

December 18th, 2009

10th, 11th, 12th Grade Friday Letters

Homeroom

Dear 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade Parents,

This week was both frantically busy and blissfully stress-free. The 11th and 12th grade students began the week with a celebration of powder and their graduation from ERBs with a morning of skiing and riding up on the mountain. Tenth grade students finished their last week of ERBs ever; 11th grade students spent Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings practicing strategies for SAT and ACT tests, and the 12th grade students had the opportunity to work with Jim our Head of School in analyzing their own learning styles and their implications for the future.

Students had a very light courseload this week, with time and emphasis instead placed on speaking with our returning representative from Freedom from Chemical Dependence as well as preparing for the holiday Rock and Roll concert. The high school students once again sent us off for break and the new year with style, energy, and a whole lot of sound.

A very special congratulations to Alexa Posner and Rachael Hensen, who were both accepted to Rotary International's foreign exchange program for next year. Rachael will be spending the year in Thailand, while Alexa will spend her junior year in Sweden. We'll miss them both terribly next year, but we're incredibly proud of both of them.

Have a wonderful break, happy holidays, and a very happy New Year. We'll see you all in '10!

Sincerely,

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Humanities

World Literature

- Revised poems before the Poetry Slam

World History

- Watched a film displaying Hannibal's victory at Cannae and the rise of Augustus Caesar

Globalization in the Contemporary World

- Proposed topics for the upcoming film projects in January.

Mathematics

Algebra II

- Investigated probability theory in the context of Yahtzee

Pre-Calculus

- Studied inverse variation in comparison to direct variation

Calculus

- Worked with Applied Mathematics students on a theoretical architecture project to determine the radius of curvature for an arch window

Applied Math

- Worked on a theoretical architecture project to determine the radius of curvature for an arch window

Science

Chemistry

- Used paper chromatography to investigate the polarity of food dyes

Environmental Science

- Our class met only once this week due to ERB testing. Students worked with new video footage from the *Living Eden's* Series focusing on Yellowstone National Park. Amazing footage, students are excitedly organizing these video clips to produce their own video essay.

Spanish

10th grade

*ERB testing. Happy Holidays

11th/12th grade

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Visual Art

- Viewing of idea generating sketchbook homework
- Definition and differentiation of abstract and representational sculpture
- Discussion and demonstration of sculptural problem solving techniques
- Construction of representational ceramic sculptures