**December Newsletter 2025**

Dear CMS Families,

As we wrap up 2025 and head into a well-deserved winter break, I want to thank all families who joined us for the Open Cluster Meetings on December 5. Our teachers truly enjoyed connecting with parents and sharing curriculum highlights and team updates. Your partnership continues to strengthen the learning experience for our students.  All presentations were sent to parents via Parentsquare.

## Coleytowners Awards Celebration

Today we proudly celebrated our **Coleytowner C.O.L.T.S. Awards**. This special recognition honors students who exemplify the spirit and core values of our school community. Award recipients were recognized for demonstrating excellence in one or more of our **C.O.L.T.S.** values—Character, Outstanding Effort, Lifelong Learning, Teamwork, and Spirit. Families and students gathered in the CMS auditorium to celebrate the positive contributions and achievements of these outstanding Coleytowners. We are incredibly proud of them!

## Science Olympiad Team Triumphs

We are also thrilled to share that the CMS Science Olympiad Team achieved an impressive 2nd place overall finish at the Ridgefield Invitational on Saturday, December 6! This accomplishment reflects the students' hard work, initiative, and remarkable sportsmanship. Across our two competing teams, students earned medals in 18 of the 23 events, including an exceptional six first-place gold medals in events like Bridge Building and Experimental Design. This strong start sets an exciting tone for the remainder of the competitive season. Congratulations to all team members on their dedication and outstanding achievement.

**Reflecting on the Annual Giving Assembly**

We also want to reflect on an inspiring event from late November: the Annual Giving Assembly. We also want to reflect on an inspiring event from late November: the Annual Giving Assembly. This meaningful tradition demonstrates the generosity and compassion of our entire CMS community, which joins together to support organizations making a difference both locally and globally.

This year, CMS proudly supported Homes with Hope, The Hole in the Wall Gang, The Make-A-Wish Foundation, Westport's Department of Human Services, and CT Quest for Peace. Students presented our school's donations to representatives from each organization, who shared powerful stories about their work and the impact our contributions will have on those in need.

Adding to the beauty and inspiration of the ceremony, our Chamber Orchestra and Wind Ensemble performed moving musical selections that underscored the spirit of giving and community.

## Important Reminders

As the weather continues to get colder, we want to ensure all students are comfortable and prepared for outdoor recess. Please remind your children to bring a warm coat, hat, and gloves to school each day. We will go outside as often as conditions allow. Proper winter gear helps students enjoy this time safely.

## Mark Your Calendars

- **December 19:** Spirit Day – Festive Friday
- **December 23:** Spirit Day – Pajama Day
- **December 23:** Early Release at 11:30 AM
- **December 24 – January 2:** Winter Break (School Closed)

I wish all our CMS families a restful, joyful winter break.

Sincerely,

Janna Sirowich