

Parents and Guardians,

It's the holiday season! We just finished Thanksgiving break and we are almost at the winter holiday break as well. Here are a few items we would like to share for December.

Woodmore

There are no words to describe the tragedy experienced last week for the Woodmore Elementary families. Many people have come to the support of the survivors, families of the victims, as well as the school staff and students. If you are still interested in helping, please consider donating to the Woodmore Fund through the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga. Funds can be donated online at www.cfgc.org to support relief efforts for those impacted.

Unum Thinkspace

Unum employees recently came by to commemorate the STEM School Thinkspace room. The Thinkspace is a room in our school dedicated to promoting innovation for students work in coding, multimedia projects, and software design. Students have access to a wide range of hardware, including 23 iMacs, video cameras and microphones, raspberry pi arduinos, green screen, and multiple robots (Spheros, Ollies, and Nao). Using software such as Xcode, Unity, Unreal Engine, and Final Cut Pro, students can create a variety of projects from video games, podcasts, and phone apps, supporting initiatives from freshmen through senior year. The Thinkspace is named for Unum because of Unum's financial support in helping make this space a reality and continued project support in computer science initiatives at the STEM School.

STEM School Chattanooga Parents – Facebook

The Parent Leadership Team has created a closed Facebook page for STEM School Chattanooga parents. The page is moderated by parents on the leadership team and is for parents of current students. If you have an interest in joining this page, search "STEM School Chattanooga Parents" in your Facebook account and request to join. For more questions about the page, you can contact the Social Media Committee Chairperson, Tomekia Moore, at mte77mommy@gmail.com.

Upcoming Dates

9th and 10th Grades

---**Thursday, December 15th and Friday, December 16th** – Inertia Institute and Dividend Days.

---**Friday, December 16th** – Last student day of fall semester. This is a half day (9:30am-1:00pm).

---**Wednesday, January 4th** – First student day of spring semester. This is a full day.

11th and 12th Grades

---**Thursday, December 8th** – Last student day of fall semester for most 11th and 12th grade students.

---**Friday, December 9th thru Thursday, December 15th** – These dates are for 11th and 12th grade students who have not finalized learning targets in a fall STEM School class or are behind in online foreign language. These students are REQUIRED to be here for Extended Remediation (ER) each day (9:30am-4:30pm).

---**Wednesday, January 4th thru Friday, January 13th** – All 11th and 12th grade students report to STEM School for our Upperclassmen STEM Community Development. **Activities for students will run each day in the morning and afternoon with STEM School teachers. Students are to report at 9:30am on Wednesday, January 4th to meet with teachers, learn about the activity schedule, and choose their activities for participation.**

---**Tuesday, January 17th** – First day of college and STEM schedule for spring semester.

Thank you for your support!

Dr. Tony Donen