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Dear Room 309 Parents:

We are close to the end of the semester, and with that I have been giving the students some reminders. **Community Service forms are due Tuesday, 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. It means report cards will be coming home before too long. It also means that starting on Wednesday the 24th, students start with a "clean slate", grade-wise. If he or she has been struggling with missing or late assignments, it's a chance to start over fresh.

Another thing I shared with my class is that the Mariner's game field trip in May is contingent upon their grades. Our third grading period ends on March 29. Students who do not have at least a 70% in each class will not be able to come to the Mariner's game – it is an earned privilege. We do this every year, partly because we find that the late winter/early spring time is the time when a lot of students begin to "ease up" on their effort, and this helps give them an incentive to keep working hard.

I still need one more chaperone for the Pacific Science Center field trip on February 8th. Please let me know if you can join us! Remember, you can use these hours for your stewardship hours.

****In my last letter I gave the wrong date for the eighth grade promotion ceremony. The CORRECT date for the eighth grade promotion ceremony is Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00 pm.** I apologize for the error. 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 or drop it off in the office. You will also need to fill out a procurement form and give it to the office with your donation. Donations are tax deductible! 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 on **Thursday the 25th we are having our first Junior High Night of the year!** CCA junior high students can come to the gym, have pizza, play games, and hang out! I hope everyone can come! **At the same time (6-7 pm), there will be an**

informational meeting for parents about Northwest Christian High School. It will be in the Career Center at NCHS. It's a good opportunity to ask any questions you have about the high school.

Next week in academics: In Bible we are reading and learning in John 6. U.S. History is studying the Second Great Awakening and American society and culture in the decade or two leading up to the Civil War. In Language Arts there will be a Wordly Wise test on Monday the 22nd, and we will begin literature circles and reading several books (each group reading a different novel). All of them are set during the Civil War. PNWH class will transform into Writer's Workshop, a time to practice our creative writing skills. **Starting on January 29th for both 7th and 8th grade Language Arts, the expectation for weekly reading minutes will move up from 150 minutes a week to 175 minutes a week.** This averages out to 25 minutes a day, which is only about 4.5 minutes more per day than the 150 minutes a week that has been expected so far.

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

Important Dates

Tuesday, January 23 – end of first semester

Thursday, January 25 – Junior High Night, 6-9 pm (\$5 cost for dinner)

Friday, January 26 – NO SCHOOL (professional development day for teachers)

Sunday January 28 & Monday January 29 – CCA Open House

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

Saturday, March 24th - Auction

Tuesday, June 5 – eighth grade promotion ceremony