

February 5, 2018

Dear Upper School Families,

We have finalized the reservations for our next field trip and Ms. Courtney will be mailing that off today. The students are very excited to visit Flamingo Row restaurant as well.

Students will be working on making small gifts and Valentines for their PreK/K buddies this week in class. The younger students will get to find out who their secret buddy is. Upper schoolers will also need to use their time wisely to complete all their other assignments. They should be finishing up the research and preparations for holiday reports which will be February 14. This will be the students' last graded assignment for this grading period. It will be an opportunity for them to excel.

In science we are finishing earthquakes and will be moving on to volcanoes this week. In math, three students will be working on ratios, proportions, and indirect measurement. One student will be finishing up data displays by making stem-and-leaf plots and then move on to algebra. Another student will be working on fractions and fraction operations. Two other students will be working on more advanced division problems, while another two will be working on problem solving and decimal operations. Our algebra student will continue working on functions and different ways of writing their equations. We will continue to review the basic facts as well.

In social studies we continue to work on holiday reports and Greece. In advisory we will continue to work on our growth mindsets and the value of positive self-talk and affirmations. This is going to be a very busy week with a Whacky Wednesday all school meeting on Wednesday morning and a lot of committee meetings on Thursday. I will be gone on Friday,

February 9 to work on updating student records and grades. I will also be gone on Monday, February 12 for a personal day.

Best wishes,

Carla

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 8: School Board Meeting at 6:00

Thursday, February 15: Noon Dismissal with childcare

Friday, February 16: End of the Grading Period and Institute Day (No School)

Monday, February 19: No School (Presidents' Day Holiday)

Wednesday, February 21: Ninth Grade Orientation at CCHS from 9:00-11:00

Thursday, February 22: Love and Logic Playground Training at 3:00 (RSVP required)

Thursday, March 1: "Shadowlands" performance at the Carson Center in Paducah (8:00-3:00)

Friday, March 9: Talent Show at 1:30

March 11-16: Spring Break

Vocabulary Words for the Week of February 5, 2018

1. **arrive:** to reach one's destination.
2. **measure:** finding out the length or capacity of something using a rule or standard, or to compare or judge.
3. **movement:** the act of changing position.
4. **satellite:** an object that revolves around another object in space.
5. **volcano:** a weak spot in the crust where magma has come to the surface.
6. **volcanoes:** plural of one volcano.
7. **eruption:** a big sudden release, bursting, or outward emotional release.
8. **viscosity:** a liquid's resistance to flowing.
9. **crater:** a bowl-shaped area that forms around a volcano's central opening.
10. **dormant:** a volcano that is not currently active, but may become active in the future.
11. **tomorrow:** the day that immediately follows the current one.
12. **extinct:** a volcano that is no longer active and is unlikely to erupt again; describes a type of organism that no longer exists on Earth.

13. **geyser:** a fountain of water and steam that builds up pressure underground and erupts at regular intervals.

14. **lecture:** The definition of a lecture is a talk given on a particular subject or a scolding given after someone does something wrong.

15. **wait:** to stay or remain in one place until something happens.

16. **straight:** without a bend or curve

17. **emphasis:** special attention put on something to give it importance.

18. **essential:** completely necessary or part of the basic nature of something.

19. **collaboration:** two or more people or entities working together to achieve some common aim.

20. **necessity:** something that is absolutely needed.