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Dear Room 309 Parents:

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! I have been so happy to see your kids again this week!

Community Service forms are due January 23rd (the last day of first semester). This is part of every student's Bible class grade, so please encourage your kids to complete the forms.

We have two field trips on the schedule for the new year so far: **February 8th to the Pacific Science Center in Seattle** and **May 16th to the Mariners' game in Seattle**. I have three chaperones for the Mariners' game and would like to have one more. I will need chaperones for the Science Center as well and need at least four. Please let me know if you can join us! We are planning on having two more field trips this year –stay tuned! Eighth grade will have an end of the year “trip” (it's a one day fun day thing). Stay tuned for more information on the date for that.

I know it's five months away, but I want to remind you that **the date for eighth grade promotion is Wednesday, June 6th at 7:00 pm**. Mark your calendars!

CCA's annual **Open House for prospective families** will be at the end of this month on January 28th and 29th. On Sunday the 28th the hours will be from 1-3 pm, and on Monday the 29th from 7-8:30 pm. If you know any families who are interested in a private Christian education for their children, please let them know!

On March 24th we will be hosting our annual campus-wide auction fundraiser. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year. Each class donates items for a themed basket that is auctioned off. Our class basket is “Chocolate & Coffee”. If you would like to donate an item for our basket, you can send it to school with your child and they can give it to me. Some ideas for items to donate are: gift cards to Starbucks or other local coffee shops, a pound of your favorite blend, your favorite chocolates, special hot cocoa mix, a nice mug, special brownie mix, biscotti (or other long-lasting pastries that go well with coffee), bottles of syrups for making flavored coffees, a French press....and there are even more that I know I'm not thinking of right now. We will also need help with the auction itself. It's a great way to get your stewardship hours in. Contact Linda Cordero in our front office to volunteer.

Next week in academics: In Bible we are reading and learning in John 5. U.S. History has been learning about Andrew Jackson and innovations in industry and technology. **There will be a test on Chapters 8-10 on Wednesday, January 17th**. In Language Arts we are continuing with vocabulary and language mechanics. We will soon be doing literature circles and reading several books (each group reading a different

novel). Lit circles will begin toward the end of January. PNWH is almost done with presentations. We will do some more overview of the different states in the region, and then at the beginning of second semester we will switch our studies from Pacific Northwest History to Writer's Workshop (creative writing).

Blessings,
Dianne Baldwin
8th grade Bible, language arts, history

Important Dates

Monday, January 15 – No school in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Wednesday, January 17 – U.S. History test over Chapters 8-10

Friday, January 19 – Spirit Day: Sports Day

Tuesday, January 23 – end of first semester

Friday, January 26 – NO SCHOOL (in service day for teachers)

Sunday January 28 & Monday January 29 – CCA Open House

Thursday, February 8 – junior high field trip to the Seattle Science Center