Good afternoon Marauder families,

I hope this email finds you doing well and getting ready for the holiday season and nice, long break with your kids. You can feel the excitement this week in school with spirit week and the cold ushering in the true sense of "Winter Break"! Even though school is getting ready to shut down for a bit, our students and staff are not.

- As a reminder, there is a Parent-Advisory Council meeting this evening at 6:00 pm. It is room 101-B. I
 know everyone is swamped this time of year, so I promise to keep it short!
- CHS Bands have their Winter concert on Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium. If you want to see our really great musicians, please stop by and check it out!
- Speaking of music, our choir had a concert and the Choir Feast this past weekend. Both showcased a tremendous amount of growth and effort from our students. Congratulations goes out to Mr. Vandergriff and the vocal music students on a job well done.
- CHS is the proud sponsor (for the first time ever) of a Robotics team. We have several students who will be building robots to compete in competitions against schools in Michigan. If your child is interested, he/she should see Mr. Hilliard in technology.
- We have a few open spots left in our Intro to Humanities course through Monroe Community College. Students must be in grades 10 12 and have a 2.5 GPA. They should see their counselor if they are interested in taking the course BEFORE Winter Break.
- Our students have been working in their MPT class period and we have seen some real growth in our students both in enrichment and intervention. Students who need intervention have been through as many as two cycles now and are increasing their level of proficiency. Students in enrichment have created newspapers, written novels, explored infectious diseases, created their own science experiment, and worked to create a positive experience for everyone in school (just to name a few). I'm incredibly proud of how hard our students and staff are working to create a meaningful experience.
- We have a full day of school on December 23rd, and no matter what students tell you, we are doing something in school that day!
- CHS students have been extremely philanthropic this holiday season. We have donated over 250 toys to charity, adopted two families, and collected canned goods to fill the bus. I'm constantly amazed by the generosity of our staff and students.

If I don't have an opportunity to see you before the holidays, I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Sincerely,

Jessica Shultz Principal Carlson High School