



Dear Room 309 Parents:

Only two more weeks until Christmas Break begins! I know all of us probably feel like we could use some family time and a break from our normal routine.

Eighth grade is busy creating Christmas books in Language Arts. In U.S. History, we are moving forward from the founding of the United States to our early days as a nation, including the War of 1812. In Pacific Northwest History, research papers were due today. Students should now be working on their presentations, which can be created using a variety of formats. Some possibilities are PowerPoint, Google slides, and Prezi, though there are others. The presentations will take place in January almost as soon as we get back from Christmas break.

Our homeroom will be doing a “Secret Santa” activity. Today each student drew a name (boys drew boys’, girls drew girls’), and they need to bring their Secret Santa gift to school by Wednesday, December 13th. There is a limit of \$10, but I encourage students to consider homemade gifts as well – muffins, cookies, crafts, and the like can be great Secret Santa presents. Also, on Friday, December 15th, junior high will have our annual “Ugly Christmas Sweater” contest. We have had some fantastic entries the last few years – I am really looking forward to seeing what the kids come up with!

Next Wednesday the 6th is the annual NCHS Shadow Day. Our junior high students spend half of their day at Northwest Christian High School to get a taste of what high school life is like. They can bring some money if they want to purchase a snack at morning break time. There are a couple of vending machines and there will be either muffins or doughnuts for sale for a dollar each. The students also are fed hot lunch at the high school.

The 5th through 8th grades at CCA are participating in the “Toy & Joy” Christmas project through the Salvation Army. There is a flyer in today’s Friday folder describing the toy drive, including what types of gifts are appropriate and any to avoid. There is a collection box in the front entrance to CCA where you can place the new, unwrapped gifts by December 13th. The flyer does say to take gifts to the Salvation Army downtown, but we will have a collection box here on campus.

Kari Meier has worked in the front office at CCA for many years and has decided to retire after December. There will be a reception on Tuesday, December 12th in the CCA Chapel from 3:00-4:00 pm to honor her for her years of service to our families and staff. All current and former students, families, and staff are welcome.



Our CCA drama club has been working hard all through the fall and will be performing “Peter Pan” tonight and tomorrow in the chapel. Tonight’s performance is at 6:00 pm and tomorrow’s is at 2:00. There is no entry fee, though donations are welcome. We do have three eighth graders in the production!

And of course – the CCA Christmas concert is Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 pm in the gym.

Blessings,

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8th grade Bible, language arts, history

Important Dates

Wednesday, December 6: NCHS Shadow Day

Wednesday, December 13: Secret Santa gifts; “Toy & Joy” drive gifts

Thursday, December 14: CCA Christmas concert

Friday, December 15: junior high Christmas party

Saturday, December 16, 2017 – Monday, January 1, 2018: Christmas Break

