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Dear Upper School family and friends,

I can't believe that we have ended another week and another *month* already. A lot has been happening in our classroom. Students researched different people and their occupations from medieval times and then gave brief oral presentations to the entire school during our all-school assembly on Wednesday. They did an amazing job and their reports were informative and entertaining.

The class has learned most of their lines down for the play for the winter program. Next week, we will work on props, setting, and movement between scenes. The class has also mastered the words to the song for the program and more importantly have their timing perfected for when they come in.

We have started a new read-aloud book, *Breakout* by Kate Messner. We will be doing character mapping with this every day. We have also started another grammar unit and more cursive practice.

In math the younger students (grades 4-6) have been working on multiplication and division. Another group (grades 6-7) is working on fractions. The final group (grade 8) continues their work on proportional relationships and functions.

Next week we will be preparing a display for the Barnes and Noble book fair on December 8. Our teachers will be doing storytime in the children's section starting at 9:30 that morning. This is also a great opportunity to show the community what a great school CNS is and thus increase enrollment. It's always great fun to hang out with CNS families and kids, so come join us.

Students will begin working on rehearsals for their student-led conferences soon. So far only three families have signed up for conferences. Please remember that although the school calendar says no school on December 19 and 20, that is because we are having conferences. If you do not wish your students to be counted absent, you must have a student-led conference.

Please contact me via phone, text, or email to schedule a time. If you need to schedule a difference day and time, please contact me as soon as possible. If it is before the 19th, I will need to make sure your child is one of the first rehearsing to accommodate an earlier date.

Next Tuesday is our field trip to Cedarhurst. Students will be leaving the school at 8:30 that morning and returning by 3:00. Students will need a throw-away lunch and bottled water for this day. I have in my records that Matthew Rosenkoetter, Jen Smoot, and Heather Wepsiec will be driving. If that isn't correct, please let me know right away so we can try to get another driver. I will be driving our four eighth grade students to CCHS for their PSAT test and then out to lunch after they finish that day.

The students voted that they wanted to do a Secret Santa exchange this year. They also voted that the maximum that could be spent on a gift would be \$15. Next week students will talk about things they like in case they don't know the person whose name they pull well enough to think of a good gift. We will have a fun day on December 18 and will exchange gifts that day. Students will draw names and know them to tell parents tomorrow.

Please be sure to let me know if you cannot attend the winter program because with a play, we have to do a lot of shuffling if someone is missing. I hope you all have a great week. Be sure to sign up for conferences soon.

Best wishes,

Carla

Thank you to all of you who donated for our Thanksgiving feast and food drive. Thanks also for the donations of paint, washi tape, and cloves for our pomander project.

Dates to Remember

December 1: Lights Fantastic Parade

December 4: Field Trip & PSAT

December 8: Barnes & Noble book fair

December 12: Ugly Sweater Day

December 13: Winter Program (6:30 at Quigley Auditorium)

December 14: Movie and Fun Curricular activities

December 19-20: Student-led Conferences

January 4: School Resumes

***Wish List:** Swiffer Duster refills*

College-ruled Notebook Filler Paper