

Happy Friday!

The finish line is in sight! Secondary students are preparing for finals and elementary students are finishing projects and look forward to awards ceremonies. Staff has been enjoying the 12 days before winter break as part of our #BeABlessing campaign; thank you for your sacrificial giving toward this.

Below are a few details to know as we finish the semester.

#BeABlessing

We have one week left in our #BeABlessing campaign. Board member Larissa Fransua made a short [video](#) to share with you. How is the money being used? Yesterday the staff enjoyed a hot chocolate bar with goodies to go along with it. Monday they will receive a small gift in their mailboxes; we can't tell you what it is - it's a surprise! On Friday we'll be serving lunch before the staff heads out for winter break. We're doing other small things throughout the week as well, but this is just a hint of how your donation is being used to bless the staff.

To donate - use this [#BeABlessing](#) link. Many of our staff have completed the [Academy Staff Favorite Things](#) form, so you can check this list. Lastly, never underestimate the encouragement of a simple note of thanks.

Thank you for supporting our staff! The Academy Board

Winter Break Dismissal Times

Friday, December 16, is the last day of the semester. Please note the following dismissal times:

- K-2 will dismiss at 11:00 am
- 3-5 will dismiss at 11:20 am
- 6-12 do not have school on Friday

Free Skate City Passes

Skate City is once again offering [free passes](#) to use over winter break. The passes are good from December 19 through January 2.

Welcome Coach Nathan Hesser

Hello Academy, I'm Coach Nathan Hesser. I am so thrilled to join the Wildcat family as the new baseball coach! I am a Colorado native and grew up in Westminster. I have been a ball player or coach my whole life. I've taken my teams to 5 State Championships, and we won 3 of those trips! I was Assistant Coach of the year in 2018. When I am not working as a Playworks Coach site specialist, I am spending time with my wife and our 16 month old son. I'm eager to work with and train with The Academy's student athletes and plan to take our team to the next level. Go Wildcats!!

What's Happening in the Buildings?

We're glad you asked! Whether it is [a small group](#) at North Campus or a [project in 5th grade](#), our students are busy learning. It could be in [science class](#) or in the [technology office](#). We're having a bit of fun as well. [Door decorations](#) always bring out the creativity of both staff and students. Of course, if you're a traveling teacher and do not have a door to decorate, you decorate your [mobile desk](#) :).

Most of the pictures linked above can be found on The Academy's Facebook (The Academy of Charter Schools) and Instagram ([theacademyk12](#)) pages.

We hope you have a fantastic weekend and a great final week of the semester. As always, please email the [Helpdesk](#) if you have questions.