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Dear A+ Families and Friends,

We hope that you all are having a wonderful start to your November! We have departed the historical port of Cartagena and are now on our way to beautiful Madeira. Cartagena was eventful with a local school visit, rafting, hiking, and visits to important Roman monuments. We were also fortunate to welcome aboard two Red Cross representatives that spoke to the students about the work that is currently being done in the area and how individuals can help. Their talk tied in perfectly with the S3 focus of the port, the global refugee crisis.

In S3 class on arrival and departure day of Cartagena, students learned about important key terms, the 1951 Convention, 1967 Protocol, and the rights and protections of refugees. After reading the quote by Sasha Chanoff that refugees should have the “freedom to live their lives normally, just like you and me”, students created “Identity Charts” in which they wrote what they considered part of a normal life, as well as the needs, rights, and protections that are required in order to have that normal life. Students did a good job discussing the moral and legal questions that the refugee crisis raises about our responsibilities to each other as human beings.

This evening aboard, we will be having a family dinner (all the students and crew eat together) with a fun game night planned for afterwards. It will be a great opportunity for the students, and crew that just rotated on the ship, to catch each other up on everything that has happened since the start of the school year. There are also *many* competitive people here onboard, so I’m sure that game night will be full of much laughter and shouting as people battle over dominance in *Uno* and other card games. There is also much excitement over Dr. Dani’s find of the lesser-known card game *Dos*, which proudly states on the case that it is the second most popular card game in the world, with much smaller letters underneath stating that the statistic is not proven. It’s quite the find!

Thank you so much for your continued support and please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Have a terrific week!

**Best Wishes,**

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