

# Fine Arts Newsletter

## Fine Arts - Mrs. Barnhart

Our fall 3D Academy has come to a close. All of the classes performed on Nov. 5 at our Showcase Night. The performance was videotaped by Mr. O'Brien, and will be available on our school website. Many thanks to our instructors for their wonderful classes! Be on the lookout for information about Spring's Academy.

The month of December brings many opportunities for our children to shine in the Arts. Check the columns by our Fine Arts teachers for information on each performance.

### Ettensohn

Art works by our 4th-8th grade students have been selected to represent SPPS at a local exhibit, sponsored by Christ Church Cathedral. "For the Delight of Children" is the theme of their Art at the Cathedral Exhibition. The exhibit will run from Nov. 8-Jan. 10 at the Cathedral, 166 Market Street.

Our students' work will also be a highlight of this month's Gallery Hop on Friday, Nov. 20. A reception will be held from 5-8 PM, and is open to the public. During the gallery hop, SPPS art students will demonstrate print making.

One of our SPPS parents, Christie Pabin, is forming a Christmas Children's Choir. The Choir is open to all our students, and will rehearse on Wednesdays after school, beginning Nov. 18. They will be held in the Music room. Middle School students and anyone who can't come right after school can come from 5:45-6:30 to St. Paul's Church. The choir will sing at St. Paul's 4 PM Children's Liturgy on Christmas Eve. Call her at 321-0223 to register.

### Art News - Mrs.

All SPPS families are invited to share an evening of art with our Episcopal neighbors at Christ Church Cathedral. Please come and show your support of our young artists!

A new Square! Art project has begun in earnest. Our students are producing art which will be made into quilt squares, and sewn into large quilts, which will be auctioned at Mardi Gras. Mrs. Ettensohn would love to have some parents or grandparents who can sew to

### Dance- Mrs. Schenck

We have been busy in the 1st 2nd and 3rd grades preparing for our performance of "the Nutcracker" for our Christmas program. We have been tumbling and dancing and balancing all kinds of ways to classical music. We are learning ballet and gymnastics and refining our skills. Many parents are helping with costumes and set and thanks to Nanci Barnhart for much assistance. Please don't forget December 9th for a colorful and whimsical display of dancing, tumbling and pretending in "The Nutcracker" ballet.

help with the quilting process.

The middle school students are filling the school windows with stained glass depictions of Old and New Testament Bible scenes.

Coming on December 18th will be a celebration of Las Posadas. It will begin at St. Peter Church at 8:15 AM, followed by corresponding arts activities in the school.



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### Dates to Remember:

#### November 27

*Christmas parade, baton twirling class*

December 4-5 "Christmas Through the Ages", Drama classes, 6:30 PM, Elem. School cafeteria

#### December 9

*"The Nutcracker", grades 1-3*

*Elementary School Cafeteria*

#### December 16

*Band & Chorus concert, grades 4-6*

*LCMS auditorium*

#### December 17-

*Select chorus Christmas caroling*

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## Music News - Ms. Hathaway



It's Harvest Time! With Thanksgiving approaching the elementary music classes are each working on a special song. Kindergarten is singing about Albuquerque Turkey and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students have a harvest song accompanied by students playing on the xylophone. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades are rhyming about November being turkey time and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades are using body percussion and un-pitched

percussion instruments in their pumpkin pie rap. The middle school performance classes taped "Thriller" and you can view it on the school website. They are finishing the trimester playing hand chimes. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade chorus are working diligently on preparations for their concert on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is working on songs for our all school celebration of Las Posadas on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the elementary school.

## Band News - Mrs. Weitkamp

The SPPS Christmas Concert is December 16 at 7:00 PM in the Lexington Catholic Theater. All 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade band members will perform, Students should plan to arrive by 6:00 PM for warm-ups. Attire is dressy Christmas clothing and students may wear Santa hats if they like.

Selected students in the 7th and 8th grade just finished auditions for the KMEA District 7 Honor Band. Mrs. Weitkamp is very proud of all the students who made audition recordings. Results will be announced in December. Good luck to all who auditioned!

### Musical Fun Facts

- If you buy everything in the "12 Days of Christmas", your cost would be \$18,920.59 for the 364 presents. If you ordered online, the cost would be \$30,330.49.
- Christmas caroling began as an old English custom called Wassailing-wishing neighbors a long and healthy life.
- "Jingle Bells" was first written as a Thanksgiving song..

### Scene & Heard at SPPS:

- Snowflakes dancing and Chinese gymnasts flipping
- "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" from the 6th & 7th graders
- Self-portraits of 1st grade "angels"
- Batons flashing and "Caroling on Main Street"



## Drama News - Mrs. Wier

The Christmas play has been cast and is in full production mode. This original work has been written by Stephanie Wier. It is the humorous tale of a father who is fed up with all of the chores he has to do because of Christmas. A Christmas Angel comes to take him on a musical journey to see if any other time period was simpler and people knew the true meaning of Christmas.

Through their journey, they are able to hear music from a song by Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley to a rap song from the 80's.

The cast includes Alex Brown, Madison Brown, Maddie Buncher, Dax Carmickle, Emily Clemmons, Danielle Doering, Nicole Funk, Rachel Greenwell, Bailee Henderson, Declan Lynch, Hannah Martin, Megan McLaurin, Grant Noffsinger, Hattie Nunley, Ryan Nutter, Olivia Payne,

Macy Reid, Sydney Scruggs, Megan Proffitt, Amelia Spanier, Kayla Swartz, Baigin Thiel, Dylan Wain, Joe Webb, and Claire Wilhite. The play will be presented as a dinner theater on Dec. 4 & 5, 6:30 PM in the elementary cafeteria. Tickets are available starting Nov. 2 through cast members or by calling 904-WIER (904-9437). Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for students 13 & under. Mark your calendars for a wonderful evening to start your holiday season!