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Mr. Cody

ENRICHMENT SPOTLIGHT:

Upcoming field trips!

- Science Olympiad Elective will travel to the STEM-E Conference in Cherokee on Sept. 6.
- All grades will travel once per month to WCU's Hunter Library during their ELA classes beginning in September
- All TCS girls received info about Girls on the Run—registration begins September 3!
- Ask your child about their permission slips!

Important Dates and Events:

Sept. 2: No School/Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 3: Picture Day!
Sept 3-12: Registration opens: GOTR
Sept 5: 6pm SIT Meeting
Sept 5: TCS Open House, 6pm
Sept 5: Science Olympiad to STEM-E

Classroom Updates!

Math: 8th is exploring transformations in the coordinate plane, 6th graders are working with area and perimeter of complex polygons, 7th is working on concepts that support their science projects relating time and distance as well as building concepts to understand scale and similar figures.

Social Studies: 6th is starting on their Social Studies 101 projects to produce learning artifacts for their peers to build basic terminology. Students have produced group rules, signed contracts, generated their own rubrics & decided their final products.

Maps: 6th is studying continents and oceans, 7th is studying Europe and 8th grade is studying the United States of America state map. Map quizzes are usually conducted once a week, and should be studying at home 5-10 minutes a night.

Research and project work is not homework!

Language Arts: 8th began Richard Connell's short story, “The Most Dangerous Game” as a vessel to explore literary elements—particularly foreshadowing, imagery, and irony.

6th is focusing on author's purpose, conflict and setting. Next week, they begin Greek mythology with Ms. Bishop.

Science: If you have not signed up for Remind, please do so with the instructions in your parent letter. Ask your 8th grader about rockets, your 7th grader about speed, and your 6th grader about plants!

Meet Ms. Bishop!

Hi! My name is Brittany Bishop. I am a senior at Western Carolina University and I will be graduating in December. I will be completing my student teaching at The Catamount School. I will be following the 6th graders throughout each day. I will be the main teacher for a total of five weeks and the other remaining weeks I will be co-teaching and assisting the other teachers. I’m looking forward to a great semester!

Co-Teaching Corner

What does co-teaching looks like at TCS? Our hope is for our students master and show growth in all classes. Co-teaching is when two certified teachers are present in the classroom and they work together through the teaching process: planning, teaching, and assessing progress. Students frequently have different learning styles and preferences. Co-teaching often allows those different needs to be more easily met.

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Sept 5: 5pm SIT Meeting
Sept 5: TCS Open House, 6pm
Sept. 6: STEM-E Conference
Sept. 19: Staff Meeting/PTA to help with car duty
Sept. 24: GOTR Begins
Sept 25: Library trips in ELA
Sept. 27: Village Recess
Sept. 30: No School

October:
Oct. 3: 5pm SIT Meeting, 6pm PTA Meeting
Oct. 3 & 4: Purchase Knob Trips
Oct. 10 & 11: 7th to Camp Greenville
October 17: Staff Meeting/PTA help with car duty
October 18: No School
October 25: Village Recess
October 30: Library Trips in ELA

November:
Nov. 7: 5pm SIT Meeting, 6pm PTA Meeting
Nov. 11: No School/Holiday
Nov. 13: Library Trips in ELA
Nov. 18: WCU Day Trip
Nov 21: Staff Meeting
Nov. 22: Village Recess in Enrichment
Nov 27-29: No School/Thanksgiving Break

December:
Dec. 5: 5pm SIT Meeting, 6pm PTA Meeting
Dec. 8: GOTR 5K in Asheville
Dec 19: Staff Meeting, PTA assist with car duty
Dec 20: Village Recess
TBA: Catamount Cabaret
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