes began meeting for the second semester. Students are learning about gestures, pantomime, and tableaus. Here are some examples of what we have created in class!
 - You can also click the link to view their original pantomime performances! <u>Click here for performances!</u>







High School Theatre News:

 Our High School Theatre Tech class has started designing for the Lower School performance of Treasure Island. They are working with tools, and building a set for the 4th and 5th grade cast. Look for their final design in April, when the show is shared virtually!



Musical Theatre and Film Study:

Our Musical Theatre and Film Study class has been very busy! Students are working on completing short films that will be entered into the virtual PDA/SC Thespian Festival later this year.



• This class has been working on pieces for the virtual PDA/SC Thespian Festival! The actors have also started rehearsals for our next show, Speed Date. We are learning how to use Zoom for our show, so we can sometimes be found around campus rehearsing in strange places! This comedy is coming to a computer near you in late March!









Panther Paws News: Due to the current pandemic, dance has been postponed. We hope to begin again soon!

Don't miss this...

Mrs. Strang- Visual Art, Upper School

7th and 8th Grade Art: The 7th and 8th grade artists just finished up still lifes and are now working on Gridding & Graphite Selfie's.

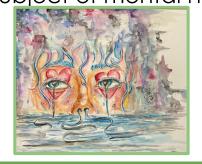
General Art: Artists in general art class just finished up collage selfies. After, they will be moving towards scratch art and oil pastels.

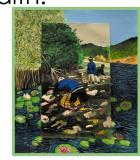
Advanced: Students in Advanced are learning to create paper and journal making. Upcoming techniques will include watercolor paintings.

AP Art: The AP artists have individual themes they have been working on, many on the subject of mental health.









Mrs. Reed- Visual Art, Lower School

Clower school has been busy creating masterpieces! Take a look:

- ★ PK3- Primary Monsters, Shape Robot, Stained Glass Hearts, Magic Carpet Lines
- **★ PK4** Winter Mittens, Polar Bears, Mouse Paint, Heart Mosaics, Alphabet Art
- ★ **K5** Penguin Collage, Cave Art, Dino City, Blue Dog, Model Magic Color Wheel
- ★ 1- Snowman Collage, Koi Fish, Laurel Burch Cat, Paper Weaving Fish
- ★ 2- Britto Animals, "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" Portrait, Rainbow Row
- ★ 3- Hokusai Wave, Castle Weaving, Pattern Cacti, Clay Pendant
- ★ 4- Silbersweig Portrait/Fish, O'Keeffe Flowers, Clay Cacti
- ★ 5- Decadent Donuts, Paper Mache Rock Sculptures,
- ★ 6- Figure Drawings, Clay Tiles, Perspective Landscapes, Linoleum Prints

Cour online art gallery on **Artsonia** is shining bright with so many beautiful, colorful and creative pieces of artwork from grades 1st-6th! Check it out and see whose art you find inspiring!

