

February 3, 2012

Eleventh and Twelfth Grade Friday Letter

Homeroom

Dear Eleventh and Twelfth Grade Parents,

We've reached that point in the year when students start dropping like flies due to illness. Let's do whatever we can to all stay healthy; that includes making the choice to stay home from school if that's the best decision. Besides that, remember the standard advice: lots of sleep, lots of fluids, lots of hand sanitizer.

Ciara Green and Alexa Posner will both be performing in the YPT production of "13" this weekend. They'll be on stage for shows Friday, Saturday, and Monday at the Sheridan Opera House. They've put in a ton of work in preparation over the past couple of months, and, as they are seniors, this will be their last performance as high school students. I encourage you to go check it out if you get the chance.

Have a great week!

Cheers,

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Pre-Calculus

This week in Pre-Calculus class, students:

- Continued to investigate the behavior of rational functions.
- Learned to identify horizontal asymptotes.
- Used long division to find slant asymptotes.
- Read a column by Stephen Strogatz on the importance and beauty of functions.
- Practiced putting all of these skills together to sketch graphs of rational functions from their equations.

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Chemistry

This week in Chemistry class, students:

- Used percent composition of a compound to find its empirical formula.
- Completed a chapter 9 and 10 test.
- Learned to write and balance chemical reaction equations.
- Removed tarnish from silver using baking soda (sodium bicarbonate), water, and aluminum foil.

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Humanities

Contemporary Literature

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Globalization in a Contemporary World

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11th/12th Grade Spanish

This week, students:

- Reviewed ser and estar.
- Listened to "Muerte en Hawaii", a song by the Puerto Rican group Calle 13.
- Discussed what they would do if they could do anything.
- Listened to mini-cuento C.
- Learned about home remedies in Latin America.
- Free-wrote for 15 minutes using mini-cuento C vocabulary.

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11th/12th Grade Visual Art

This week, the eleventh and twelfth graders:

- Finished their oil portrait paintings (mostly!).
- Began a new unit on visual style.
- Learned about what defines visual style and how artists grow and change throughout their career.
- Were give an assignment to choose their own subject matter, but create a painting using the style of another artist.
- Will experiment with new techniques, processes, materials, etc.

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11th/12th Grade Music

KidSpeak

TMS students offer their view on their RRA experience:

"I like that it is a good bonding experience with your friends."

"I like that you only help us with the stuff that we need you to."

"You let us choose our instruments and our songs and you make it a free place."

"My favorite part is learning how to play the instruments and watching the song come together."

"I like how you allow us to have some space to figure things out on our own so as we get older you're teaching us to be responsible."

When asked where she learned the complicated keyboard part to her song, Kelly replied, *"On my mom's phone, on the Internet."*

Seek Mystery, Not Answers!!

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