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Dear Room 309 Parents:

It's hard to believe we have finished just over half of the school year. In just over four months, your kids will be promoted and will officially be high schoolers! Time really does fly. With that in mind, I have been speaking to my homeroom about the importance of the habits they have now. The habits they take to high school will help them to start well and be more confident.

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup> for both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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  
8<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> - Auction**

**Tuesday, June 5 – eighth grade promotion ceremony**