December News from Room 12

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Progress Reports have gone home. Hopefully, those desiring to improve their achievements will have renewed their efforts to be responsible and accountable. Some have.

We have recently completed the work on measurement and identifying and graphing patterns. We are now working through some data management (types of graphs and measures of central tendency). We will soon be solving algebraic equations. Calculators and math sets may need to be replaced. At the end of each unit, students have a review exercise and a practice test that is corrected together before the test.

We will soon commence a Media study focusing on the question "What are advertisers really selling?" Students will analyze commercials and create their own.

Scientifically speaking, we have begun our second unit on Structures.

The students are now familiar with the routines in Geography where we are studying Landforms.

Participation in Physical Education is quite good. More students are donning appropriate clothing for class. This should boost their grades and help the classroom environment, if you catch my drift. Healthy Eating is the topic in Health.

Vaccination forms need to be returned by December 18. Needles are scheduled for January 15.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely, David Cole