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Compass Academy Family Newsletter

November Highlights

Basketball Tryouts

We had over 50 students come out for basketball tryouts this season. We're excited to see how the team does in it's second season!

Afterschool Clubs

In November, City Year began it's first cycle of afterschool clubs. We have over 50 students who engage with coding, arts & crafts, community service, and Student Council each week. Be sure to talk to your City Year if you want more information!

Fall Attendance

Whole School Goal: 95%

November Attendance: 91.5%

6th	7th	8th
94%	90.5%	89.4%

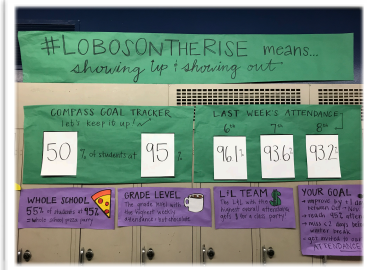
Mr. Brandon, Dean of Instruction, can always be seen in the hallways of Compass thanks to his tall stature and warm spirit.

Attendance Focus

We care a lot about your student's growth, and we know that in order to learn, students have to be here! Our big focus as we end this semester and start fresh in January is student attendance. It matters to all of us that students come to school, and if they're struggling to get here we can help! Check out our goals and resources in this month's El Lobo, and help us help your student get to school.

Resources on Campus

- Denver Health Clinic - make an appointment on campus for check ups
- Well-Being - encourage your student to talk to counselors about personal or emotional concerns
- Front Office - call the front office to have absences excused for appointments at (720) 424-0096
- After School Tutoring - come to City Year's after school from 4:10-5:00 for help with missed work



Attendance: Did you know?

- Students who miss 10 more days of school are considered chronically absent. Guardians of chronically absent students are required to attend truancy court after 10 days are missed.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.
- Excused absences still mean that your student misses class and important learning! Try to schedule appointment at the beginning and end of the day, and make sure your student gets to school for the rest of the day.

Incentives

Check out our incentives to encourage student attendance and celebrate kids who are showing up and showing out!

- VIP Attendance Breakfast - every month, students that improve their attendance or hit their goal will be invited to celebrate with a special breakfast hosted by City Year
- Whole School AttenDANCE - students with improved attendance, less than 2 absences, or 95% attendance or above will be invited to our Winter AttenDANCE the week of December 18th
- Grade Level Homerooms - the grade level with the best attendance for the week will receive a hot chocolate party

Every day during afterschool, students work on their homework, engage with exciting clubs, and enjoy brain games with City Year.

December Events

5	Boys/Girls Basketball Game 5:00 & 6:00PM - Lincoln Gym
6	VIP Attendance Breakfast 7:30-8:15AM - Cafeteria
7	City Year Codebreakers 4:10-5:00PM - Compass
15	Boys/Girls Basketball Game 5:00 & 6:00PM - Lincoln Gym
19-21	Winter Wonderland Dances 2:30-4:00 - Lincoln Gym
20	Boys/Girls Basketball Game 5:15 & 6:15PM - Cesar Chavez Academy
21	Last Day of Semester 1
22 - 1/7	Winter Break No School

High School Transition

5	DCIS Open House 6:30-7:30PM
6	Denver Waldorf School Parent Morning 9-10:30AM
7	DCIS Open House 7:50-9:00AM
7	GALS Open House 5:30-6:30PM
11	The CUBE Open House 6-8PM - 400 Sante Fe Dr.
12	Strive Prep SMART Open House - 6-7PM

Please contact Mr. Billy at (719) 304-4363 if you have interest in any of these events or learning more about these schools.

Upcoming Testing

Jan.

16-19 MAP Exams

Holiday Presents

With the holidays quickly approaching, we know that some families might need assistance in providing holiday presents to to their children. If you are in need of support to provide presents this year, please reach out to Mr. Billy at (719) 304-4363 or wwallace@compassacademy.org so he can get you connected with organizations that can help.

8th Grade Transition

We will begin posting times for open houses and tours at various high schools in El Lobo. If you are interested in any of these tours or want to learn more about a potential school for your son or daughter, please contact that school to schedule a time. If you need support in this process please reach out to Mr. Billy at (719) 304-4363 and he can support you in this process

Winter Wonderland Dance Support

We are having dances for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade during the last week of school to recognize students who have prioritized their attendance during the month of December. We'd love parent support with providing snacks for the dance and for chaperoning. Please contact Mr. Billy at (719) 304-4363 or wwallace@compassacademy.org if you are want to help.

Teacher Spotlight - Mary Kate

Ms. Mary Kate with her "cousins" at Christmas.

College: BA from State University of New York at New Paltz

What's been the best part of this year so far?

It has been an awesome year for the 6th grade team! I think the best part of the year so far was the time we spent bonding outside at Congress Park during the field trip. We had finished an awesome day of learning at the museum and were just enjoying each other's company while running off some energy. It was early in the year so not everyone knew each other yet, but the students were playing together and having the time of their lives.

What is your favorite holiday tradition?

My family LOVES Christmas- and every holiday, for that matter. Each year, my cousins from New Jersey drive to New York to spend Christmas with our family. We are all very close because we grew up with each other. Now, we live all over the country, but are older and can afford presents, so we do a "Secret Santa." It is really fun to start a new holiday tradition when you are older because you feel especially connected to it. Secret Santa has been the highlight of my Christmas every year since we started it 4 years ago. We take turns opening our gifts and trying to figure out who bought it. After, we all eat a second helping of dinner, turn on "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," and play games until everyone falls asleep on the couches.