

November 26th, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Thursday evening was a great opportunity for a number of our parents/guardians to speak with their child's teacher about the recent report card. The traditional, in person parent teacher night was very different this year. Phone calls & TEAMS meetings took place between 5:00-7:00 pm. Although it is always nice to sit and have a conversation, we have discovered that this format has enabled a greater number of conversations to happen with phone calls and video chats. We apologize if you were unable to book a time slot for any reason: if you still have questions related to your child's learning, please email the teacher using our [staff directory](#).

In the previous week's memo, two important concerns were raised: vandalism and "fight club." We thank families for taking the time to talk about these two very serious issues at home, because it has resulted in helpful information finding its way to Administration. As a result, we have worked with a number of students and parents to resolve some of these concerns and we are currently working on plans to "make it right" within our school community.

Our next request for families is to engage in conversations with your child about language. It has been reported that some students have been using derogatory and/or racist language in the school and on our school buses. This is a significant concern and is something we will not tolerate within our school community and/or our surrounding community. As before, we need your help to talk about this at home so we can ensure our school is a safe and inclusive place for all.

As well, here are some other important points of note as we head towards a well-deserved weekend:

#### **Report Card & Lifetouch Photos Still Available at the Main Office**

Any students who have not yet picked up their Lifetouch Photo packages need to go to the main office either before school (8:30-8:55am), at lunch (11:45am-12:25pm), or after school (3:15-3:45pm) to pick up their photos.

#### **Grad Parent Volunteer Opportunity**

Plans for the Grad Winter Formal on Monday Dec 6th are coming along, and we have many parent volunteer opportunities! Please use this [LINK](#) to sign-up for one or many time slots and/or tasks. More detailed information will be provided prior to the day or on the day depending on the task you sign up for.

#### **Special Event (Fri Nov 26th): "FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS!"**

Come on out to the UVic Turf Fields, next to CARSA, to watch some exciting Lacrosse Action as your Claremont Spartans LAX Teams take on the Washington State Champs, Mercer Island! Tickets are by donation at the gate, and all money raised will be donated to Emily's Journey (Please read more about this **extremely** worthy cause to support a former CMont grad [HERE](#)). Be sure to dress warm and possibly bring an umbrella - the game starts at 7:30 pm sharp!!

#### **Upcoming Events**

December 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> - Year Long Drama presents "*Humbug High*"

December 15<sup>th</sup> - Winter Music Concert

Thank you for reading, and we hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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