

Fine Arts



DRAMA

SIXTH GRADE MUSICAL THEATRE. Mr. Horn and Mrs. Moore will co-teach two sections of this nine week elective during the second semester. Each class will present a musical at the end of each of the two quarters. Watch for dates and details to be announced.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE DRAMA. Actors presented scenes from *A Funny Thing Happened to Me on My Way through the Bible* to elementary students in our "theater" (the drama room). The audience enjoyed performances from "Moses," the "zebras" from Noah's Ark, and the "crew" building the Tower of Babel. Middle school drama will present their fall production in early December. Additional performances are planned for the spring semester.

HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA. Students have been busy entertaining students, families, and friends. In September, Zacchaeus, Goliath, Moses, and other familiar Bible characters were spotted in the elementary school hallways when high school drama students presented Bible Character Monologues to their younger schoolmates. Costumed actors were accompanied by a host, who introduced the character and reinforced the lesson taught, as well as a prayer team, who remained outside the classroom to pray for the actor and for each elementary student hearing the lesson. In October, Warrior fans enjoyed the group's homecoming pep rally skit about a damsel in distress and a brave Warrior who fought off the Eagle enemy! In November, drama students performed the one-act play, *Impromptu*, by Tad Mosel in preparation for the TAPPS Regional One-Act Play Contest.

DRAMA ROOM RENOVATIONS. The stage has been moved and walls have been painted to create a theater setting. Drama staff and students are making plans and raising funds to transform the theater with the addition of trusses to hang lights.

ART

MIDDLE SCHOOL ART. Students are enjoying developing their drawing skills through various projects including activities to practice lines, shapes, and forms with pencil and pastels; and cartooning – creating characters using pencils and markers.

HIGH SCHOOL ART. In an effort to help students become more culturally minded and to help them develop their Christian worldview in the arts, high school art students are engaging in cultural art studies. Areas of emphasis include: 1) Art Nouveau – a term used to describe a decorative style of drawing that flourished throughout most of Europe during the late 1800's. Many Nouveau illustrations developed from flowers and plants became designs for wall paper, fabrics, and textiles. 2) Wycinanki (pronounced vee-chee-non-kee) from Poland – a paper cut design project in which students cut out symmetrical designs from paper to create a decorative composition. This type of folk art was used to decorate their homes, and in some cases, the designs became a seasonal tradition. 3) American Art – students gather pictures of Texas to create compositions unique to the west. Some of these works will be selected to enter the annual Rodeo Art competition held each year in Houston.



GRAPHIC DESIGN. Students are learning how to use Adobe InDesign, a professional design program. In the future, students will learn how to lay out a full page of the Houston Chronicle, make full color brochures, and design a music CD cover.

MUSIC

BAND. The Audition Band rehearses daily, and is made up of percussion, brass, woodwind, guitar, and piano. They started the year with scale studies and other exercises to help their general musicianship, and have been rehearsing easy jazz music and marching style music. The group enjoyed playing for Homecoming Festivities.

CHOIR. What an exciting year for choir! CCS's new Choir Director, Mr. Horn, is excited about this year's projects and performances:

- Fall Banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Houston
- Veteran's Day Program with Patriotic Hymns and Anthems to salute America's Heroes
- Singing to the residents of Ainsley Courte during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season
- Singing to the staff of St. Luke's Hospital in Vintage Park for the Christmas season
- Two fundraisers – a Bake Sale and Car Wash
- CCS Annual Christmas Concert
- Live Radio Performances
- Spring competitions and performances for families and friends

CCS Choir has a long-standing tradition of competing in the TAPPS (Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools) competition and the Heritage Festival. Now, they are adding TPSMEA (Texas Private School Music Educators Association) to that list with the first contestant. TPSMEA provides exciting choral opportunities for those who compete, including college scholarship opportunities.

Prayers and Support needed: Please pray for successful fundraisers this year, and that choir students use these ventures, not only as an opportunity to raise funds for the choir, but also to minister to the public in their service. They hope to accomplish the following goals this year: 1) Raise \$2,000, which would completely cover the cost for the Heritage Festival in March 2012; 2) Purchase a new computer projector, which would reduce the paper and transparency files as we move our Praise and Worship Music to a more digital format; 3) Purchase additional music for upcoming programs and purchase a proper filing system for our current choral library; 4) Upgrade the sound system in the Multi-Use Facility. Plans are to purchase a better speaker arrangement that supplies enough power to adequately project the sound in the facility, drop-down projector screens and projectors, new microphones for the Praise and Worship Team, and a drum screen to balance the sound during worship. These changes would transform the Multi-Use Facility into a powerful environment for CCS activities.

