

## Principal's Perch



The week before Christmas vacation, students in grades 6-8 spent their afternoons exploring potential hobbies and careers. One afternoon I pulled away from the fire department exploratory to check out most of the other groups. Below is some of the learning students shared with me:

*Before trying something, plan and measure it. Use an electric sander instead of hand paper to achieve an even surface.* (Logan Van Vuren, woodworking)

*Science is really fun! Artistic creativity is involved. For example, I get to decide which direction the fins go at my rocket's base.* (Emily Bishop, rocketry)

*A wrist shot, which involves flicking the ball/puck up into the air, is allowed.* (Keller Salmon, big games)

*If you don't research ahead of time, you might have to pay because your client isn't happy. Know what questions to ask!* (Hillary Bowman & Elise Regusci, interior design)

*The letter underneath the date identifies where the penny was made. D stands for Denver, P or no letter stands for Philadelphia, and S stands for San Francisco.* (Michael Veltkamp, coin collecting)

*People play board games to socialize and have fun, to avoid boredom, and to win using strategy.* (Pamela Radach, board games)

*Policemen need to have probable cause in order to arrest someone.* (Cole Brouwer, police department)

*A regular camera can do a lot of what professional cameras do. People need to move beyond the automatic setting. Read the manual!* (Elisabeth Regusci, photography)

Onward to more learning!  
Mr. DeWeerd



**Hot Lunch:** Hot lunch this Wednesday, January 5, is burritos and chips.



**Chapel:** This month's chapel topic is *Simon/Peter – Love*. During tomorrow's K-8 chapel at 8:40 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center, Mr. De Weerd will present the Principal's Award of ExcellenANTS to some elementary and middle school students.



**Christian School Circle:** Please join us this Friday, January 7, at 8:30 a.m. at Almond Valley Christian Reformed Church (corner of Wilma and Second Street). Nursery will be provided.



**Polo Sale:** Gently-used school polos will be sold this Friday, January 7, in the Almond Valley Church social hall during the Christian School Circle meeting.



Students in grades K-3 will start a unit on tumbling beginning in January. Mrs. Engel requests that students not try the tumbling movements at home without adult supervision.



**Welcome Back:** We hope you had a safe and relaxing break.



**Exploratory Thank-You:** Middle-school students and teachers thank all parents who transported/chaperoned students participating in off-site exploratories held the week before Christmas. We appreciate your gifts of time and interest!



## Yard Duty Volunteers

**Tues.** – M. Mendes, J. Haugg  
**Wed.** – W. Bryan, G. Van Vliet, H. Wicker  
**Thur.** – T. O'Connor, A. Van Elderen, T. Van Vliet  
**Fri.** – M. Van Der Hoek, G. Perez, F. Larson  
**Mon.** – T. Mensonides, S. Johnston



## January Calendar

1/7 H.S. Homecoming  
1/14 K-12 end of first semester  
1/15 H.S. Winter Banquet—6:30 p.m.  
1/17 Martin Luther King Day –  
**no school**



## Middle School Sports

1/6 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr. boys' BB @  
Gustine Tournament – TBA  
1/8 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr. boys' BB @  
Gustine Tournament - TBA